

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 10

4:00 PM: Patrick Finnegan.....1st Anniv
 Nora McDonough.....7th Anniv

SUNDAY, January 11

10:00 AM: Rita Palmer.....5th Anniv
 11:30 AM: Natalie Rose Burns Foster.....6th Anniv

SATURDAY, January 17

4:00 PM: Arthur Bilodeau.....25th Anniv

SUNDAY, January 18

8:30 AM: James Fitzgerald.....Memorial
 10:00 AM: Jeremiah & Patricia Moriarty.....Memorial
 11:30 AM: James McElvenny.....1st Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Stephen Jolicoeur.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them “to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all.”

Guest Speaker: The Holy Name will welcome **Mike Panciotti** as the guest speaker at their monthly Mass and meeting this Sunday, **January 11th**, after the 8:30 AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Mike will speak on “First Impressions” as Coordinator of Faith Formation Grades 9 & 10.

The Catholic Daughters’ Annual Penny Drive will take place the weekends of **January 17 & 18 and January 24 & 25**. Baskets will be at all the doors at all the Masses. All monies received will purchase cribs, mattresses and supplies to give a newborn a good start in life. Last year, through your generosity we were able to purchase 2 cribs and gave a wonderful baby shower to all the mothers. So, please check your drawers, seat cushions, and cars for those pennies. All will be appreciated!

A Special “Thank You” to the children and adults who sang with joyful hearts at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. This was the best choir ever! Continue to join the choir at the 10:00 AM Mass!

Holy Hour for Life: A Holy Hour for Life will be conducted by Deacon Mike Cavanaugh at St. Clare Parish on Wednesday, **January 21st**, at 7:30 PM. Please know as well that Thursday, January 22nd, the 36th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, has been designated a national day of prayer. Please make every effort to attend the Holy Hour for Life!

The Secular Franciscan Order is making an appeal for new members. This group invites the laity to a deeper commitment to follow the Lord. The order has a large membership and hopes to encourage commitment to the Parish among its members. For further details, call Alice at 781-843-1652.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...
and this is how we live our stewardship

Offertory	(January 3 & 4)	\$6,321
Solemnity of Mary		\$1,228

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

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.

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.

Anyone interested in participating in the St. Clare Parish Musical this April, please contact Kathy at 781-849-9219 with your name and phone number. Children and adults all invited. Families especially encouraged! If you enjoyed this Christmas season of hymns, you’ll really enjoy participating in this Spring musical.

It’s Your Faith Discussion Group: The next and final session of our review of “Walking the Bible, A Journey by Land of the Five Books of Moses” will be on Friday, **January 23, 2009** at 7:00 PM at Estella’s home in Braintree. Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, Walking the Bible describes one man’s epic odyssey -- by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel -- through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mt. Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler’s inspiring journey will forever change your view to some of history’s most storied events. Come and see the PBS Series Part 3 and enjoy a cup of tea and cookies. Please call 781-801-3028 or email este2004@comcast.net for an RSVP and directions to Estella’s home. Bring ideas for our next “It’s Your Faith” discussion topic or book to begin in February.

March for Life -January 22: make your reservations now! A bus will leave Immaculate Conception Parish, Weymouth, on Wednesday, **January 21** at 9:00 PM and return early morning on January 23. Cost: adults - \$35 & students - \$10. Register with Sally Healy at 781-848-3796.

Liturgical Roles

January 10 & 11:

Lectors:
 4:00 PM: T. English
 8:30 AM: B. McGrath
 10:00 AM: E. O’Donnell
 11:30 AM: J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4:00 PM: M. Cahill, J. Dente, D. Hoffman, M. Ryan
 8:30 AM: R. Ford, T. Mollica, M. Henderson, R. Hyland
 10:00 AM: B. & L. Carr, M. DeSantis, E. Ramirez
 11:30 AM: P. Manter, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

Did You Know? The Vatican confirmed that 20 Church workers lost their lives as a result of their commitment to the Church in 2008. Hence, we should memorialize their memory by re-dedicating our own life to a courageous proclamation of the faith. These martyrs to the faith did not hesitate to put their lives at risk for the sake of their faith. We do well to do the same following their heroic example.

