

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Hall is accessible to Handicapped via elevator



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
frvalan@sfab.org

Deacons

Michael J. Cavanaugh
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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 **October 9, 2021**
 8:00AM Russell Dupuis Memorial
 4:00PM Mary E. Cahill 1st Anniv.

Sunday **October 10, 2021**
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Clare
 10:15AM Carol Irrera

Saturday **October 16, 2021**
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Mary P. Harrington and 2nd Anniv.
 Paul J. McGaffigan 2nd Anniv.

Sunday **October 17, 2021**
 7:45AM Mary Shea Anniversary
 10:15AM William Varroso and 1st Anniv.
 Edith Varroso Memorial
 6:00PM Maureen Dolan Coyle Anniversary

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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. Clare
 Francis X. Kelley

From St. Francis of Assisi
 John J. Lydon, Jr.
 Nancy Cavallini

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.



Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 21st - 7:00PM at St. Clare. Please use the door adjacent to the main parking lot. For questions contact Deacon Joe at deaconjoe.sfasc@gmail.com.



St. Clare
 Cameron Patrick Pugsley
 Sarah Mary Pugsley

From St. Francis of Assisi
 Shea Elizabeth McCarthy



St. Clare
 Alex Jeske
 Oliver Mankowski

St. Francis of Assisi
 Luke Nguyen
 Alexander Kennedy



Emails were sent out 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
- ***Limited availability**

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.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

“All that glitters is not gold” is an adage first penned by William Shakespeare in the 16th century. Certain minerals, like pyrite, may appear to be gold but are in reality worthless. And so the phrase has come to mean: that just because something seems to be precious doesn’t necessarily mean it has any actual value.

We are attracted to all kinds of fool’s gold every day. We might see glamorous TV or Movie stars on the red carpet wearing luxurious outfits adorned with expensive jewelry and think “that’s the reality I want!” In fact it’s not real at all. That jewelry is almost always borrowed. They make a living pretending they are something or someone they are not. In any other industry they’d be called liars or frauds. But it’s hard to resist because they make it look so much better than what we have.

In our consumeristic society we are peddled all kinds of goods that purport to make us better in every way possible; fad diets and cosmetics to make us look beautiful; automobiles with all the whistles and bells so we can travel five blocks in more luxury than what most of the world’s population have in their homes; vacations to exotic islands where everyone looks like 30-year old supermodels; and medications for every possible illness and disease, just don’t listen to the guy speaking 100 miles per hour about all the possible side effects including death. We’re bombarded on every side with foolishness and lies and sometimes it’s hard to resist. We’d all like to be rich or at least richer than we are and so we accumulate all kinds of stuff and in the end, although we try and do everything right, we aren’t satisfied, we aren’t fulfilled, we’re just attached to our stuff.

We aren’t unlike the rich young man in today’s gospel. He went to Jesus because he wanted to be sure he would have eternal life. Indeed, he had done all the right things his entire life. But Jesus wanted more. “Get rid of all your stuff and give it to someone who really needs it, then follow me.” The young man went away sad, “but I like my stuff.”

The Lord doesn’t ask everyone to give rid of all their stuff, but we need to be at least willing to do it because if we can’t walk away from our stuff, how are we supposed to do what is really necessary – pick up our crosses and lay down our lives.

Some of you might remember the Steve Martin film, *The Jerk*. Mr. Martin played a big-hearted half-wit named Navin who invented a device that would keep eyeglasses from falling down the bridge of someone’s nose. It made

him rich beyond his wildest dreams but it also made everyone who used it cross-eyed. After all the lawsuits he was left penniless. As he leaves his mansion as a miserable wreck he says, “I don’t need anything and I don’t need you!” Then something catches his eye and he says “just this ashtray that’s all I need... and this paddle game. The ashtray and the paddle game that’s all I need”. As he moves he continues to collect items and take them with him. “And this lamp, that’s all I need...and this remote...and this chair... and these matches.”

The scene ends with Navin slowly walking down the street, dejected, his hair disheveled, wearing a bathrobe with his pants around his ankles, and his arms full of the items he couldn’t bear to leave behind – all worthless.

We can’t follow Christ like Navin; still tethered to stuff that does us no good.

If we don’t want to go away sad, then at the very least, we need to give up our attachments to the created things around us so that we’re able to be bound to the creator and not the created.

On October 1, 1979 I was blessed to be on Boston Common for Mass celebrated by Saint Pope John Paul and he preached on this very Gospel. He repeated something a number of times. In fact these words are the only ones I remember from that day, but I think it’s the most important message so I will end with a quote from that homily and hope it touches all of you the way it touched me.

“Do not go away sad. Follow Christ!”



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



The Collaborative Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th. Have a safe and happy long weekend.

Good luck and Godspeed to all involved in this year’s Boston Marathon.

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