

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
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	November 6, 2021	
8:00AM	Thomas Larner, Sr. & John Larner	Memorial
4:00PM	Patricia Melvin	Anniversary
Sunday	November 7, 2021	
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Clare	
10:15AM	Thomas Walsh	1st Anniv.
6:00PM	John Young	
Saturday	November 13, 2021	
8:00AM	Paul Kelley	Memorial
4:00PM	Kathleen O'Leary	Memorial
Sunday	November 14, 2021	
7:45AM	Deceased Members of The Leonard T. Connolly Family	Memorial
10:15AM	Mary Matthews	4th Anniv.
6:00PM	Loretta Barron, David Ferriaro and Catz Sudowski	Memorial

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

Offertory	\$4,496.00
Online giving	\$ 384.00
Total	\$4,880.00

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

Terrence Palmer
Lorraine Bradley
Cynthia Keenan
John T. "Tom" Whitney

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.



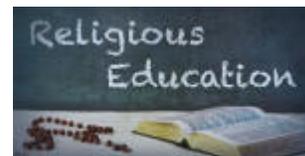
The Braintree Council , #1462, Knights of Columbus, will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser for children with special needs THIS weekend. The Knights will be at the entrances of the church after weekend Masses to accept donations. Please be as generous as possible.

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. Clare

Hannah Barrett, Maeve Candura, Anthony Carey, Timothy Carney, Carden Costello, Zachary Dean, Sophia DeAngelis, Ava DiBona, Charles DiMartino, Caitlin Doherty, Jonathan Dow, Leanna Eskander, John Fitzgerald, Alejandra Herrera, Fiona Holland, Anya Howell, Colleen Joyce, Kate Joyce, Christopher Kenneally, Madison Larkin, William Locke, Margaret MacCormack, Beartla McDonagh, John McDonald, Peter McDonald, Leah McGonagle, Allison McNamee, Joseph Molloy, Ella Munroe, Taryn O'Malley, Julia Panaro, Mia Pellegrino, Ava Picard, Samantha Quigley, Sophia Ryan, Robert Sample, Abigail Shalgian, Ava Siracusa, Jack Solomon, Daniel Surette, Benjamin Trotta, Clint Walsh, Delaney Welch, Erin White, Ella Woods, and Anya Zupkofska

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.



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 is still in the planning stages. **Classes will most likely begin in January.** 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.



VETERANS DAY
WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

Thanks to all of the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

The Collaborative Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11th and Friday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.



From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

Sins of Omission

Week after week at Mass we pray the Confiteor, a prayer of confession in which we admit that we have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. Those things that we have failed to do are the sins of omission.

I bring this up because of something that happened a couple of weeks ago. A woman was raped for forty minutes on a subway train in Philadelphia. Forty minutes and not one person intervened or said a word.

Last week on a subway train in New York City a video caught a large man who punched a woman half his size in the face, full fisted and not holding back. How she didn't crumble to the ground I don't know. The video caught something else as well. It documented that no one came to her defense or even asked if she was alright.

Here's a question worth asking ourselves, if we were among the people on those trains, and we knew what was happening, and did nothing to stop it, would that make us complicit in those assaults. By not doing or saying anything would we be just as guilty of that rape or that physical assault?

I bring this up because, once again, there's a ballot question coming down the pike that would legalize physician assisted suicide. In the typical doublespeak from the proponents of such things, the proposed bill avoids the reality of the word suicide and they prefer to present it with phrases like "compassionate care for the terminally ill," or "aid in dying," or simply the "right to die." I know of nothing in the Constitution that mentions the right to die, although it prominently mentions the right to life.

We are on a slippery slope with this. Although the proposed law would put some limitations in place, for example, the dying person would have to be at least 18 years old, and be of sound mind, it also makes an accommodation for guardians to make the decision on behalf of the one who is dying.

If this is where it starts, where will it be in forty or fifty years. Will the "compassionate" thing be to end the life of those with severe disabilities, people with down syndrome, the mentally ill or just the elderly.

In 1973, after *Roe v Wade*, abortions were not typically performed after the 12th week of pregnancy. Today, in many places, an abortion can be obtained through the ninth month and lawmakers would not even pass legislation that would require basic medical care, even palliative care, to a baby born alive after an attempted abortion. Yet we are all appalled, rightfully so, when a young mother abandons her newborn in the trash.

In 1973 and beyond, trying to avoid the inconvenient truth that abortion kills, proponents argued, for example, that an embryo was simply a blob of flesh and not human at all, at least not yet – it can be removed. They also rationalized that if a baby could not live outside of its mother's womb it could be denied the opportunity to live within the womb as well, through abortion. Today it's been taken to new lows – down that slippery slope to where a child (and that's what it is) can be killed (and that's what it is) even minutes before birth. Thankfully this is rare but even that is too often when it comes to taking a human life.

What have we done lately to speak up against these kinds of assaults on human life? A couple of weeks ago there were people in front of our church looking for signatures for a ballot initiative opposing assisted suicide. I was surprised at how few signatures they had received. The silence is deafening. Can we not take even a couple of minutes to put our name on a document that demonstrates our commitment to life? When was the last time any of us sent a letter, made a phone call or sent an email to senator or representative voicing our support for life issues?

Do we, by our silence, by our complacency, by just sitting back and not doing anything become guilty by omission? Are we, by our inaction, inadvertently assisting in those suicides? Are we, by our inaction complicit in the loss of life from abortions?

When we don't take a stand against racism and hatred aren't we somehow tacitly giving our approval to it? If we don't share our bounty with the hungry around us, are we not guilty of perpetuating their hunger?

These are sins of omission. I'm guilty of it – we all are. So, let's not just stand around but let's do something!

I'll end as we end the Confiteor, praying for you and asking for your prayers.

Therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God. AMEN.



A WAY TO SHOW OUR THANKS AT THANKSGIVING. Each year our Parish celebrates Thanksgiving Liturgy at the 8:00AM Mass. It has been our tradition for many years to give to those less fortunate. Donations may be monetary or in the form of new toys (unwrapped) or clothing. If you are unable to attend this Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, your donations can be left on the left side of the altar near the Baptismal Font the weekend of November 20 & 21. Whatever you donate is much appreciated. This is an opportunity for all of us to do as Christ would do. **Give thanks to those families in need.**

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