Wednesday, January 14 - Feast of Servant of God, John the Gardener (d.1501): As a Franciscan in Salamanca, John became well known for his work in the garden and for his flowers for the altar. He was so loving that he never wanted to take offense with anything. He predicted the day of his death, January 11, 1501. God is surely blessed when, like John, we add a bit of beauty to the world.

Alcoholic Anonymous Twelve Step & Twelve Tradition Meeting will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room **every Friday** from 8:00 to 9:00 PM. This meeting is open to both men and women. For further information call Dave at 617-413-3430.

CHRISM Semester-Long Course on "The Corinthian Correspondence of St. Paul": **Wednesday mornings**, from 10:00 AM to Noon at Holy Family Parish, Duxbury, **beginning January 14** with Celia Sirois as instructor. Pre-registration is not required. However, to register to take the course for MAM credit, contact the Master of Arts in Ministry Program at 617-779-4104. Cost is \$5.00 per session.

Spring Semester Gerontology Classes at UMass Boston: Now accepting applications for its Frank J. Manning Certificate Program. Designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work or volunteer in the aging network, and advocate for elders. Daytime & evening on-campus classes. Now fully available online as well. Spring semester begins the week of **January 26**. For more information or an application contact Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

Dear Friends at St. Clare's,

On behalf of the Braintree Community Food Pantry, I want to thank you for your generous donation. Your commitment to the food pantry is sincerely appreciated. Many thanks to you all for your faithful support; you help us to achieve our mission, making sure no child or adult in Braintree goes to bed hungry. Sincerely, Agnes M. Lynch, Director

The Motorist's Prayer

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and watchful eye.
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.
Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From the evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need;
Nor miss through love of undue speed
The beauty of the world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.
St. Christopher, holy patron of travelers,
Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.

Faith Formation

There will be no Faith Formation classes on Monday, January 19, in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Family Movie Night: Friday, **January 16**, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your own drink and something to sit upon. A snack will be provided. Don't miss the opportunity to partake in a FREE family evening of entertainment!

House & Office Cleaning: Dependable and thorough; eager for work. Reference: St. Clare Parish. Call Diane 781-843-8075 or cell# 617-347-2869.

Mass Cards and Memorial Opportunities are available through the Parish Office. Weekend memorials for the altar breads and wine, flowers, and the Sanctuary candle are available. As well, the Parish Office offers memorial cards and enrollments in a tasteful variety of ways. Your use of these memorials to commemorate the memory of deceased loved ones is appropriate and dignified and helps your Parish as well.

Dear St. Clare Parishioners,

On behalf of My Brother's Keeper and the families we serve, we would like to thank you for your Giving Tree effort this Christmas. Your generosity is very impressive. Nearly 2,000 families in 60 communities located between Boston and the Cape received 8,000 gifts wrapped with a "Happy Birthday Jesus" gift tag on it - our way of keeping the focus of Christmas on Christ! Many families have shared with us that these gifts are the only ones that they unwrapped this Christmas. Our Christmas Program would not be possible without the generosity of our many supporters. In Christ, Erich Miller, Executive Director

New Parish Members: Please take time to fill out the registration form on the front of the bulletin, and submit it to the ushers or place it in the collection basket in order that you may be properly recorded as being a Parish member.

Please remember the needy by being generous in donating to our Poor Boxes, which provide monthly meals for those at Pine Street Inn and Fr. Bill's Place. Pennies are donated to the Catholic Daughters for the Unborn.

Remembering the Parish in your will is a wonderful way to thank God for your blessings and to help St. Clare's Parish and our many good works.