

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, 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

WEDNESDAY, April 22

9:00 AM Vincent Carolan.....11th Anniv

SATURDAY, April 25

4:00 PM Henry McFarland 2nd Anniv

SUNDAY, April 26

10:00 AM Catherine & Patrick Hamrock.....Memorial

Catherine & Francis Cavanaugh.....Memorial

11:30 AM James Sweeney 2nd Anniv

BANNS of MARRIAGE

I Paul M. Vilela.....Sarah Walsh

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

Holy Land	\$1,171
Easter Sunday.....	\$10,373

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$33,398 from 144 households, reaching 47% of our parish goal of \$70,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our Parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms at the Church doors to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

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

Clothing Drive to Benefit St. Francis House: We will be holding our annual **Mens Clothing Drive** beginning in May, so start putting aside some items as you change over your closets from winter to spring! St. Clare Parish has supported this worthy charity for many years. Gently used and laundered items needed include the following: spring jackets, jeans, short sleeve shirts, shoes, shorts, hooded sweatshirts, new underwear, t-shirts and crew socks, bookbags and backpacks.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **April 25 & 26**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Additional names of those remembered by the Easter flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dorgan.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is **this Sunday, April 19**, at 4:00 PM in the Parish House Conference Room. Agenda items will include highlights of upcoming events.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited during Holy Hour this Monday, **April 20**, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Our Next Children's Liturgy will be on **Sunday, May 3** 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.

Rosary for Mary on Sunday, **May 3** directly after the 10:00 AM Mass in St. Clare's Prayer Garden led 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.

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!

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.

Liturgical Roles
April 18 & 19

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	T. English
8:30 AM.....	M. Walsh
10:00 AM.....	M. Dalton
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	R. McDonough, T. Kane, A. Moran, M. Smith
8:30 AM.....	I. Supple, P. Fillion, D. & M. Picewick
10:00 AM.....	J. & A. Sheehan, Deacon Mike & Claire
11:30 AM.....	M. Rochon, J. Donovan, I. Barone, P. Manter

Liturgy & Life

Monday, April 21st is Patriot's Day and will be commemorated by the 113th running of the Boston Marathon. As we spiritually commemorate the Easter season as well, we might learn from the historic event of the Boston Marathon. Indeed, it is a journey of 26 miles that involves preparation, good health, and exercise. The spiritual journey of faith involves many of these ingredients as well. As 2Tim4:6-8 reminds us "I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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.

Saturday, April 25 - The Feast of St. Mark: Author of the oldest and shortest of the Gospels, Mark stresses rejection of the Lord by humanity while yet being a successful envoy of God. Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called upon to do, namely, announce the Good News of Jesus. Mark's way was by writing. What is yours?

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.

St. Clare Coffee House: Are you looking for positive message music? Sunday, **April 26**, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Contemporary Christian music from CD's, refreshments, good company. Free! Call Brain Manning for more information at 781-380-8709.

The Pope Speaks: On Palm Sunday the Pope stated that sacrifice was the key to living the Christian life. The Pope was commenting on Jesus' words, "whoever loses his life for my sake will save it". Amplifying on the theme, the Pope elaborated stating that anyone who lives only for himself/herself will find life to be boring and empty. For love is a universal vision that looks outward, not just inward. He concluded that no successful life is without sacrifice.

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!

"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

There will be First Communion practice on Monday, **April 27** for all children receiving the sacrament on **May 2** from 3:15-4:45 PM. Practice for the **May 9** Communicants will be on Monday, **May 4** from 3:15-4:45 PM. Both First Communions will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. Children are to meet with their teacher in the Parish Hall by 10:30 AM on their First Communion Day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481.

Individual Email Boxes for each Director:

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Save these dates for St. Clare's Vacation Bible Camp, "Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!" The camp will be held the week of **August 24-28**, 2009 for children ages 5-9. Camp hours: 9:00-11:45 AM, Monday thru Friday. Cost: \$50 per child. Pick up your registration form at the Faith Formation Office or at the Parish House.

Come help us "Rock the Dock"! Come be part of the magic. Witness Jesus' miraculous power as He fills the hearts and minds of our parish's youth this summer. He is calling you to use the gifts that have been given to you. Any adults or responsible children 12+ interested in helping at this year's VBS, please contact Nancy Corrieri at 781- 849-8698 or Karen McBride at 781- 961-3460.

The BoSox Club, the official booster club of the Boston Red Sox, is offering its annual summer camp essay contest. Boys ages 9 to 16 may enter to win attendance at the Jason Varitek and Dustin Pedroia Summer Baseball Camp presented by RBI Academy, which includes five days of top-level instruction on the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding, throwing, catching, and base-running. Campers will also participate in daily games and instructional drills, and receive a team photograph with the Sox players, and much more. The camp runs July 26 to 31 at Stonehill College in North Easton. Girls in grades 5 through 12 are eligible to win four days of top-level instruction at the Skills and Drills Softball Camp at Wheaton College July 5 to 9. Grouped by skill level, the girls will receive pitching instruction, field experience at their positions, and personal evaluations. To enter, applicants should send a short essay (no more than 100 words) explaining why they would like to attend the camps, including their name, address, telephone number, date of birth, grade and e-mail address. The essays may be sent by way of e-mail to camp@bosoxclub.com or mailed to BoSox Club Essay Camp Contest, 4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA 02215. **The deadline is June 8.** For information, visit www.bosoxclub.com

Annual Spring Benefit Concert will be performed by **The Boston Boy Choir** at St. Paul Church, Cambridge, on Friday, **May 8** at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$10, \$20, & \$25, which may be purchased by calling 617-868-8658x314 or on their website at www.bostonboychoir.org.

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