

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 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

WEDNESDAY, January 21

9:00 AM: Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 23

9:00 AM: Thomas Young.....Anniv

SUNDAY, January 25

8:30 AM: Patricia Tausevich.....1st Anniv

10:00 AM: Jack Marshall.....6th Anniv

11:30 AM: Stella Ruffini.....Birthday Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Norman C. Leigh, M.D.

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." See Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

We welcome Matthew Barry Thomas Swain as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon him many spiritual blessings throughout his life.

Additional names of those remembered by flowers on the Christmas altar: Francis & Rose Dorgan.

The Catholic Daughters' Annual Penny Drive will take place **this weekend of January 17 & 18**, and next weekend, **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!

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 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.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...

and this is how we live our stewardship

Offertory (January 10 & 11) \$4,617

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **January 24 & 25**, for the **Church in Latin America**. The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. Visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information. Your generosity in this special collection will be diligently used and greatly appreciated.

2nd Quarter Tithing Disbursements: The following represent St. Clare Parish 2nd quarter tithing disbursements for FY 2008-2009: St. Mary's Home for Women and Infants Center, Dorchester, Ma; America's Harvest, Feeding America, Washington, D.C.; My Brother's Keeper, Easton, MA; Little Brother's of St. Francis, Boston, MA; Catholic Charities, Boston, MA; Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston; Missionary Society of St. James, Boston, MA; & Friends of Boston's Homeless. This is a significant allocation of tithing funds, \$7100, made possible each quarter by the generous donations of all Parish members. Please continue to be so generous knowing that your contributions help both the Parish and needy outside agencies, which help impoverished people. If you have a suggestion for future tithing disbursements, please let us know!

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **January 24 & 25**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 RSVP: 781-801-3028 or este2004@comcast.net. Bring ideas for our next "It's Your Faith" discussion topic or book to begin in February.

Liturgical Roles**January 17 & 18:****Lectors:**

4:00 PM: C. McGaffigan

8:30 AM: M. Walsh

10:00 AM: M. Panciotti

11:30 AM: J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

8:30 AM: R. Ford, T. Mollica, M. A. Henderson, C. Mahoney

10:00 AM: A. Moran, B. Little, J. & A. Sheehan

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

Priest Presiders – January 24 & 25

4:00 PM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

8:30 AM: Fr. Garrett Barry

10:00 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

11:30 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

Liturgy & Life

Friday, January 9, USA TODAY, contained an advertisement for Canon depicting the pictures of 40 missing children. It was most alarming to read that in our country over 2,000 kids are lost each day. Parenthood is a enormous responsibility that should never be underestimated. NCMEC is the acronym for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. It is equally traumatic when children are lost from God's loving embrace. Parents need to shoulder the responsibility and hold themselves accountable when their absence from Church prevents their young ones from knowing God's love.

Regrets and Resolutions: Lectionary themes for January 2009: With our regrets to offer us impetus, let us repent and then relegate our failures to the past. Then, by God's grace, let us transform our regrets into resolutions; to be better so as to do good, to recognize that we are loved by God so that we can love others better, to accept that we are "sinners in rehab" so as to be more understanding and less judgmental of the failings of others. (Celebration: January, 2009).

A Baby Shower will take place at all the Masses on **January 24 & 25** to benefit **Friends of the Unborn**. Please leave gifts unwrapped in the crib on the altar. Financial donations may be made to "Friends of the Unborn". Thank you.

Wednesday, January 22nd - Feast of St. Francis de Sales (1567- 1622): At 35 he became Bishop of Geneva. He was known for his kindness stating, "a spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrel of vinegar". His most famous books include, "An Introduction to the Devout Life" and "A Treatise on the Love of God". St. Francis was known as the "Gentleman Saint".

Did You Know?: On January 22nd, just days after the inauguration of President Barack O'Bama, thousands will march in protest on the Supreme Court on the occasion of the 36th Anniversary of the passage of Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion in America. The theme of this year's march is, "Remember – the life principles mean equal care with no exceptions", meaning even the intentional killing of even one unborn human is never justified or necessary.

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.

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.

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.

Faith Formation

January 2009 Contest: "Who? What? Where?" The children are being asked to write 5 riddles based on religious information. The student with the most detailed, creative riddles will be awarded a prize in each grade level. Detailed information has been sent home through Faith Formation classes. All entries must be submitted before January 29.

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 First Children's Liturgy was 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 **January 18, February 1, March 1, March 15, & March 29.**

The Catholic Daughters Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, **January 19,** at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall at 7:15 PM. There will be a Brown Bag Auction. You are asked to bring an item for auction, valued under \$5.00 and wrapped in a brown bag. All women are welcome. We are always looking for new members. Please come join us for a fun evening. For more information, please call Mary Walsh at 781-843-5660.

Open House, Tours & Registration at St. Francis of Assisi School: January 26-January 30 from 9:00 AM till Noon. To register, please bring birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, most recent immunization and health records, last report card, national testing results where applicable and a \$250.00 registration fee per student (capped at \$500.00). For more information, please call the school office at 781-848-0842x10.

W.I.N.G.S. (Women in God's Spirit): Women of all ages are invited to St. Agatha Parish, Milton, for the winter session on consecutive Wednesdays beginning January 28 and ending on February 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM. WINGS is a faith enrichment program aimed at beginning, regaining, and/or refreshing your relationship with God. There is a \$5.00 voluntary donation each week. Please call 617-698-2439 or www.stagathaparish.org

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

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.