

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
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: 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

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 23, 2021**
 8:00AM Mary McDonald Crossen 25th Anniv.
 4:00PM Richard Sullivan 20th Anniv.

Sunday **October 24, 2021**
 7:45AM Parishioners of St. Clare
 10:15AM Billie-Jo Ryan 4th Anniv.
 Gladys Ross 21st Anniv.
 Walter Ross 45th Anniv.

6:00PM
Saturday **October 30, 2021**
 8:00AM
 4:00PM Daniel & Charlotte Mahoney Memorial

Sunday **October 31, 2021**
 7:45AM
 10:15AM Henry Young 10th Anniv.
 Dorothy Young 15th Anniv.
 And Michael Young Memorial

6:00PM
WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$5,565.00
Online giving	\$ 319.00
Total	\$5,884.00

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
 Mary Durfee
 Gregoria Ilagan
 Mary L. Caton

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.



Information regarding Religious Education 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.



St. Clare
 Diana Grace Ryan
 Gianna Marie Walsh

St. Francis of Assisi
 Kinsley Dillon Grant
 Bridgette Shelagh Polson
 Danielle Patricia Smith
 Declan Joseph Walsh



Congratulations to the following young people who were confirmed on Thursday at St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi! Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Francis of Assisi
 Colleen Archdeacon, Conor Archdeacon, Brianna Arnstein, Lilliana Baszkiewicz, Kjeleigh Bulman, Gianna Campanale, Mia Capaccioli, Kelly Cardello, Lisa Cardello, Camden Carter, Lily Carver, Michael Clancy, Caroline Clougher, Drew Coady, Justin Conrad, Matthew Cox, Ryan Curtin, Stephen Dedalonis, Ava Doherty, John Doherty, Rory Donahue, Jack Framer, Nicholas Fasano, Keelan Feighery, Alexander Fernandes, Martin Finnerty, Meghan Fleming, Makenzie Fowler, Lucy Gatefy, Amanda Glynn, Cameron Grieve, Jason Handrahan, Thomas Hayward, Aiden Howlett, John Ictech, Sandra Ictech, Brendan Joyce, Kyleigh Lydon, Clara Keka, Anna Kelly, Ellen Losordo, Kara Madeiras, Gabrielle Mazzini, Shae McDonough, Allison Melo, Gianvito Montillo, Silvia Montillo, Molly Muldoon, Cassandra Naughton, Joshua Norton, Ella O'Doherty, Michael Olivieri, Aine O'Shea, Daniel O'Shea, Jack Paula, Greyson Prado, Elizabeth Reardon, Isabelle Roy, Juma Salazar, Kaitlyn Seibert, Juliana Summers, James Tellier, Lionel Tibazarwa, Christopher Utley, Anthony Varrasso and Braydon Walorz

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

It seems that in sacred scripture we often see people or crowds of people preventing others from coming to Christ. We see it in this morning's Gospel, a blind man calling out to Christ for mercy. But the crowd lining the "parade route" as Jesus is going by, try to quiet the poor man. After all he was a beggar and a blind one at that. Either he or perhaps his father must have greatly sinned for this calamity to befall him. Surely someone as important as Jesus wouldn't want anything to do with someone like that. Certainly the people that made up the crowd wanted nothing to do with him. Nobody wanted to be his friend.

Fortunately he was persistent and cried out all the more and Jesus heard him. Boy, did the people change their tune then. "Take courage" they said to him as though they were always on his side. A bunch of fakes!

You can find this kind of behavior in other places in scripture, even by the apostles, the very ones charged with bringing people to Jesus.

Parents were bringing their young children to Jesus so that he could touch them. Apparently they had come to believe that being touched by Jesus was to be touched by God. Who wouldn't want their child to be touched by God?

Well the apostles didn't want anyone to disturb their master. They were the gatekeepers and no one was getting past them, not even a little child. Like W. C. Fields saying "Go away kid, ya bother me" they shooed them away and it didn't sit well with Jesus. He quickly rebuked them. "Let the Children come to me and do not prevent them." (Mt 19:13)

Let the little children come and let all the children of God come to Jesus. Let the blind man come, the deaf, the leprous, the sinner, the beggars, and the friendless. Let them all come and do not prevent them. He's talking to us.

At any time in our lives we can find ourselves in that crowd, doing or saying something that might prevent someone from coming to Christ. Just because we profess to be Christians doesn't mean that, like the Apostles, we can't get in the way of someone's salvation. It's something we need to guard against. None of us, I hope, want to be the reason for a brother or sister to turn away from Christ.

Also, at any time in our lives we might be more like Bartimaeus, the poor blind beggar calling out for mercy. We have to be careful not to be swept away with the crowd; not to be misled by strange new teachings. What prevents us from following Christ? Is it really a crowd of people? It can be. Or it can be ideologies that, on the sur-

face, look good to us and draw us in. It can be the distractions from our jobs or schools that pull our attention away from what is holy. But let's be like Bartimaeus and not let the crowd quiet us or sweep us away. Call out to Christ all the more and the Lord. He will hear and hold out his hand to us and like Peter sinking into the sea Jesus will lift us up, save us from drowning in whatever it is that crowds us out. And like the blind beggar we'll see clearly with our eyes and hear God's word unmistakably with our ears and praise Him unreservedly with our lips.



Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



Please join us THIS Monday for the final October Holy Rosary, at 6:45PM in St. Francis of Assisi Church.



From the
Archdiocese of Boston

Fall 2019 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats - 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. 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.

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