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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

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Wednesday through Saturday

Holy Days: As Announced

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: 2nd Sunday at 1:00 PM.

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 Parish House if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

Music Director:

Kathy Clancy 849-9219

Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

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Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month.

Mary Glynn 781-640-8528

AI-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30AM

Alcoholic Anonymous:

Twelve Step & Twelve Tradition - Meets in Parish Hall Conference Room Fridays 8:00-9:00 PM

Dave: 617-413-3430

Help for the Poor:

Dave Wallace 848-3585

Coffee House:

Brian Manning 380-8709

Pine Street Inn Society:

Second Thursday of the month

Joan McCarron 848-0813

Holy Name Society:

Second Sunday of the month at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Boy Scout Troop #138:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Ed Fruth 843-9854

St. Clare Social and Event Activities Coordinators:

Marybeth Moriarty 356-4842

Family & Tots Program:

Karen McBrine 961-3460

Bulletin Deadline:

All notices must be submitted to the Parish House by Monday 1 PM. You may email them directly to Debby115@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, December 5

4:00 PM John Twomey, Sr.23rd Anniv
Maureen Twomey6th Anniv

SUNDAY, December 6

8:30 AM Michael John Dooner.....41st Anniv
Margaret Mary Dooner.....31st Anniv
10:00 AM Thomas & Mary Harvey.....Memorial
11:30 AM Edward J. Spellman.....11th Anniv

WEDNESDAY, December 9

9:00 AM Sanctuary Fund

FRIDAY, December 11

9:00 AM Albert P. Del Vecchio.....Month's Mind

SATURDAY, December 12

4:00 PM The Moore FamilyMemorial

SUNDAY, December 13

8:30 AM Julie Mansfield.....8th Anniv
10:00 AM Marie & Susan McConarty.....Memorial
11:30 AM Bridget Boylan.....14th Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Lawrence Prior** and **Grace Y. Parmenter**.

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" (See Psalm 126)

Advent Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, December 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Adoration is observed the first Monday of each month. Please make an effort to spend one hour with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

We welcome Thomas Rhys Brennan Tyrrell as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon him many spiritual blessings throughout his life.

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, **December 10**, is the date of our monthly visit to serve our friends a hot meal. **Desserts are always needed and appreciated**, which you may leave at the Parish House before noon of that day.

Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent

The second candle is lit and the following prayer is said: "Almighty and loving God, you who dwell within our hearts at every waking moment, keep us always close to you. Help us to recognize and appreciate the gifts and talents you have given us. Teach us to use our energies for the good of others and the glory of your Son Jesus, whose promise is too precious to ignore. Keep our hearts and minds ever alert to your personal and loving touch in every prayer, in every act of worship. Amen.

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Offertory	(November 28 & 29)	\$6,249
Jubilee Celebration Fund		\$1,814
Grand Annual		\$52,388

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection taken this weekend of **December 5 & 6** is for the **Flowers for the Christmas Altar**. Those wishing to have their loved ones or a special intention remembered by purchasing a poinsettia plant may do so by placing your offering in the envelopes provided.

It's Your Advent Coffee Chat: It is that time of year again when we begin to prepare for the Christmas miracle. Let's not let our calendars get too busy that we forget to rest and let our souls catch up with us. Your Advent coordinator, Estella Ramirez, would like to invite you to a moment of rest and contemplation at the Coffee Break Cafe (seating for 8) on Saturday, **December 12 & 19** at 12:30 PM. Come and spend a few minutes sharing uplifting and healing words to help us all have a wonderful holiday season while enjoying a cup of Java. Please call to **RSVP** and provide contact information to 781-801 3028 or email este2004@comcast.net.

Sheets of All Sizes & Pillow Cases Needed at My Brothers Keeper: new or used (in good condition) for mattresses delivered to those in need. Please contact Mary Belanger at 781-848-3533.

Books for Charity: "Hands Across the Waters" is affiliated with Reading Tree who donated 1.6 million books in 2008. This results in an environmental impact of 42,000 trees and 226,000 cubic feet of land saved! 7 million books have been shipped as literacy aid. Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot!

Planning Ahead: Advent & Christmas Schedule

Advent Daily Mass: Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM

Advent Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

Advent Penitential Service: Sunday, **December 13**, 5:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th: 4:00 PM - Fr. Paul and 6:00 PM - Fr. Paul Kilroy

Christmas Day Masses, December 25th: 8:30 AM - Fr. Bob Jones and 10:00 AM Fr. Paul

Liturgical Roles
December 5 & 6

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	C. Cavanaugh
8:30 AM.....	R. Ford
10:00 AM.....	M. Panciotti
11:30 AM.....	R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	B. McGee, M. Ryan, Deacon Mike, C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	P. Fillion, C. Vitagliano, J. & F. Buonopane
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, J. Collier, A. Moran, M. Smith
11:30 AM.....	I. Barone, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Literature

