

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

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:00 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:

Kathy Clancy 849-9219

Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

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Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

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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:

- SATURDAY, August 8**
4:00 PM David P. Ryan.....2nd Anniv
- SUNDAY, August 9**
10:00 AM Seymour Petrillo.....3rd Anniv
- WEDNESDAY, August 12**
9:00 AM Norma Pagel.....Birthday Memorial
- THURSDAY, August 13**
9:00 AM Noreen Aborn.....Anniv
- SATURDAY, August 15**
4:00 PM John & Esther CollinsMemorial
- SUNDAY, August 16**
10:00 AM Edward J. Supple.....4th Anniv

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Summer Mass Schedule: Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. There will be no 11:30 AM Mass through and including September 6th. Baptisms scheduled for August will be at 12:00 Noon.

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.

Summer Mass Schedules for Traveling Catholics can be found at www.masstimes.org or by calling 1-410-676-6000.

Church Bulletins, including St. Clare's, printed by Liturgical Publications may be seen by visiting www.seekandfind.com. Click on the state and town for different parishes. It's interesting to see what's going on in other parishes!

The World Apostolate of Fatima: The spiritual director is Fr. Edward Riley, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Holbrook. A recent letter urged that we attempt to find a representative from St. Clare Parish to this esteemed organization. If that has appeal to you, please notify us readily as possible.

Summer Bulletins: We enjoy receiving bulletins from your summer travels and hearing about impressions of liturgy celebrated at other Churches. We learn a lot from such accounts. Please bring back a bulletin from your vacation spots.

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, **August 13**, is the date of our monthly visit to serve our friends a hot meal. **Desserts are always needed and appreciated**, which you may leave at the Parish House before noon of that day.

Please remember the Parish of St. Clare when you are planning your estate.

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The Second Collection taken this weekend of **August 8 & 9** will be for the **Catholic Relief Services**, which supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. Please be as generous as your means allows.

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has raised **\$64,878** reaching **92%** of our parish goal of \$70,500 through 240 donors. **We only need \$5,622 to reach our goal!** Please 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. We accomplished our goal last year, and we will be able to do it again if everyone helps out. Every gift matters! Thank you!

Christian Initiation of Adults: Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or is Catholic but may not have received 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation? If so, please speak with Fr. Paul or Deacon Mike. Continue to watch the bulletin for more information on beginning/continuing this journey of faith.

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:

Altar Breads & 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

Landscape Update: We are thankful to D & B Tree Service, Quincy, who performed extensive pruning of the trees on our parish property. They reminded us of the Biblical notion of pruning the vine, Jn. 15:2. Our grounds are extensive in size and scope as pruning was done on the huge linden tree, the single birch adjacent to the Church, 4 kousa dogwoods, Bradford pear trees and weeping cherries. Junipers and white pine and stumps were totally removed. We are grateful for this new look and the expertise with which this job was executed.

Liturgical Roles
August 8 & 9

Lectors:
 4:00 PM.....B. Dugan
 8:30 AM.....R. Ford
 10:00 AM.....E. O'Donnell

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4:00 PM..... M. Cahill, T. English, M. Ryan, T. Kane
 8:30 AM..... D. & M. Picewick, Deacon Mike & Claire
 10:00 AM..... A. Moran, M. Rochon, J. & A. Sheehan

Liturgy & Life

The Spontaneous Healing of Belief by Gregg Braden is thoughtful and insightful comparing the work of faith to that of a computer. This is not as farfetched as it might sound. All programs have a begin, work and complete command. It is in this template that our prayer begins to empower our lives, as well as the universe itself. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Tuesday, August 11th - Feast of St. Clare: St. Clare's life was marked by decisiveness and discipline in following the ways of Christ. She was inspired by the preaching of St. Francis. She refused to consider marriage and soon became a religious of the Poor Clare's which lasted for 41 years. Outstanding in her life was commitment to serve the needs of the poor. She focused on the Eucharist as a means of warding attack from the Saracens. She moderated the discipline of the Poor Clare's in the face of those who stated, "Our bodies are not made of brass". She suffered serious illness for 27 years of her life. There is much to emulate in her life, that's for sure, especially for those who belong to the Parish named St. Clare!

