

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

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

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 15**
 4:00 PM John & Esther Collins Memorial
- SUNDAY, August 16**
 10:00 AM Edward J. Supple.....4th Anniv
- WEDNESDAY, August 19**
 9:00 AM Rita Price.....1st Anniv
- FRIDAY, August 21**
 9:00 AM Rev. Arthur Ward & Rev. Thomas Casey Memorial
- SATURDAY, August 22**
 9:00 AM Robert F. Rull, Jr. & The Crane Family....Memorial
 4:00 PM Marie Mojkowski..... Birthday Memorial
- SUNDAY, August 23**
 8:30 AM Frank, Lillian & John Mezzetti.....Anniv
 10:00 AM John F. McCarthy.....39th Anniv
 Katherine D. McCarthy.....4th Anniv
- Please remember in your prayers** the soul of **Virginia C. McMaster.**

Even though we are told that if we seek the Lord, we shall not want, in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” See Ephesians 5:20

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.

We welcome Suzanne Maria Medeiros-Calheta, Jenna Isabel Cadete, Owen Patrick Cadete, and Carina Gail Dadekian as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

Memorial Masses are celebrated in memory of deceased family members and loved ones as well as for special intentions. To arrange a Mass to be celebrated in memory of your deceased family members, loved ones, and/or a special intention please call the Parish House.

Bulletin Entries are to be submitted to the Parish House before 1:00 PM on Mondays. For your convenience, you may email them directly to Debby115@verizon.net.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **August 22 & 23.** Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **John & Esther Collins.**

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Offertory	(August 8 & 9)	\$5,625
Catholic Relief Services		\$1,752
Thank you for your ongoing generosity		

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **August 22 & 23,** for **Catholic Home Missions.** This Appeal helps strengthen Catholic communities in mission dioceses by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm.

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!

Plan Ahead

- Red Cross Blood Drive for Braintree:** Sunday, **September 20th** at St. Clare Parish
- Jubilee Charter Member Mass:** Sunday, **September 27th** 10:00 AM Mass
- Jubilee Day of Prayer:** Saturday, **October 10th,** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Devotional Space is dedicated to Military Personnel serving our country: Please bring a picture of family military personnel along with their military address as well as your own, and leave it at the Parish house so that we might display it properly in the Devotional Space.

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.

Liturgical Roles August 15 & 16	
Lectors:	
4:00 PM.....	C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	B. Gawron
10:00 AM.....	J. Collier
Eucharistic Ministers:	
4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, T. English, J. Dente
8:30 AM.....	J. Barrett, R. Ford, P. Fillion, C. Vitagliano
10:00 AM.....	M. Rochon, I. Barone, J. Donovan, E. Ramirez

Liturgy & Life

“Staying Positive in Negative Territory”, 8/6/09, USA TODAY, reflected on the importance of being positive during economically challenging conditions. The insights of the article pour over into other arenas of life as well. Financial well being, while important, is secondary to relationships and family. The article stated that hope brings a special kind of happiness because hopeful people are sustained by the belief that there are always options. For more on this, visit www.sohp.com, the website for the secret society of happy people, begun in '98, with over 7000 members. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Thursday, August 20th - Feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux: Many accolades today are given to the Golfer of the Century, the Entertainer of the Century, the President of the Century. These honorific titles are so numerous that they have begun to lose their meaning. But think back to the time of St. Bernard and know that he truly was the man of the 12th century. Think of these roles that he assumed and you will begin to appreciate his significance: advisor to the Popes, preacher of the second crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic order, scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher. All of this combined with hours of prayer and contemplation. An active saint for any century!

Good Catholic Literature: Why not be well informed with meaningful articles on current events? Subscribe to the Catholic Weekly, “America”, 1-800-627-9533. Excellent articles, book and movie reviews, editorials, and a reflection on the Sunday readings are among its many highlights.

South Shore Blood Drive: Monday, August 17, from 1:00 – 7:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 875 Washington Street, Braintree. All presenting donors in the month of August will receive a coupon for a free carton of Friendly’s ice cream. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org to make an appointment.

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.

TV Viewing: A modern parable that makes you think and maybe, even act! A tale with a story book ending: Steve Hartman hosted CBS’, Assignment America, Friday, August 8th, telling the memorable and touching story of meeting and happenstance on Boston Common. Peter, a well heeled Boston Attorney became friends with Peter, a homeless man, meeting each other each morning on Boston Common. As a result, Peter has formed a highly successful Book Club for the Homeless which meets each week to help satisfy the intellectual hunger of the homeless. Those who attend are very appreciative. When you consider the results of these two people getting to know each other it does make you wonder and ask, “What might I do for the stranger in my life?”

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

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

"Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!" The camp will be held next 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. **A few openings remain so call now!** Nancy Corrieri at 781- 849-8698 or Karen Mc Brine at 781- 961-3460.

Fall Semester Gerontology Classes at UMass Boston: applications are being accepted now for daytime, evening and online classes beginning **September 7**. For more information and an application, contact Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 or by email at mary.stjean@umb.edu.

Crafters Wanted: St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School will be sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday, **October 24**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Church Hall. Table space can be leased for \$50 (\$5 fee for access to electricity). To reserve your space please call Susan at 781-986-4353.

Passion Play – Oberammergau, Germany: Plan now for “An Austrian Delight” – **July 15-23, 2010**. Highlights: Innsbrook, Austrian Alps, Bavaria, Saltsberg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter’s Restaurant, Munich, Oberammergau, and the Passion Play. 9 days – 12 meals included in the price with air fare, hotel transfers, round trip air from Logan Airport. Price for a double is \$3,899 – single is \$4,299. For information or reservations please contact Marge Varraso at 781-843-8817.

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. Please call Maureen at 781-843-0947 with any questions.

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