

# 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](mailto:deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com)

Collaborative Office Manager—781-843-1332

Patty Kinnally—[pkinnally@sfab.org](mailto: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: [karenmusicklass@aol.com](mailto:karenmusicklass@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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**      **October 2, 2021**  
 8:00AM          Stephen Browne and          Memorial  
                          Donna Norton

4:00PM          Paul & Regina Centauro,      Memorial  
                          Mary & Joe Gannon and  
                          Gina Vernon

**Sunday**          **October 3, 2021**  
 7:45AM          Dennis Moynihan          Healing  
 10:15AM        Louis & Catherine Luccio      Memorial  
 6:00PM          Parishioners of St. Clare

**Saturday**        **October 9, 2021**  
 8:00AM  
 4:00PM          Mary E. Cahill                  Anniversary

**Sunday**          **October 10, 2021**  
 7:45AM  
 10:15AM        Carol Irrera                      Memorial  
 6:00PM

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



**From St. Clare**  
 Paul Zamagni

**From St. Francis of Assisi**  
 Esperunda Carcione

*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.*



Please join us **Monday, October 4** and every Monday night during October, the month of the Holy Rosary, at 6:45PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church.



*St. Clare*  
 Cameron Patrick Pugsley  
 Sarah Mary Pugsley

*From St. Francis of Assisi*  
 Shea Elizabeth McCarthy

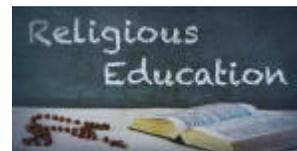


Emails were sent out this past week to those families who have a child in grade 11 regarding Confirmation. If you have a family member in this category who did not receive this email, please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332. Confirmation ceremonies have been scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, October 16—12:00PM at St. Francis
- Saturday, October 16—2:00PM at St. Francis
- Saturday, October 30—1:00PM at St. Clare



Reminder to the families of students in Grade 3. If you have not yet scheduled your child's First Communion, please call the Collaborative Office to do so. Prior to scheduling this Sacrament please be sure that your son/daughter has made First Penance.



Information regarding Religious Education for all other grades will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. As soon as the details have been finalized an email will be sent to all families in our RE data base. We will also post the information on the collaborative website.



*The Annual Blessing of the Animals* in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will take place next **Sunday, October 3** at **1:00PM** on the plaza in front of St. Francis of Assisi church. Owners, pets, and pet-lovers are welcome to attend. In the interest of safety for all please keep your pets restrained or contained.

Some of you reading this, those with grey or follicly challenged hair, might remember something growing up called the Baltimore Catechism.

For those of you who don't know about this Catechism it was something that Catholic elementary schools used to teach religion. For me that was in the 1960's. The format was this: there would be a question like "Who made us?" and it would give us the answer, "God made us." "Why did God make us?" and we would answer "God made us to know, love and serve him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next." Those are the kinds of questions we would get in the first grade.

In the second grade, when we were about to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time, we were asked this, "What is a Sacrament?" Good question, isn't it? If you never used the Baltimore Catechism, there's a good chance you can't come up with an answer. Sure, some of you can describe a sacrament and name some of them but an actual definition is going to be harder to come up with. Here's the answer we learned from the Baltimore Catechism.

"A Sacrament is an outward sign,  
instituted by Christ to give grace."

The outward sign is something we can experience with our senses. It was given to us by Christ, who, as God, alone has the power and authority to impart grace. And grace is that free gift from God that makes us holy and gives us the strength to live the kind of life Christians are called to. Some sacraments, like Holy Orders, are vocational. So, too, is marriage.

I remember the day I "got" married. Many of you remember the day you "got" married or the day someone in your circle of friends "got" married. The thing is, too often we look at marriage this way, as something we get – one and done. That's not marriage.

We get the measles. We get the blue ribbon at the bake-off. Marriage has to be more than this or Christ wouldn't have made such a big deal about it in today's gospel.

Marriage is more than just something we get? What if marriage is more than something that happened to us; more than just a legal document; what if by God's grace marriage is something we become?

Let me propose this. Together married couples are that outward sign, instituted by Christ on their wedding day, to bring God's grace into the world. By entering into this vocation, couples are commissioned to bring the love they share to the world around them, by the way they live their marriages, raise their children, treat their neighbors, care for the needy, and worship their God.

A Christian husband and wife agree to lay down their lives for each other in all kinds of ways, just as Christ did.

Sometimes in our marriages we find ourselves in circumstances that seem to just suck the ever-living life out of us. Our tanks are empty, and we're running on fumes. That's when husbands and wives must be willing to give that last drop, that last bit of what you have left inside for the well-being of the other. Marriage is not a 50/50 proposition – it is 100/100. It's a give all you have relationship.

That's what Christ did. As Saint Paul tells us He poured Himself out for us, He took the form of a slave, a servant to us, and literally emptied Himself of life on the cross. That's the kind of love sacramental marriage demonstrates - heroic love.

Love that is patient and kind; Love that is never jealous or pompous, that's not inflated or rude. Love that doesn't seek its own interests. Love that isn't quick tempered and doesn't brood over injury (it doesn't hold onto resentments). Love that rejoices in the truth. Love that bears all things, believes all things; hopes all things; endures everything. Love that never fails!

And as the Father, Son and the Spirit are an unbreakable union, so too, marriage is a union that is meant to be unbreakable. If in marriage we live the love described in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians then love never fails.

And this is why Jesus speaks so strongly about marriage. Because marriage isn't just a relationship between two people. The unity of two that become one points to the unity of the Trinity and is a visible manifestation of sacrificial love. Marriage is Godly, and if well-lived, it leads us to God himself.



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