

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Theresa Scala '95

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

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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:

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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:

SUNDAY, December 27

8:30 AM Barbara A. Welch.....1st Anniv

SATURDAY, January 2

4:00 PM Edward P. Barkowski3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, January 3

8:30 AM Knights of Columbus Mass for the Unborn

10:00 AM Rita Palmer.....6th Anniv

11:30 AM Elaine Muise.....1st Anniv

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, New Year's Day and World Day of Prayer for Peace. Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Eve, Thursday, **December 31st at 4:00 PM** and Friday, **January 1st, 2010 at 9:00 AM.** We hope you will make a special effort to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, January 4 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.

Additional names of those remembered by flowers on the Christmas altar: The Sheehan Family, Robert McDermott, Andrew Orrock, Patrick F. Flanagan, Malachy, Mary & Jimmy Geraghty.

Eucharistic Ministry: We welcome a new minister of Holy Communion, Mary Martino, a parish member for 54 years. We pray that her ministry may be blessed and provide Mary with much happiness.

The Parish Family of St. Clare's would like to welcome the following new parishioners who have recently registered: **Beth Brunstrom** and **Larry Oniskey.**

New Altar Server: We welcome **Keegan Boyle** who is a new member of those who serve at St. Clare Parish. He served for the first time last week and did a fabulous job. We hope that he will enjoy many more opportunities to Serve God at the altar. Others who wish to join him are most welcome!

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **December 26 & 27.** Thank you for your continued generosity towards the less fortunate.

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. Your pennies are donated to the Catholic Daughters for purchasing cribs for Friends of the Unborn.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **Christel Skoglund** and **Albert Skoglund.**

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

and this is how we live our stewardship

There are no offertory totals as yet, due to the holiday schedule of an early transmittal of the bulletin

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

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.

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.

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. Many thanks!

Opportunities in which to Memorialize

Deceased Loved Ones

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Parish House and scheduling one of the following:

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| Altar Breads and Wine | \$40.00 a week donation |
| Altar Flowers | \$80.00 a week donation |
| Sanctuary Light | \$25.00 a week donation |
| Weekday Masses | \$25.00 donation |
| Weekend Masses | \$30.00 donation |

Elevator: Please know that we have an elevator to transport us from the Church to the Hall and back to the Church again. Please make use of it. It can help prevent issues related to accidents on the stairwells as took place last week to Mary Foley. Please pray that she may recuperate well.

Liturgical Roles

December 26 & 27

Lectors:

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| 4:00 PM..... | C. McGaffigan |
| 8:30 AM..... | R. Murphy |
| 10:00 AM | M. Panciotti |
| 11:30 AM | M. Santos |

Eucharistic Ministers:

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 4:00 PM..... | D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, M. Ryan, T. English |
| 8:30 AM..... | R. Ford, B. St. Jean, P. Fillion, B. Welch |
| 10:00 AM | M. DeSantis, B. Carr, B. Little, J. Collier |
| 11:30 AM..... | M. Rochon, B. & M. Bohannon, I. Barone |

Liturgy & Literature

St. Clare Parish has celebrated its Jubilee of 50 Years with eleven different events which will include the Jubilee Closing Mass this Sunday at 10:00 AM with the regional Bishop of the South Region, Most Rev. John A. Doohar. Hopefully this year has provided special blessings and memories for many parishioners and friends. Bishop Doohar grew up in St. Peter's Parish, Dorchester and attended the parochial school. He was ordained in 1969 and his first assignment was St. Francis Xavier, Weymouth. His next parish assignment was St. Augustine's, South Boston. Later he directed the Office of Spiritual Development. He next took on two struggling parishes, Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Vincent de Paul. His final parish position was as Pastor at St. Mary's, Dedham. His Episcopal motto is "Come Follow Me". We are grateful for his presence with us at St. Clare Parish, and know that you will accord him a warm and friendly welcome
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Special Thanks: We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers from St. Clare Parish who have faithfully prepared and served monthly meals to the residents of Fr. Bill's Place for nearly 13 years, served monthly at Pine Street Inn, and the many donors of the poor boxes which has financed these meals each month.

Feast Day of Pope St. Sylvester (d. 335) is Saturday, December 31st: We know for sure that his papacy lasted from 314-335 and covered events that included the Edict of Milan, the emergence of the Church from the catacombs, and the building of great basilicas, including St. John Lateran and St. Peter's. One achievement that stands out in his papacy; namely, dealing with the existing authority of the time, Emperor Constantine, in a harmonious and yet productive way.

The Pope Speaks: Environmentalism is a moral issue, part of promoting peace. The degradation of the environment is a pressing moral issue that threatens peace and even life itself. The negative effects of pollution and environmental exploitation can already be seen. We cannot afford to be indifferent to the loss of agricultural productivity, the pollution of rivers, the increase of natural catastrophes, the loss of biodiversity, and the deforestation of tropical areas. This results in the growing phenomenon of environmental refugees, who by the degradation of their natural habitat, are forced to migrate in search of food, water, and unpolluted air. As a result we need to examine our life style and the prevailing models of consumption and production. In a word we need to protect the Creator's gifts to humanity, earth, air, and water.

Interfaith Social Services' Career Closet provides free professional attire to low-income jobseekers. For years this program was only open to women but has recently begun serving men as well. ISS is currently seeking donations of professional attire – suits, dress shirts, slacks, ties, shoes, etc., as well as male volunteers that can assist clients. Donations can be dropped off at ISS' offices on 105 Adams Street in Quincy from 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday, and until 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Volunteer inquiries should be directed to Bettyanne Lang at 617-773-6203. All *Career Closet* clothing donations should be clean, pressed and ready to wear. And as with all donations they are tax deductible.

Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation classes during Christmas school vacation. All classes will resume the week of January 4. We wish all our teachers, students and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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

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The Braintree Women's Club is sponsoring 10 General Federation of Women's Clubs of MA Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 for Graduate Study, Undergraduate Study, and MA High School Seniors involving many fields. The deadline is **February 1st**. Please contact Mrs. Anne Flaherty at 781-843-0539 for an application or more information.

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.

Cardinal Sean would like to promote communication and a connection among Catholics across the Archdiocese. He invites you to sign up for a weekly event update by email at www.Boston200.org. It only takes about a minute!

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Seven days without prayer make one weak
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One must first intelligently seek.
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So that with His love you will abound
And know the true peace
For which Jesus is highly renowned.
Ask, and it shall be given to you
When your prayer is most sincere and true
And on Him you call
For guidance in everything you do.
Seek, and you will be able to find
He who is the kindness of the kind,
He who can provide
Peace for your heart, your soul and your mind.
Knock, and it shall be opened to you,
Be you Protestant, Catholic or Jew.
Race, creed or color
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