

# 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  
Email: [pclifford@sfab.org](mailto:pclifford@sfab.org)

## Parochial Vicar

Rev. Valanarasu Newton-Williamraj  
[frvalan@sfab.org](mailto:frvalan@sfab.org)

## 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: [karensmusicclass@aol.com](mailto: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](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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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:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 16, 2021</b>	
8:00AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
4:00PM	Mary P. Harrington and	2nd Anniv.
	Paul J. McGaffigan	2nd Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 17, 2021</b>	
77:45AM	Mary Shea	Anniversary
10:15AM	William Varroso and	1st Anniv.
	Edith Varroso	Memorial
6:00PM	Maureen Dolan Coyle	Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 23, 2021</b>	
8:00AM		
4:00PM	Richard Sullivan	20th Anniv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 24, 2021</b>	
7:45AM		
10:15AM	Billie-Jo Ryan	4th Anniv.
	Gladys Ross	21st Anniv.
	Walter Ross	45th Anniv.

6:00PM

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,017.00</b>
<b>Online giving</b>	<b>\$ 754.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,771.00</b>

**The Altar Breads and Wine** to be used at all Masses for the week of October 16—22 have been donated in loving memory of **Arlene McDonough**.

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 Archdiocese of Boston**  
Fr. Lawrence Pratt

**From St. Francis of Assisi**  
Lydia Dinsmoor

*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.*



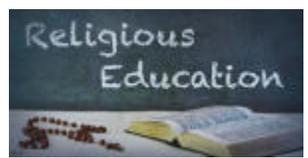
*St. Clare*  
*Brooke Elizabeth Lucia*  
*Charlotte Sue Lucia*  
*Brendan Michael Roth*



**St. Francis of Assisi**  
Joseph MacQuarrie



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.



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



From  
*Deacon Joe MacDonald*

Honestly, Jesus must have been incredibly patient if not completely frustrated by the Apostles. Either they didn't understand what He was teaching them or they forgot what they were taught all together.

It was just four weeks ago, on the way to Capernaum, that they were arguing over who was going to have the highest position when Jesus came into His Kingdom. The Lord's response could not have been any clearer. If anyone wanted to be first then he had to become the last and be the servant to all. (Mk9:35)

And now, only one chapter later, John (the one whom Jesus loved) and his brother James approach Jesus asking for the highest places in the Kingdom. Apparently they forgot the first lesson from the previous chapter. Perhaps they thought that because they saw themselves as part of Christ's "inner circle," along with Peter, that the previous lesson didn't apply to them. They certainly didn't have a clue yet as to the true nature of the Kingdom.

What became of humility? Is it any wonder the other ten were a little peeved?

Still, being a very patient teacher, Jesus offers a refresher course about what it really means to be great. "Be a servant", He said. No, be more than that – "Be a slave to all."

We are not unlike James and John in this Gospel account. We look for the big promotion, the esteem of our co-workers and neighbors and seek out places of honor. But if we do find ourselves in positions of authority and power, which is not necessarily a bad thing, we need to find ways to use those positions as servants to our communities, places of worship, businesses, co-workers and neighbors.

And we are not unlike the other ten either. We get miffed when someone cuts us in line or when we are passed over in favor of someone else. We become jealous if someone else is honored when we think it should be us. We get angry when we're doing all the right things and someone who isn't gets the advantage.

I suppose all of this is natural. It's kind of in our DNA to want to be special. Still, that's not the attitude Jesus teaches. He isn't asking for what comes natural to us but for what is "super" natural. Jesus is asking us to become more than what our flesh provides for. And to do those things that go against the grain of human self-interest.

Where does this "super" power come from? I can tell you it's not from the planet Krypton. It's not from the bite of a radio-active spider or overexposure to gamma rays.

God Himself is our superpower imparting the grace that gives us the strength to live the lives for which we were ultimately created. It is a life in which God loves us and we love God in return and that mutual love gives birth to a love of neighbor and lives of self-sacrificing service. There are times when all of us fall short of our calling. It happens to everyone. It's like we forget where to find grace and who it is that gives it to us.

Feeling a little grace anemic? Need a booster shot of grace? Here's how you can fill your tank – no cost! Find a regular time to pray and make it a habit. Read scripture daily. You can do it while you're praying and if you don't know where to start the Gospels from daily Mass are a good place to begin. Here is a link. <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

Finally, and of great importance, the Lord gave us the sacraments of the Church as a means to impart grace. Frequent reception of the sacraments, especially reconciliation and Eucharist are vital for a life of Grace.

Now that we've found it, let's use this life of grace to become humble servants one to another not seeking out what is best for ourselves but what is best for our neighbor.



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.



From the  
*Archdiocese of Boston*

**Fiat**, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "Common Fears in Discerning Religious Life." If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org) or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

All couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> **wedding anniversaries** in 2020-21 are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Couples can register at <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/anniversary-mass>. For more information, please contact Emily Elliott in Family Life Ministry at [Emily\\_Elliott@rcab.org](mailto:Emily_Elliott@rcab.org)

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