

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, April 12

8:30 AM Robert Barrett.....5th Anniv
10:00 AM Jack & Marie O'Neill.....Anniv

MONDAY, April 13

9:00 AM August Wildoner.....Anniv

TUESDAY, April 14

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, April 18

4:00 PM John E. English23rd Anniv

SUNDAY, April 19

10:00 AM Tag & Frances Leminen.....Memorial
11:30 AM Anna Silvestri.....Month's Mind

Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. (Matthew 28:5)

We have nothing to fear when seeking the crucified Christ. Let us go forth and know that we will see him in Galilee. Loving God, give me courage as I seek you. Let not my fear become a stumbling stone.

Additional names of those remembered by the Easter flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Munroe, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elder, The Doyle Family and The Halley Family.

Our Next Children's Liturgy will be next Sunday, April 19 at the 10:00 AM Mass. Don't let your children miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be inspired to understand and practice their faith. Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us.

A Musical Jubilee Jamboree will be presented by our own parishioners in the Church on Saturday, April 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful, entertaining evening!

Family Trivia Coming to St. Clare's! Get your family together or a team of friends and plan to share your knowledge on Sunday, April 26 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Some questions will be geared to the children for complete family participation. Prizes will be awarded to the sharpest teams!

Plans for the Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry are moving forward. Our first meeting will be held in the Parish House on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in joining our group or want further information please call Lucille Barton at 781-848-0626 or Marilyn McGrath at 781-848-0624.

Twin Bed Sheets & 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.

Remembering your Parish in your will is a wonderful way to thank God for your blessings and to help St. Clare Parish and our many good works.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ... and this is how we live our stewardship

Offertory..... (April 4 & 5)..... \$7,358
Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Happy Easter from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Today's collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please be generous to this important collection.

2009 Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Sean wishes everyone at St. Clare Parish a happy Easter and thanks everyone who has participated in the 2009 Catholic Appeal. We are pleased that we have new contributors this year. Welcome and thank you. We ask every Catholic family to participate - every gift matters. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

Operation Rice Bowl: Your rice bowls should have been returned to the Church or the Faith Formation Office by now. Thank you for your kindness.

Rosary for Mary on Sunday, May 3 directly after the 10:00 AM Mass in St. Clare's Prayer Garden lead by Brother Joe Esparza, C.S.C. of the Holy Cross Fathers - Father Paton Prayer Center. The Glorious Mysteries will be prayed with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Please plan to honor Mary, Our Mother.

Memorial Opportunity: St. Clare is in need of purchasing high polish processional candle sticks suitable for a much needed and visible memorial in memory of a deceased family member and/or former Parish member. Particulars for those interested are available through the office of the Parish business manager. Please call. We would be most grateful!

Memorial Opportunity: The Parish Hall tables (10) have seen their day! New adjustable tables, with a tile top, thereby durable, are available through WB Mason for \$1200 each. Memorial plates will be placed on each table if you choose to make a donation to a much needed improvement at St. Clare Parish Hall

Please Remember the Needy: Please be generous in donating to our Poor Boxes, which provides monthly meals for those at Pine Street Inn, Boston, and Fr. Bill's Place, Quincy. Your pennies are donated to the Catholic Daughters to purchase cribs for the unborn.

Liturgical Roles April 11 & 12

Lectors:

7:30 PM.....G. Cahill - C. Cavanaugh
8:30 AM.....R. Murphy
10:00 AM.....M. Panciotti
11:30 AM.....J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

7:30 PM..... R. McDonough, M. Cahill, Deacon Mike, & C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM..... R. Hyland, M. Walsh, R. Ford, C. Vitagliano
10:00 AM.....B. Little, A. Moran, M. Smith, J. Collier
11:30 AM.....P. Manter, M. Rochon, R. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Life

The Easter season is very positive and it in that spirit that I extend sincere thanks to all parish members, staff and volunteers who helped us to commemorate and celebrate the special liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. I pray that the positive message of Easter commemorating Christ's victory over sin, death and darkness itself may help us all to experience true Easter joy as evidenced in our lives of goodness, life, and light itself!

