

# 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 S. Sughrue

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### Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

### Faith Formation Office

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### Business Office

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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

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

E-mail: FaithFormation4628@verizon.net

Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

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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.

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**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 12**

4:00 PM The Moore Family ..... Memorial

**SUNDAY, December 13**

8:30 AM Julie Mansfield.....8<sup>th</sup> Anniv

10:00 AM Marie & Susan McConarty.....Memorial

11:30 AM Bridget Boylan.....14<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**WEDNESDAY, December 16**

9:00 AM Mary T. Colman.....2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

**THURSDAY, December 17**

9:00 AM Patricia Roche.....Anniv

**FRIDAY, December 18**

9:00 AM Drew Tyrrell.....Birthday Memorial

**SATURDAY, December 19**

4:00 PM Robert & Gerard Joyce ..... Memorial

Annette & Joseph Horan ..... Anniv

**SUNDAY, December 20**

8:30 AM Claire L. Hickey.....10<sup>th</sup> Anniv

10:00 AM Alfred O'Connor.....Birthday Memorial

11:30 AM Thomas Griffin.....20<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship:** "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** All those who presently visit people in the home, hospital, or nursing home are asked to kindly call the Parish House and inform us of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those whom you visit. This is important to us in order that we may update this vital information.

**Jubilee Pictures:** Pictures depicting the building of St. Clare Parish have been generously donated to us by Ted Furlong, son of Andrew and Ida, recently deceased. The pictures were taken by his uncle, Charles "Buddy" Furlong. We are grateful for these historic images which are the only pictures available of the building of St. Clare Church. They may be viewed at the Parish House by those who are interested.

**Poor Boxes: Don't forget to do your part by "feeding" the poor boxes!** This money helps to feed the guests at Pine Street Inn and Fr. Bill's Place.

**Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer**

**This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent**

The third candle is lit and the following prayer is said: "Almighty and loving God, your Son has taught us the way to live as your children. We were blessed in our baptisms with special gifts and graces, and still there are times when we find it hard to be all that we should be. We ask for an increased awareness of the needs of others and for the courage to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Please, God, help us to so live in your grace that all who know us will know you and your love." Amen.

**The Altar Breads & Wine** to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **Kathleen Hurley**.

**The Sanctuary Light** will burn December 12 – December 18 in loving memory of **Jack Gibbons**.

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Offertory	(December 5 & 6)	\$5,931
Grand Annual		\$52,388

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**We bring you great news about the Season of Advent:** It is the most precious time for us to be in anticipation and hope for all we hope to accomplish in the miracle of Jesus. This past weekend we had the first It's Your Advent Coffee Chat at the Coffee Break Café. Most of our conversation centered on how important it is to take time to reflect about our spirituality and our gifts and talents. We shared how valuable it is to use our own unique gifts to honor others in our life. We realized that simply thinking and praying about others was precious and sent vibrations of positive energy traveling far and wide. Time spent with others just listening to them tell their story was another way we thought was very inspiring and healing for us and others. Sometimes all a person needs to heal is a kind face, a smile and just being there. Please join us for our final It's Your Advent Coffee Chat at the Coffee Break Café in the Shaw's Plaza at 12:30 PM. Stop by and relax a bit. Any questions, please contact Estella Ramirez at 781-801-3028 or este2004@comcast.net.

**The Braintree Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 13 from 9:00 AM to Noon.** Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee, tea, a picture with Santa, Christmas music, face painting, Christmas coloring pages and crayons, and candy. \$5/person or \$10/family at the K of C Hall, Washington Street. All proceeds to benefit the K of C Charity Fund.

**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. Please make a special effort to attend.**

**Christmas Eve Masses, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** 4:00 PM - Fr. Paul and 6:00 PM - Fr. Paul Kilroy

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

**Liturgical Roles**  
**December 12 & 13**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM.....	B. Dugan
8:30 AM.....	M. Walsh
10:00 AM.....	E. O'Donnell
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM.....	C. McGaffigan, D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, R. McDonough
8:30 AM.....	M. & D. Picewick, R. Ford, B. St. Jean
10:00 AM.....	A. Moran, M. DeSantis, J. & A. Sheehan
11:30 AM.....	M. Rochon, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

### Liturgy & Literature

Bruce Wilkerson writes thoughtfully in "You were Born for This", 7 keys to a life of predictable miracles. He wrote the book to help us see that the land of personal everyday miracles is your rightful home turf. For God's miracles to occur God depends on a willing servant. No previous experience is required. No record of perfection is required. No special gift or qualification is required. God uses ordinary folks as his delivery agents. They are men and women who say to God please send me to do your work by your power today. What a great prayer for the Advent season! Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Feast Day of Blessed Pope Urban V is Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>:** When no one wished to be Pope in 1362 it fell to this holy man. It turned out to be a wise choice of this Benedictine monk and canon lawyer. He lived simply and modestly and spent most of his nine years as Pope in Avignon. He followed the Benedictine rule as Pope religiously. Shortly before his death in 1370 he asked that the papal palace be moved next to the home of his brother so that he could extend his "goodbyes" to the ordinary people he knew as his neighbors growing up with his family.

**The Pope Speaks:** Advent should be a time of keeping track of God's blessings. God enters the life of each and every person. But unfortunately people have too little time for God or even ourselves. We should all live each day eager to see God's presence thereby assuring us of true joy. The Pope used his new staff on this occasion, 6 feet tall and weighing 5.5 lbs, featuring the four evangelists and four saints from the East and West, including St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, St. Athanasius, and St. John Chrysostom.

**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.

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM. Further information provided at a seminar at the Braintree Housing Authority, on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Our 4th & 5th graders** helped in making Thanksgiving dinner at Fr. Bill's Place a little more festive by decorating 100 placemats and brightly colored Thanksgiving Prayer sheets for them.

**Carolers from scattered classes in grades 3, 4 & 5** have been visiting Alliance Healthcare for the last few weeks brightening the residents' afternoon, and entertaining them with some Christmas music.

**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](mailto:Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net)

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**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!

**Thank you** to all who participated in the Halloween 5K Fun Run/Walk. We had perfect weather and some incredibly fast runners and walkers!! Several participants came dressed in festive costumes and prizes were awarded to the most unique. The winning times were: Megan Aardema 22.15; Mike Cushing 22.17; and Meradee Jowder 23.11. Special thanks to Braintree Flag Football for donating water bottles and to Committee Members who were an enormous help in keeping things organized. We were pleased to provide the Cara Foundation for Cancer Comfort with proceeds from the race. Sincerely, Marybeth Moriarty

**The Braintree Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Christmas Dance** on Saturday, December 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 PM at the K of C Hall on Washington Street. Jackie Brown Band with Jackie Brown and Paul Kenneally (from the Noel Henry Band). Tickets are \$10/person. Call Norm Swain at 843-1447.

**Dear Parishioners of St. Clare,**

My Thanksgiving experience at St. Clare's was far more emotional than I would ever have imagined. I have always been in an assignment wherein we gave to parishes in need. This is the first time that I am on the receiving end of another parish's generosity. As people brought their gifts to the altar I was humbled in a way that I had never experienced. My heart was filled with gratitude, not only personally, but also for the many who will receive from your largesse. It is an experience of Church I will not soon forget. I extend my gratitude and a promise of prayers, Rev. Jack Ahern

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