Fr. James Martin, S.J., addressing priests from Maryknoll recently stated that joy is an essential component of good spiritual health. Humor and laughter are constant threads that weave themselves around the lives of most saints. A good way to increase priestly vocations is for all priests to live their lives joyfully. Humor is welcoming and shows hospitality, putting guests at ease, he said, and is healing, both physically and spiritually. Laughter is especially therapeutic during difficult times as well. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Kennedy Carpet Cleaners, Inc: We are thankful for the workmanship and efficiency demonstrated in carpet and rug cleaning of the Church, Hall, and Parish House. Please cooperate in making every effort to help keep our facilities clean.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...Calling All Singers! Come join the choir for Christmas Eve Mass or anytime. Call Kathy at 849-9219

Feast Day of St. Juan Diego is Wednesday, December 9th: The Canonization of St. Juan Diego took place on July 31st, 2002 at the Church of our Lady of Guadalupe. St. Juan Diego was canonized by Pope John Paul II. On this occasion the Pope urged all Mexicans to continue to spread God's good news to all in need. Such indeed is a wonderful Advent goal, namely, to join in making God's good news known to all people.

Plan Ahead to Toast the New Year Aboard "The Odyssey": Thursday, **December 31**, depart from St. Clare's by motorcoach at 10:00 AM, 2 hour cruise of Boston Harbor, lunch, horns, hats & a champagne toast. \$82.00 per person. Contact Marybeth Moriarty at 781-356-4842 to sign up.

The Pope Speaks: The Pope declared on November 13th that charity is an essential part of Christian witness. The Pope thanked Catholics all over the world who give generously of their time, their resources and their energy to witness to the love of Christ, the Good Samaritan. In proclaiming salvation, the Church cannot ignore the concrete living conditions of the people to whom it is addressed. Acting to improve those conditions involves the very life and mission of the Church. Charity remains necessary. The service of love is never superfluous.

Affordable Housing Lottery: 165 Pond Street, Braintree. Single Family home, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, will be sold January 8, 2010. Income and assets limits will apply. Applications are available at Braintree Town Hall. The deadline for application submission is Tuesday, **January 5th**, 4:00 PM. Further information provided at a seminar at the Braintree Housing Authority, on Thursday, **December 10th**, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Coats for Kids, Adults & Babies, Too: Collecting now through January 8 - sponsored by Anton's Cleaners. Please leave the coats behind the Parish Garage in a large box. Accepted: warm winter jackets, gently used, good quality, coats that you would give a friend. All sizes needed. Not accepted: rips, holes and/or tears, broken zippers, permanent stains, sweatshirts, vests, spring coats. Many thanks for your generosity to help the needy.

Faith Formation

Jini Harrington's 6th grade class collected a box of non-perishable items for the Marge Crispin Center to help families in need for Thanksgiving.

There will be no Faith Formation classes during Christmas week and school vacation (from December 20 - January 3). All classes will resume on Monday, January 4. We wish all of our students and their families a joyous and blessed Christmas, and an enjoyable, safe school vacation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481 or email: Debbie Clancy (Gr K - 5): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net
Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net
Mike Panciotti (Gr 9 & 10): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

St. Clare's Holy Name is Holding a Christmas Drive for the V.A. Boston Health Care System at the Brockton Campus: The veterans are in need of the following items: dietetic & regular hard candies, hairbrushes, non-skid slipper socks, underwear (boxer, brief & women), writing paper, socks (tube, crew, women), soap, combs, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, large print playing cards, disposable razors, T shirts, handkerchiefs, female hygiene products, AA-AAA batteries, sweatshirts & sweatpants (all sizes). (all items new in original packaging please and all clothing sizes M-3XL) All donations may be left in the kitchen area of the Church after Masses on **December 12 & 13**. Holy Name members extend their thanks and wishes for a Joyful and Blessed Christmas! God Bless!

The Boston Boy Choir of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School will perform its Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 13 & December 20** at 3:00 PM in St. Paul's Church, Cambridge. Reserved seats may be purchased in advance by phone at 617-868-8658, online at www.bostonboychoir.org or at the door for \$15.00, \$20.00 & \$25.00.

The United States Census Bureau is Hiring Census Takers in our local community. These part-time, temporary jobs offer good pay, flexible work hours, and the chance to work close to home. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010 or check out www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Pray for Your Priests: During this Year for Priests, The Vocation Office is happy to announce that the Serra Boston Vocation Club is initiating the "Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate" where faithfully throughout the Archdiocese spiritually adopt a priest presently working in the Archdiocese of Boston for one year. Those participating are given (by random in a sealed envelope) the name of a priest presently living or working in the Archdiocese, prayer cards and a prayer booklet and are asked to pray for the particular intentions and ministry of that priest. This is a great way to support our Priests and to promote a Culture of Vocations. Would you please consider this important prayer mission? For more information or to be assigned a priest of the Archdiocese to pray for on a daily basis, please call 978-462-1057 (ask for Loretta Gallagher, President of Serra) or go to: www.serraboston.org or www.vocationsboston.org. You can also call Father Dan Hennessey at the Vocation Office at 617-746-5949 or email him at Dhennessy@rcab.org for more information.

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