May you and your loved ones truly share a blessed and holy Easter!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

A Meditation for Easter: Much of Jesus' journey around Galilee and Jerusalem was joyous and filled with shared meals, but the trials are unmistakable. Arriving finally in the night at Gethsemane and the unnatural dark of Golgotha, the story leads us to what theologian, Dorothy Soelle described in her book, Death by Bread Alone as "the farthest point of self emptying". In these moments on the journey, everything not authentic to our deepest being finally dies. In Holy week, we hope we can experience such a reality in our lives as Christ obviously did in His.

Planning Ahead: There will be an overnight Maine trip coming up by Motorcoach on **May 31 - June 1** to **The Cliff House Resort** which includes dinner & breakfast with tickets to "**A Chorus Line**" at The Ogunquit Playhouse. Total cost is \$299.00 pp/double occupancy. A \$50.00 deposit is required on or before **April 30**. Please contact Marybeth Moriarty at 781-356-4842.

Thursday, April 16 - Feast of St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879): The Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette on February 11, 1858 in a cave above the Gave River near Lourdes. Her family lived at the time in a basement of a dilapidated building clearly a sign of their poverty and want. Bernadette suffered from asthma and was known to be virtuous but not bright, in fact, rather a dull student. She died at 35 on April 16, 1879 having received much scrutiny for her claim of apparitions. She was canonized in 1933.

The Pope Speaks: Earth Day Sunday is April 19th. Pope Benedict has stated there is a need to stimulate our consciences on climate change as part of our responsibilities to the environment. The Pope has stated that environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world. We must pledge ourselves to take care of creation. For further elaboration visit www.earthday.net.

Boston Catholic Men's Conference, "In the Footsteps of Christ", at Conte Forum at Boston College, Saturday, **April 18th** 9:00 AM -6:00 PM. Phone 617-977-0916. Register online and see speaker bios at www.@CatholicBoston.com.

Boston Catholic Women's Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", at Conte Forum at Boston College, Sunday, **April 19th**, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Register online and see speaker bios at www.CatholicBoston.com.

"Twelve Angry Jurors", A play with moral implications, will be shown at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Thursday-Saturday, **April 23-24-25**. General admission is \$10.00; students with ID is \$5.00.

Faith Formation

Happy Easter to all our students and their families!

All classes come to an end the week after Easter, April 13, 14, 16. **If you have any questions or concerns**, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481.

Individual Email Boxes for each Director:

Debbie Clancy (**Gr K - 5**): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net

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April Vacation Week: An all-day Pre-K – Grade 8 program is available 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi School for \$50.00 per day or \$200.00 for the week. Arts & crafts, games, local field trips. Bring your own lunch. Forms and more information may be found on the Extended Day Link at www.sfab.org or in the school office (781-848-0842x51).

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!

Braintree Women's Club Annual Fashion Show: April 19 from 12:00-4:00 PM at Lombardo's, Randolph. A complete luncheon will be served with fashions shown from A Touch of Klass. Many gifts and prizes. Tickets are \$35.00 – call Rose at 781-848-0278.

A Full Time Youth Minister to coordinate "Life Teen" is being sought by Sacred Heart Parish in Weymouth. Candidates are invited to contact the pastor, Fr. Daniel J. Riley at 781-337-6333 or fatherdan.riley@comcast.net.

Celebration of 25 & 50 Years of Marriage: A Mass at 11:30 AM will be celebrated by the Cardinal at the Cathedral on Sunday, **June 7**. Any anniversary couple interested in participating, please notify St. Clare Parish House before **May 11**.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19: All are welcome to Immaculate Conception Church, Weymouth, for Reconciliation at 1:00 PM; Mass at 2:00 PM; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM. Call 781-331-5190.

Court St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, invites everyone to hear our Guest Speaker, Fr. Dan O'Connell, from the Catholic TV Network. He is in his third decade of hosting the show "We've Got to Talk". He is enthusiastic and entertaining. Please join us for his presentation on Monday, **April 20** at 7:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Hospice of the South Shore Drop-In Bereavement Support Groups: on the 1st & 3rd Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM, and the 2nd & 4th Mondays from noon-1:30 PM at the South Shore Hospital Homecare Division at 100 Baystate Drive, Braintree. These are informal drop-in groups for folks who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please call Maureen at 781-843-0947 with any questions.