

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 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

TUESDAY, April 28

9:00 AM Charles Johnson.....2nd Anniv

SATURDAY, May 2

4:00 PM Donald P. Higgins & Daniel P. Higgins... Memorial

SUNDAY, May 3

8:30 AM Bernard "Ben" Bishop.....1st Anniv
 10:00 AM Kate McDonough.....2nd Anniv
 11:30 AM Americo & Marie Basile.....Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Eva Cambria.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

II Paul M. Vilela.....Sarah Walsh

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Fr. Foley Leaving St. Clare Parish: Fr. Foley will celebrate his final Mass at St. Clare – completing seven years here – at 10:00 AM on Sunday, **May 3rd**. Bishop Dooher has asked that Fr. Foley assist at St. Ann Parish, Quincy – given the pending loss of two priests there. A brief reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall.

We welcome Grace Frances Cahill as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon her many spiritual blessings throughout her life.

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.

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

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **April 25 & 26**. Thank you for your continued generosity towards the less fortunate.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...
and this is how we live our stewardship
 Offertory (April 18 & 19) \$5,297
Thank you for your ongoing generosity

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$40,818 from 163 households, reaching 58% 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. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

The Parish of St. Clare has completed the third quarter stewardship disbursements for a total of \$7,000. The recipients are: The Braintree Food Pantry, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Cradles to Crayons, Hospice of the South Shore, The Lift Program, Metro Youth Service Center/Gentle Shepard Ministry c/o Rev. Joseph J. Bagetta, Prison Ministry c/o Sr. Maureen Clark SSJ, Rosie's Place, and The Sacred Heart Center Indian Mission. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our parishioners, for without your support, these gifts would not be possible. If there is an additional organization that you feel should be added to our present list, please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Irvine at dirvine@beld.net or telephone 781-848-6706. You may also contact the Parish Office.

Charter Members of St. Clare Parish have been extended formal invitations for an outing to the Pastoral Center. 50 year members will meet at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on Wednesday, **May 13th**, at 11:45 AM for Mass at 12:05 in the new chapel, a group picture with Cardinal Sean at 12:40 in the Foyer of the Pastoral Center, Luncheon, to be followed by a guided tour of the Pastoral Center. We hope as many as possible of the 75 Charter members of St. Clare will join us for this festive and spiritually rewarding event.

Please remember to return your reservation slips to the Parish House. If you have any questions, please call Claire Cavanaugh at 781-848-4998. We are looking forward to a beautiful celebration with our valued charter members!

St. Clare Coffee House this Sunday, April 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Liturgical Roles
April 25 & 26

Lectors:
 4:00 PM.....B. Dugan
 8:30 AM.....R. Ford
 10:00 AM.....J. Collier
 11:30 AM.....M. Santos

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, T. English, C. McGaffigan, B. McGee
 8:30 AM.....J. Barrett, B. St. Jean, R. Hyland, T. Mollica
 10:00 AM.....B. Carr, E. Ramirez, J. Collier, M. DeSantis
 11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, J. Donovan, R. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Life

We are grateful to Kathy Clancy and “a cast of thousands” who contributed their singing talents and enthusiasm to a memorable night of song and merriment for the Parish Musical Jubilee Jamboree on Saturday, April 18th. We likewise thank all those who attended and gave their support to one of the highlights of the Parish Jubilee.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

A Necessary Expenditure: The five entrances to Church need to be repointed, refinished, and weatherized. This work went out to bid and the winning proposal was awarded to Forum Masonry Construction, Inc., Bridgewater, MA. Their work will include the Church entrances, the Parish House entrance and needed repairs to the devotional walkway. Masonry repairs to the Church building in three different areas will also be repaired.

Wednesday, April 29 - Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

(1347-1380): St. Catherine learned that her goal of surrender to God is one that can be learned through a lifetime. She was given a room of her own by her father for prayer and meditation. She ranks high among the spiritual writers and mystics of her day. She wrote “merit consists in the virtue of love along”.

The Pope Speaks: On April 17th the Pope offered St. Francis as a model of conversion for modern times. The Pope, often described as deeply intellectual, is contrasted with his appreciation for Francis and his commitment to the poor. In his forthcoming encyclical on social justice it is to be expected that the Pope will draw heavily from the inspiration of the life of St. Francis.

Parish Pastoral Council Highlights

Faith Formation in preparing for 78 First Communions. We hope that the first communicants take part in the Sunday, May 3rd Rosary procession after the 10:00 AM Mass. The Fourth Grade class of Kristen Burchill and Leslie Flanagan made rosaries for all the First Communicants which was an impressive outreach in service and faith. There will be great music for the First Communion celebrations. The Middle Grades had a great year including a Respect Life Program and the celebration of Penance at their concluding class. The Confirmation Program has proceeded well with a strong emphasis on service and relating faith to the headlines of world events. Service programs focused on Parish programs as well as programs outside the Parish including Cradles to Crayons, Fr. Bill's, and the Catholic Daughters supper. 80% of the service projects for Confirmation are presently completed. The three coordinators of the Faith Formation program have worked well together and look forward to planning and preparing for next year. There is scheduled an Appreciation Breakfast for all our teachers for Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 noon. Deacon Mike reported on two events. The first being a town-wide Braintree celebration commemorating the World Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7th, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Braintree Town Hall. Secondly, Deacon Mike reported that the Marriage Preparation Program would be held at St. Clare the first two weeks in November. This would resolve the issue that forced postponement of the program this past winter in January. Deacon Mike will be attending a pilot program June 13/14 at the Pastoral Center. The Church may be looking to regionalize marriage preparation in the future.

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.

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Register Now 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 McBrine at 781- 961-3460.

Overnight Maine Trip 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.

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.

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!

Irish Pastoral Centre Annual Banquet: Friday, **May 8**, at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner & dancing following. Music by DEVRI. A Performance by the Brady Academy of Irish Dance. Tickets \$100. Please call 617-479-7404.

Project Bread's Annual Walk for Hunger: Sunday, **May 3**, starting on the Boston Commons 7:00-9:00 AM. Every volunteer hour counts to help our neighbors in need. Register, donate and learn more at www.projectbread.org/walk.

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