St. Clare's Parish Staff: In the Jubilee year, as we prepare for another fiscal year, during the less rushed pace of summer, we remain diligent in preparing for events for the coming Parish year. The highlight, to date, has been the celebration of the Parish Jubilee. This gives me opportunity to give thanks and appreciation to members of the Parish staff. Deacon Mike has been conscientious about his responsibilities as our Parish deacon especially in regard to sick parishioners by his visits and pastoral prayer. His wife, Claire, is complementary to Mike in his diaconal service to the Parish. Claire is the Parish bereavement coordinator meeting with bereaved families coordinating the funeral service. Kathy Clancy is our Parish Music Director and has contributed greatly to the parish Jubilee celebration including the coordination of a musical Jubilee Jamboree. Her coordination of the Choir and the Song Leaders is exceptional. Debbie Clancy, Anne Marie Tranfaglia, and Mike Panciotti work very well together as co-coordinators of the Faith Formation Program, which services nearly 700 youth from our Parish. Theirs is a yearlong job which they do with creativity and enthusiasm. Karen McBrine oversees a Family and Tot program from September to May which appeals to a large number of parents. Her program has an excellent reputation and is especially diversified so as to appeal to the widest audience possible. Where would we be without Betty Higgins who is starting nearly 20 years as a fixture to the Parish House? We depend upon Betty for shopping, for laundry, for cleaning, and above all for nutritious meals. Mary Beth Moriarty works diligently to plan many social opportunities for travel, enjoyment, and fun. John Walsh spends a great deal of time making sure the Church looks sparkingly both inside and out. With all the rain in the past two months, brown grass is nowhere to be found. The grounds are exquisite in their appearance. Dianne Cullinane gives a special polish and shine to the Parish House and upper Church. Things are so clean when Diane finishes her work. Our business manager, Sandy Sisk, oversees a tremendous amount of detail in many areas of Parish life, hardly limited to her specific role. For attention to detail with such expertise the Parish is most indebted. The caliber, character, and quality of those who comprise the Parish staff of St. Clare comprise a clear and obvious reason for why the Parish is so appealing to so many so often.

Faith Formation

All registrations should have been returned by now. Students are being assigned to classes with the teachers who have presently volunteered. If you did not receive a registration packet, if you are new to our Parish, or if you have a Kindergarten or 1st Grade child as of this September, please call our Office and leave your name and address, and we will be happy to mail a registration form to you. **All classes begin the week of September 14, with the exception of Kindergarten, which begins on Tuesday, September 22.**

We would be most grateful to hear from anyone who would consider helping us by teaching one one-hour class a week, or by team teaching every other week with a friend or relative. At this time, we need teachers in every grade, afternoons and evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in and share your faith. Our teacher manuals are very easy to follow and one of us would be more than happy to meet with you and explain what teaching involves and how to use the manual. Why not give it a try? You have nothing to lose, but plenty to gain!

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to meet with one of the directors, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481, since the Church building is locked after Mass.

Individual Email Boxes for each Director:

Debbie Clancy (Gr K - 5): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net
 Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net
 Mike Panciotti (Gr 9 & 10): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

There are only a few weeks left before Vacation Bible Camp begins - Register NOW for "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 are 9:00-11:45 AM, Monday thru Friday. The cost is \$50 per child. **The number of "campers" is limited, so send in your form or call now!**

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 Mc Brine at 781- 961-3460.

The Pope Speaks: Pope Benedict confirmed his intention to visit the Shroud of Turin when it goes on public display in Turin's Cathedral, April 10th-May 23rd, 2010. According to tradition, the 14'x4' linen cloth is the burial shroud of Jesus. The shroud has a full length negative photonegative image of a man whose wounds represent the crucified Lord. Recent studies have confirmed words on the shroud written in Aramaic and Hebrew. Those letters are thought to have been written more than 1800 years ago. The letters are thought to be portions of the inscription, "King of the Jews". Further investigation leads to a theory of the discovery of the word "found", from "we found this man misleading the people".

LIFT, Catholic worship for a new generation, held at Fontbonne Academy on Tuesday, **August 11,** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM will feature Chris Faddis as the monthly guest speaker. Come join in vibrant praise and worship through dynamic music and Eucharistic Adoration. Find more information at www.liftedhigheer.com.

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