

**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, January 31**

4:00 PM: Genevieve McDonough.....4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 1**

10:00 AM: Domenec DeSantis.....Birthday Memorial

11:30 AM: Josephine & Zachary Ruffini.....Memorial

**MONDAY, February 2**

9:00 AM: Sanctuary Fund

**WEDNESDAY, February 4**

9:00AM: Special Intention

**SATURDAY, February 7**

4:00 PM: William E. Dean, Jr.....7<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 8**

8:30 AM: Carmella Marino.....Memorial

10:00 AM: Nellie & Michael Naughton.....Memorial

11:30 AM: Vincent & Ronald Saccone.....Anniv

**Please remember in your prayers the soul of William Baker.**

**Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born** and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

**Blessing of the Throats: Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Feast of St. Blasé.** In anticipation of that feast we will bless throats after each Mass this weekend. We encourage all in attendance to receive this traditional spiritual blessing.

**We welcome Ryan Jameson Gray** as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon him many spiritual blessings throughout his life.

**The ARISE Together in Christ Program** is being conducted throughout the Church of Boston and is being hosted in the Braintree Collaborative by St. Francis of Assisi. The next segment, "Change Our Hearts", will be presented during Lent. Those who wish to participate have been invited to do so by Linda Muldoon, Pastoral Associate at SFA. To register, call Linda at 781-843-1332.

**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.

**Fr. Bill's Place** will be visited on Tuesday, **February 3**. 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.

**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.

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

**and this is how we live our stewardship**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>(January 24 &amp; 25)</b>	<b>\$6,873</b>
<b>Church in Latin America</b>		<b>\$1,972</b>

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

**A Second Collection** will be taken next weekend, **February 7 & 8**, for the Holy Father – **Peter's Pence**, which provides emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ppc](http://www.usccb.org/ppc). Please be as generous as your means allows.

**The Pilot** has been sending free papers to our Parish each week for your enjoyment. Unfortunately, the delivery of these free papers will be coming to an end in the next few weeks. We will be holding a subscription drive next week for new subscriptions to The Pilot. Please be sure to take a copy of The Pilot as you leave Church today.

**Parish Finances:** This winter has brought three snow storms which have greatly reduced the number of worshippers New Year's Day, and on two Sundays, January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please know that diminished attendance corresponds to diminished finances. If you use envelopes, please try to remit the envelopes for these Sundays. If you do not use envelopes we would appreciate an extra donation to help us meet our Parish budgetary goals.

**Friends of the Unborn would like to thank** all who gave so generously to the Baby Shower last weekend.

**The Parish Web site, 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.

**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.

**Liturgical Roles**

**January 31 & February 1:**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM: G. Cahill

8:30 AM: R. Ford

10:00 AM: R. Moran

11:30 AM: R. Burke

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

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

10:00 AM: M. DeSantis, B. Little, A. Moran, J. Collier

11:30 AM: J. Donovan, M. Rochon, I. Barone, P. Manter

**Priest Presiders – February 7 & 8**

4:00 PM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

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10:00 AM: Fr. Tom Foley

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### Liturgy & Life

This past weekend I was especially struck with the images of stewardship reflected in Parish life. Time talent, and treasure donated by way of many gifts to the Baby Shower to support Friends of the Unborn. Further donation of treasure to the poor boxes, the parish collection, Latin America, and food for the needy. Sunday afternoon Deacon Mike and Claire led their team in a sharing of their talent and time through the marriage enrichment program. Stewardship lives in St. Clare in an impressive presentation of generosity and care. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Feast of St. Colette - Saturday, February 7 (1381-1447):** Colette did not seek the limelight, but in seeking to do God's will, she certainly drew a lot of attention. She founded the Poor Clare's. She lived on a fixed income and performed a daily fast. The Poor Clare's still exist today. She was canonized in 1807.

**Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice**, a Catholic healthcare provider, serves the members of this parish and sixty-four communities in the greater Boston area. Hospice care is not just for the last days of life. It can enhance the quality of life for many months for patient, caregivers and family. For information, or to make a referral, call 781-769-8282.

