

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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Michael J. Cavanaugh

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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

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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 29

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

SUNDAY, August 30

8:30 AM Ario DiBona.....1st Anniv

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

WEDNESDAY, September 2

9:00 AM Sanctuary Fund

SATURDAY, September 5

4:00 PM Mother Theresa..... 12th Anniv

SUNDAY, September 6

8:30 AM Eric Frye.....Memorial

10:00 AM Paul Fagan.....16th Anniv

BANNS of MARRIAGE

II Barrett W. Costello.....Christine M. Fasoli

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us; true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith! See James 1:17

Summer Mass Schedule: Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM up through September 6th. **The 11:30 AM Mass will resume on September 13th.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **September 1**, at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. Anyone who'd like to join us is welcome!

Memorial Opportunity: We are very much interested in upgrading the Parish Hall furniture in this Jubilee year. We have examined new tables at St. Agatha's Pastoral Center in their newly renovated lower Church and have found them very much to our liking. They are distributed through WB Mason, Office Supplies, Furniture, and Printing which offers the Church of Boston substantial discounts. The tables are varista tables with versa shape meaning they can be round, rectangular or oval configurations. They are tile-topped eliminating the need for table cloths and thereby increasing their usefulness for the multi purposes of usage in the Parish Hall. If you would be willing to purchase in memory of a deceased loved one(s) a table or two, please notify the Parish Business Manager, Sandy Sisk at your earliest convenience.

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

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Offertory	(August 22 & 23)	\$4,686
Catholic Home Missions		\$1,671

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The Second Collection taken this weekend of **August 29 & 30**, is for our **Jubilee Celebration Fund**. Please be as generous as possible.

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **September 5 & 6**, for **The Catholic University of America** and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

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. We accomplished our goal last year, and we will be able to do it again if everyone helps out. Every gift matters! Thank you!

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.

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.

Catholic Cluster Blood Drive: Sunday, **September 20** at St. Clare Parish Hall from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. **Your blood counts!** One unit of blood can be separated into components which can be used to treat three or four patients. By donating blood at the Braintree Catholic Cluster blood drive you will have affected those people immeasurably. Call 1-800-448-3543 (1-800 GIVE-LIFE) for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, **September 1**. If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them at the **Parish House by noontime of that day**. Thank you.

Liturgical Roles

August 29 & 30

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	T. English
8:30 AM.....	B. McGrath
10:00 AM.....	M. Panciotti

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	J. Dente, M. Ryan, R. McDonough, C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	D. & M. Picewick, C. Vitagliano, P. Fillion
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, J. Collier, M. Smith, M. Rochon

Liturgy & Literature

A thoughtful piece ran USA Today, 8/17/09, "Teach the Bible? Of Course". Public Schools need not proselytize – indeed, must not – in teaching students about the Good Book. Having held a successful beer and nuts summit to defuse the volatile issue of race in public life, President Obama now needs to hold a wine and bread summit to tackle the equally volatile issue of religion in public schools. Biblical literacy is promoted by faithful attendance at Church. Three states have passed laws in recent years, Georgia, Texas, & Tennessee, allowing elective courses that teach the Bible in an objective and non devotional manner with no attempt to indoctrinate students. It is too bad that only three States of fifty have made this possible. But there is a final solution. We can personally study the Bible in Catholic school settings and in our families and homes in "a subjective and devotional manner".

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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.

Monday, August 31st - St. Joseph of Arimathea: Everyone knows the action which Joseph took on learning of the death of Jesus. He approached Pontius Pilate and requested permission to bury Jesus. In so doing, Joseph risked life and limb in seeking permission to show compassion to "the crucified criminal, Jesus Christ". The spirit of Arimathea is clearly a spirit of warmth and service to whomever is in need. What task might you do today that might be described as a reminder of the example of St. Joseph of Arimathea?

The Pope Speaks: Reflecting on the person of Mary, the Pope stated, "What happened to Mary is also valid, though in a different but real way, for every man and woman, because God asks each of us to welcome him, to place at his disposal our hearts and our bodies, the whole of our existence, our flesh – as the Bible says – so that he can dwell in the world." He calls us to unite ourselves with him in the sacrament of the Eucharist, bread broken for the life of the world, to together form the Church, his body in history. When we say "yes" in the spirit of Mary we too will be assumed into the dignity of the one who has assumed our humanity.

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.

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.

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

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 could use a few more teachers in the elementary grades, but we are in most need during the evenings in Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in and share your faith. 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

Catholic Religious Medal Training: A session will be conducted for leaders in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Saturday, **September 12**, 8:30 AM – 12 Noon, Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA. To register, visit www.oymboston.org and receive a letter of recommendation from Fr. Paul as well. This is a great opportunity which should not be missed.

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.

Sheets of All Sizes & 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.

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.

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 _____
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