

# 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

Email: FrPaul1@verizon.net

### Senior Priest In Residence

Rev. Thomas C. Foley

### Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

### Faith Formation Office

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### Business Office

Email: stclaret@verizon.net

### Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Monday 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church.

### Music Director:

Kathy Clancy 849-9219

### Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Ann Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

E-mail: FaithFormation4628@verizon.net

Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

E-mail: FaithFormation4910@verizon.net

### 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

### Respect For Life:

Kathleen Kenneally 849-6175

### 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.

**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:

**SATURDAY, April 4**

4:00 PM Pope John Paul II .....4th Anniv

**SUNDAY, April 5**

8:30 AM John Gardner & Grace Gardner.....Memorial

11:30 AM Ellen McIntosh.....12<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**WEDNESDAY, April 8**

9:00 AM Theresa & John Donovan.....Memorial

Ellen C. Colman.....Memorial

**SUNDAY, April 12**

8:30 AM Robert Barrett.....5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

11:30 AM Jack & Marie O'Neill.....Anniv

**Please remember in your prayers** the souls of **Joan F. Murrin, Rose M. Hall, and Otto Legg.**

**Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ** – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

**Books Wanted:** A receptacle can be found on our property so that you can feel free to donate books, paperbacks, DVD's, and tapes for distribution to the poor. No magazines or encyclopedias please. Many thanks for your contributions and donations.

**Fr. Bill's Place** will be visited on Tuesday, **April 7**. If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them in the kitchen area in the Church Parish Hall by noontime of that day. Thank you.

**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.

**Pine Street Inn:** Thursday, **April 9**, is the date of our monthly visit to serve our friends a hot meal. **Desserts are always needed and appreciated**, which you may leave in the kitchen area before noon that day.

**The Sacred Triduum**

**9:00 AM: Holy Thursday, April 9:**

Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi

**7:30 PM: Holy Thursday, April 9:**

Evening Mass of the Last Supper

**9:00 AM: Good Friday, April 10:**

Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi

**12:00 Noon: Good Friday, April 10:** Stations of the Cross

**3:00 PM: Good Friday April 10:**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**9:00 AM: Holy Saturday, April 11:**

Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi

**7:30 PM: Saturday, April 11:** The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday Masses**

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM

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**On Good Friday**, the offertory collection will be taken for the Holy Land, which supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

**The Easter Collection** supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

**2009 Catholic Appeal:** Cardinal Sean wishes to thank everyone from St. Clare Parish who has participated in the 2009 Catholic Appeal. **Our Parish has raised \$28,500 from 112 households, reaching 40% of our Parish goal of \$70,500.** For more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Your rice bowls may be returned to the Church or the Faith Formation Office before Easter Sunday.

**Our Next Children's Liturgy** will be on **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.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Lectors:**

**April 4 & 5**

4:00 PM..... T. English – G. Cahill

8:30 AM..... R. Ford – B. McGrath

10:00 AM.....M. O'Donnell – R. Moran

11:30 AM..... J. McCarthy - R. Burke

**April 9 – Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM.....R. Ford – G. Cahill

**April 10 – Good Friday**

3:00 PM..... B. McGrath – R. Murphy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**April 4 & 5**

4:00 PM.....R. McDonough, T. Kane, D. Hoffman, J. Dente

8:30 AM.....J. & F. Buonopane, R. Hyland, T. Mollica

10:00 AM.....J. Collier, B. Little, A. Moran, E. Ramirez

11:30 AM.....B. & M. Bohannon, I. Barone, P. Manter

**April 9 – Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM.....Deacon Mike, T. English, P. Fillion, B. St. Jean

### Liturgy & Life

We are very grateful for all who participated in this year's Parish Lenten Mission especially parish members from the three Parishes, St. Clare, St. Thomas More and St. Francis Xavier. We are likewise most grateful to Dave Dumaine who conducted the Parish Mission, as well as led two retreat gatherings for Grade 2. What a great way to head into Holy Week!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

### A Meditation for Holy Week

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 stories 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.

**Wednesday, April 8 - Feast of St. Julie Billiart (1751-1816):** Confined to bed at the tender age of 30 Julie had literally throngs of people approach her bedside for counseling and wisdom. She helped found the Institute of Notre Dame who was dedicated to help the poor which formed the Sisters of Notre Dame. Julie recovered from illness after 22 years. She was canonized in 1969.

**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.

**The Pope Speaks:** In Luanda, Angola, the Pope strongly defended women's rights and praised the many "silent heroines" of Africa who are holding families and society together. African woman often suffer from the oppressive expectations of men. "History records almost exclusively the accomplishments of men, when in fact much of it is due to the determined, unrelenting, and charitable action of women. It is almost always women who preserve human dignity, defend the family, and protect cultural and religious values. Lack of respect for woman forms no part of God's plan. Men and women, after all, are called together to work for the common good." Strong words for an important and sensitive issue in Africa and throughout the world.

**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.

**Women's Retreat: April 24-26** at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, by Sandra DeRome, Obl. S.B. Suggested donation is \$160.00. Please call the Retreat Office at 781-749-2155.

### Faith Formation

**Congratulations to the following winners in the Faith Formation Easter Contest:** Kindergarten – **John Doherty**; Grade 2 – **Ben McDonough**; Grade 3 – **Sara Moran**; Grade 4 – **Emily Barrett**; Grade 5 – **Colin Feeney**. There were so many great entries, it was very hard to choose a winner in each grade level. Thank you to all who entered. Good work!

**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

Ann Marie Tranfaglia (**Gr 6-8**): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net

Mike Panciotti (**Gr 9 & 10**): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

**Family Trivia Coming Soon 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. So plan to come and have some fun. Prizes will be awarded to the sharpest teams!

**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](http://www.sfab.org) or in the school office (781-848-0842x51).

**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](mailto:fatherdan.riley@comcast.net).

### Information for Internet Users

**Our Parish Web Site: [StClareBraintree.org](http://StClareBraintree.org)**, is worth a visit. From this website one can review recent bulletins, register in the Parish, and take a daily retreat. Please utilize the new technology in helping to bring your Parish into the home.

**Archdiocese of Boston renewed web site** is [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org). It is exceptional and should pave the way for spreading God's word in imaginative and innovative ways. **Marriage Internet Resources** include the following sites: you may visit: [www.lovelanguages.com](http://www.lovelanguages.com), [www.marriagealive.com](http://www.marriagealive.com), and [www.thethirdoption.com](http://www.thethirdoption.com).

**[www.CatholicMom.com](http://www.CatholicMom.com)** is a web site founded by Lisa Hende, mother of two teenagers from Fresno, CA. The site offers many helpful resources for parents. It was founded in late 1999 in response to Pope John Paul II's call to live out the faith. The site also includes downloadable religious education materials geared to a variety of feast days, sacraments, or Bible events.

**The Vatican's YouTube video news channel** features news clips of Pope Benedict and major Vatican events. On January 23rd, the channel [www.youtube.com/vatican](http://www.youtube.com/vatican) was unveiled.

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