

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Mission Statement

May the Lord bind us together as a community of faith filled with His love. Let us go forth and spread His Good News as St. John preached: "Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Pastor

Rev. Paul T. Clifford
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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj
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Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
Joe MacDonald

Finance and Operations Manager

Kevin Mercier

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:45 AM, 10:15 AM, & 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM Saturday

Holy Days: 4:00 PM Mass on the Vigil
9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:30-9:00 AM

Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Sunday at 2:00 PM

Please call the collaborative office to register

Sacrament of Marriage:

A minimum six months notice is required. Couples must participate in a marriage preparation program.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

Religious Education: 781-843-1332

On Hiatus

Music Director:

Deacon Joe MacDonald

E-mail: deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com

Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—pkinnally@sfab.org

Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Al-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Help for the Poor:

Pine Street Inn Society:

(Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Holy Name Society: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Second Sunday of the month at the 7:45 AM Mass

Boy Scout Troop #138:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

John Collier 781-843-3330

Family & Tots Program: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

Karen Mc Brine 961-3460

E-mail: karensmusicclass@aol.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: (Suspended due to Coronavirus)

First Wednesday of the month

Lucille Barton 848-0626

Braintree Catholic Women's Club:

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Carolyn Puleo 617-834-0726

Bulletin Deadline:

All notices must be submitted to the Parish House by Monday 1 PM. You may email them directly to stclare1@verizon.net

Welcome To New Parishioners. We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and present it to one of the priests or bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

Prayers are requested for the Parishioners of St. Clare Parish, for those who are hospitalized, for our deceased relatives and friends, and for the following intentions:

Saturday	September 18, 2021	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Saint Mother Teresa	Memorial
Sunday	September 19, 2021	
7:45AM	Charles Pendleton	Memorial
10:15AM	John Corboy	Anniversary
6:00PM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
Saturday	September 25, 2021	
8:00AM	Patrick Doherty	Anniversary
4:00PM	William Curtin, II	Memorial
Sunday	September 26, 2021	
7:45AM		
10:15AM		
6:00PM		

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$3,688.00
Online giving	\$ 354.00
Total	\$4,042.00

The Altar Breads and Wine to be used at all Masses for the week of September 18—24 have been donated in loving memory of **Charles Pendleton**. The **Sanctuary light** will also burn in loving memory of **Charles**.

If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the parish office or visit our web site.

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. The offertory is our primary means of meeting our Parish weekly operational expenses.



From St. Francis of Assisi
 Della Mele
 Maureen Mackenrodt
 Michael G. Slyva
 Susan M. Kostenieris

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Jason Serafini and Emily Coraine



*St. Clare
 Delilah Mary Traft*



*St. Clare
 Ryan Fennell
 Thomas Fisher
 Gavin Flynn
 Matthew Kane
 Milana Macarelli
 Cameron Naumann
 Logan Needle*

*St. Francis of Assisi
 Flynn O'Toole*

*who will receive the sacrament at the
 9:00AM Mass this Sunday*



*From the
 Archdiocese of Boston*

Fall 2019 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats - September 25, October 16 & November 20

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."— A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 25, October 16 and November 20 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.



All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass. For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at Emily_Elliott@rcab.org.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Music Director

We will have one more week for “official” sign up for the new collaborative choir. We have a good core group of people right now but we still have needs. It is essential, at this time, that more men step up to the plate and try their hand (or vocal chords) at singing in the choir. A few more men as tenors and basses will round out the choir very nicely.

Lest there are any young people who think that we are only looking for older adults, this is absolutely not true. In fact, we are very eager to find young people of high school or college age who like to sing. The truth is, as choir members age, retire, and fall ill, most directors are desperate to recruit young people. If we don’t, the great tradition of Catholic Church choirs could be lost and what a tragedy that would be. I know that we have young people in our collaborative parishes who sing in their high school choruses or in college choirs or would like to sing. We need you! And did you know that singing in the choir (or playing an instrument) counts toward volunteer hours for your school and toward your confirmation requirements?

Please sign up after Mass this week. The signup sheet is on the cantor’s stand or if you would like to talk to me I can be available after the 4PM Mass on Saturdays at St. Clare and after the 11:30 Mass at St. Francis. You can also reach me by email at deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com or call me at St. Francis rectory.

This week’s Gospel

In today’s Gospel, the Lord is teaching His disciples about humility, service, and the truth about power and wealth. His followers already believed that He was the Messiah, the Anointed One, and the Christ. But their understanding of what that meant was lacking. They were still viewing things through an earthly lens, with a false understanding of what the Messiah was really supposed to be and what He would accomplish in God’s plan.

The Apostles knew that a revolution was coming. They knew that Jesus was going to come into His glory. What they didn’t understand, at least fully, was that the revolution would be a spiritual one and that that to enter His glory Jesus would have to suffer humiliation, torture and death on a cross. Earlier in the reading Jesus tells them exactly that, but they didn’t want to hear it.

The disciples were still holding onto the idea of an earthly messianic kingdom where Jesus would defeat the Romans and would take His throne in Jerusalem. As His close followers they fully expected to be given positions of authori-

ty, power and make them rich men. And as they traveled they discussed or perhaps argued about who would get what position and who would be the greatest.

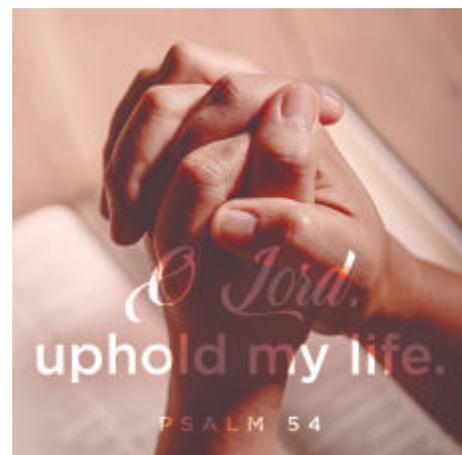
Jesus asked what they were talking about, although He already knew, but the disciples remained silent, probably too embarrassed to tell Him. It was a good teaching moment. “If you want to be first, make yourself last and be the servant of all.” Then He placed a child in their midst. “Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me.”

Why a child? Is it because of their innocence? I have a five-year old grandson at home. Innocence is not always his strong suit.

It’s hard for us to fathom this, since over the last 100 years or so our society has become so child-centric. But at the time of Christ it wasn’t this way at all. Children had absolutely no status in society. They had no use. Their position in that culture was equivalent to a slave – they were non-persons. They had no power, no rights, no nothing! They were as low on the totem pole of ancient civilization as you could get. And Jesus, going against the grain, teaches that these are the very ones we are to embrace. To serve them and those like them is exactly how we are to serve Christ and therefore the Father.

Who are the lowest of the low in our culture? Who is it that has the least power? Who is it among us that we don’t even notice as we walk down the street? Perhaps we can look at the resident in the nursing home who has no one to visit or the homeless alcoholic laying in his own filth on our city streets or women and children enslaved by human trafficking. It is the women of Afghanistan who can no longer drive, hold jobs and literally can’t show their faces in public must cover themselves in black from head to toe.

The powerless and so called insignificant are all around us. If we do not embrace them and bear their crosses with them then we aren’t serving Christ or the Father. May the Lord, who opened the eyes of the blind, open our eyes that we may see as He sees and serve those who He would serve.



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