**The internet is a wealth of information and resources, which can be very enriching.** Internet sites of value include the following: CatholicGreetings.org, CatholicMovieReviews.org, CatholicSAMPLER.com, FranciscanRadio.org, OnceCatholic.org, PledgePeace.org, and St. Anthony.org.

### Parish Finance Council Highlights

In attendance (1/21/09) were Fr. Paul, Dorothy Irvine, Edward McDonough, Paul McSorley, Robert Murphy, Michael Panciotti, Sandra Sisk and Paul Wasil. The meeting began with a prayer at 7:15 PM. Four topics preoccupied the meeting.

First, the state of the parish budget in contrast to the actual was analyzed. There is some positive news in the midst of an environment of a financial recession. We have surpassed the Parish goal for the Cardinal's Appeal meeting and surpassing the Parish goal of \$70,500. We likewise have surpassed our budgetary goal on the Parish Grand Annual collecting to date \$57,801. Our Parish income is at 63.7% percentage points ahead of goal while parish expense is 53.7% percentage points below our goal.

Secondly, the snow removal expense to date is \$9,088 after six storms and salt applications. This necessitates an emergency snow removal collection which will be scheduled for March 7 & 8 in order to help defray the parish expense related to snow removal.

Thirdly, the Finance Council was informed that 24 letters have been recently mailed to parish families who have not paid their Faith Formation registration amounting to over \$2,700. The Finance Council will monitor the returns.

A fourth topic for thought and consideration was the subject of tithing. It was suggested that the Parish should reinvigorate the tithing spirit in the Parish by designating a weekend speaker at the Masses and the Holy Name meeting. Rating agencies that investigate the percentage of contributions given to charity should and will be explored. It was stated that St. Clare has been a tithing parish since 1986!

The meeting concluded with a prayer at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2009

### Faith Formation

**Attention Grade 2 Parents:** Before you start your First Communion dress or suit search - we have a few dresses, suits, shoes, (in various sizes) and accessories which have been donated to the Faith Formation Program. If you would like to see any of these, they will be on display in the Church Hall on Mondays during the children's class time. Please feel free to take something home to try on for size.

**Snow Cancellation Policy:** If school has been cancelled or dismissed early due to snow - there will be no Faith Formation classes that afternoon or evening. Also, please use your own discretion regarding safe travelling conditions. (FYI: When there is a half day of school for teacher meetings, we DO have faith Formation classes)

**If you have any questions or concerns**, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481.

**Individual Email Boxes for each Director for your convenience:**

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

**The Children's Liturgy is a great success!!** 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 at the 10:00 AM Mass for the upcoming children's liturgies on **February 1, March 1, March 15, and March 29.**

**Bereavement Support Group:** The Irish Pastoral Centre is offering a bereavement support group to those who have suffered the recent loss of a loved one. This support group will provide a safe & comfortable environment where people can express their feelings with volunteer leaders and a professional facilitator. We invite you to avail of this wonderful service to come to the Irish Pastoral Centre, 953 Hancock Street, Quincy on Tuesday, **February 3, February 10<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00- 8:30 PM. Please call 617-479-7404 to pre-register - thank you.

**LIFT** your eyes, your hands, your voice, your soul...Join with sisters and brothers in the faith for an awesome night of worship, dynamic talks, and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, **February 17** from 7:00-9:00 PM at Fontbonne Academy, Milton. The featured speaker will be Cardinal Sean O'Malley. For more information visit Liftedhigher.com. "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens..." (Isaiah 40:26)

**Sabbath Reflections on the Internet:** Father Lou Papes, who preached a parish mission here at St. Clare in March of 2007, has begun posting his weekly homilies on the internet. Simply go to the website [www.sabbathretreats.org](http://www.sabbathretreats.org) and click the link to "Reflections".

**Wanted: Rosary Makers:** Respond to the call of Our Lady. The need for rosaries is great and urgent. Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the U.S., the military, and around the world. Please call Our Lady's Rosary Makers (in Kentucky) at 502-968-1434 or visit their website at [www.olrm.org](http://www.olrm.org). A beginner's kit with instructions costs \$13.50 which makes 50 cord rosaries. Help make a difference in the world.