

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

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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 22

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

SATURDAY, August 29

4:00 PM Frank Hart..... 1st Anniv

SUNDAY, August 30

10:00 AM Stella Ruffini & Emidio Ruffini.....Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Charles T. Sullivan** and **Constance T. Johnson**.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

I Barrett W. Costello.....Christine M. Fasoli

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts. See Joshua 24:18

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.

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

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.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **August 22 & 23**. Thank you for your continued generosity towards the less fortunate.

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.

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

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **John J. Feeley, Jr.** and **John J. Feeley, III**.

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and this is how we live our stewardship		
Offertory	(August 15 & 16)	\$5,294
Assumption		\$460
Thank you for your ongoing generosity		

The Second Collection taken this weekend of **August 22 & 23**, is for **Catholic Home Missions**. Please be as generous as possible.

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **August 29 & 30**, for our **Jubilee Celebration Fund**.

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the **2009 Catholic Appeal**. Our Parish has now raised \$65,038 reaching **92%** of our parish goal of \$70,500. We only need \$5,462 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!

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.

Catholic Cluster Blood Drive - Sunday, September 20 at St. Clare Parish Hall, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Think about it! An adult body contains 10-12 pints of blood. A donor, eligible at 17 years of age or older, will replace the unit he or she gives within 24 hours. We need you for a successful 2009 Braintree Catholic Cluster Blood Drive. Sunday morning hours have been set for the convenience of people who wish to donate after Mass at their respective parishes. Call 1-800-448-3543 (1-800 GIVE-LIFE) for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

<u>Liturgical Roles</u>	
<u>August 22 & 23</u>	
<u>Lectors:</u>	
4:00 PM.....	G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....	C. Cavanaugh
10:00 AM.....	M. Santos
<u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u>	
4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, T. English, J. Dente, M. Ryan
8:30 AM.....	Deacon Mike, B. Welch, J. & F. Buonopane
10:00 AM.....	J. & A. Sheehan, B. Little, A. Moran

Liturgy & Literature

USA Today article, "We believe in evolution and God" 8/10/09: The scientists-authors believe that God creates through evolution which is a satisfying claim uniting faith and science. They have launched a website, www.biologos.org, to help spread the good news. The authors contend that what we learn from science cannot threaten our belief in God as the creator. The article concludes, 'if God created the universe in a Big Bang 15 billion years ago, guided its development with elegant mathematical law as so that eventually there would be big brained mammals exploring things such as beauty, morality, and truth, then let us celebrate that idea, not reject it.'

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Bowling: St. Clare's Holy Name bowling league has openings for this year's bowling season on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM at the Union St. Bowling Alleys (formerly Wright Bros.). Please call Bob Giggie at 781 843 4429 or Ed Tausevich at 781 843 1062.

Mark-A-Lot, Inc.: We are grateful to Fred Foley and Mark- A-Lot for the fresh paint for our parking lot pavement markings, which help all parish members to park in an orderly fashion. The freshly painted lines help for orderly inflow and outflow of vehicles which enhances the safety of all worshippers and visitors to St. Clare.

New Photographs were presented to the Parish by Claire Glynn reflecting the recent pruning of our trees and shrubs. An earlier Spring stage demonstrates our foliage in "full bloom". The pictures are displayed in the Dining Room of the Parish House. They are exquisite photos of our beautiful property and grounds.

Friday, August 28th - Feast of St. Augustine (354-430): A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a Bishop at 41, a sinner turned saint. To get to know the man is a rewarding experience. He moved from a love of life to a life of love. If there is a critique of his life it would evolve around a fundamental rigorism. His most famous quote is "too late have I loved thee". Could this quote apply to our own life as well? There is still time to avoid its application to our life. May the insight of Augustine touch and penetrate our heart, our mind and our spirit so that it may never be said of us, "Too late have we loved thee".

Focus on Eucharist: As our weekly readings have recently focused our attention on the celebration of Eucharist, it is important to feel welcome and invited to engage ourselves in the many roles and responsibilities which good liturgy implies. Therefore, please feel welcome to join in the following capacity:

Lector, Reader of God's Word _____
 Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist _____
 Art & Environment _____ Usher _____
 Altar Server _____ Choir Member _____
 Offertory Collection Counter _____

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TELEPHONE # () _____

Please return as soon as possible ~ Thank you!

Faith Formation

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.

Individual Email 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

A High School Fair for 8th Graders will be hosted by Archbishop Williams High School on Sunday, **September 20**, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the school gymnasium. There will be a gathering of many different schools – both Catholic and private. For additional information please call 781-843-3636.

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.

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.

A Mass & Healing Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stoughton, on Thursday, **September 10**, at 7:00 PM with Fr. Joseph McDermott. Those with physical illness as well as those suffering emotionally, mentally, spiritually, psychologically, or financially are invited to come and pray for your own needs or the needs of others.

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
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