

**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 24**

4:00 PM: Lucy Bottiglieri.....4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, January 25**

8:30 AM: Patricia Tausevich.....1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

10:00 AM: Jack Marshall.....6<sup>th</sup> Anniv

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

**SATURDAY, January 31**

9:00 AM: Daniel J. Mahoney.....Birthday Memorial

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

**There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel** as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

**A Baby Shower** will take place at all the Masses **this weekend of 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.

**The Catholic Daughters' Annual Penny Drive** will take place again **this weekend of January 24 & 25**. Baskets will be at all the doors at all the Masses. All monies received will be greatly appreciated to 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.

**The Parish Family of St. Clare's** would like to welcome the following new parishioners who have recently registered: **Michael & Jocelyn Daley** and **Joel & Jeannine Gray**.

**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.

**Our Monthly Food Collection** will be this weekend of **January 24 & 25**. Thank you for your continued generosity towards the less fortunate.

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

**Offertory (January 17 & 18) \$4,696**  
Thank you for your ongoing generosity

**The Second Collection** taken this weekend of **January 24 & 25** is for the **Church in Latin America**, which funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [www.usccb.org/latinamerica](http://www.usccb.org/latinamerica) for more information. Your generosity in this special collection will be greatly appreciated.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tithing Disbursements:** The following represent St. Clare Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**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.

**Liturgical Roles**

**January 24 & 25:**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM: B. Dugan

8:30 AM: C. Mahoney

10:00 AM: M. Dalton – J. Collier

11:30 AM: M. Santos

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM: M. Cahill, T. English, M. Ryan, B. McGee

8:30 AM: J. Barrett, R. Hyland, C. Vitagliano, D. Picewick

10:00 AM: E. Ramirez, M. Smith, Deacon Mike & Claire

11:30 AM: J. Donovan, M. Rochon, B. & M. Bohannon

**Priest Presiders – January 31 & February 1**

4:00 PM: Fr. Tom Foley

8:30 AM: Fr. Tom Foley

10:00 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

11:30 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

### Liturgy & Life

MIT has recently developed a new method of learning known by the acronym, TEAL, Technology Enhanced Active Learning. This method seeks for teacher and students to collaborate together to help decipher, discern, understand and form conclusions in the arena of scientific research. This new method could be well applied to form yet another acronym, SEAL, Spirituality Enhanced Active Learning. In this learning methodology God's people would unite with their teacher, the Lord, to apply together the insights of faith and religion to the issues and concerns which confront our world. Who of us could not be excited about that! Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Conversion of St. Paul - Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Paul's entire life can be summarized in terms of one experience; namely, his conversion on the road to Damascus. Paul literally became a slave to Christ. Paul's life became tireless living out the message of the Cross. We can do no better than to try and do the same.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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](http://www.stagathaparish.org)

### Dear St. Clare Parishioners,

On any given night there are 154,000 veterans nationwide, over 4,000 in Massachusetts alone, who experience homelessness. Your donation to our Leave No One Behind event helps to ensure that our country's veterans receive the kind of quality care they need and deserve, while they work to improve their lives and get back on their feet. The event was a remarkable success and your contribution helped us to raise over \$320,000! On behalf of all of us here at the New England Center for Homeless Veterans, we salute you for your devotion to our mission!

Sincerely, Karl G. See, Director of Development

### 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 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.**

**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.

**10 General Federation of Women's Clubs of MA Scholarships:** sponsored by the Braintree Women's Club ranging from \$500 to \$4,500 for undergraduate & graduate study and high school seniors involving art, nursing, education, music, speech therapy, study abroad, & public health. **Deadlines are February -March 1.** Please contact Anne Flaherty at 781-843-0539 for more information.

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

**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.

**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.