

**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, February 28**

4:00 PM: John Hughes.....Anniv

**SUNDAY, March 1**

10:00 AM: Dalia Corsini.....5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

11:30 AM: James E. Melody.....Memorial

**MONDAY, March 2**

9:00 AM: Charles McSoley.....Birthday Memorial

**TUESDAY, March 3**

9:00 AM: Sanctuary Fund

**WEDNESDAY, March 4**

9:00 AM: Special Intention

**SATURDAY, March 7**

4:00 PM: Harry G. Reimels.....5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, March 8**

10:00 AM: William Oster.....5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

11:30 AM: Florence Nichols & Charles Billings.....Memorial

**Please remember in your prayers the souls of Virginia Brosseau, Carmelo "Charley" Muscolino, and Robert Gerstel.**

**The waters of Baptism** make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

**Holy Name Meets:** The Parish Holy Name will meet next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for its monthly Mass at 8:30 AM followed by the monthly meeting. The guest speaker is Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan. Please know that all Parish members are welcome to attend and learn of issues that pertain to the Town of Braintree as seen through the eyes of the Mayor.

**Our Next Children's Liturgy** will be on Sunday, **March 15** at the 10:00 AM Mass. 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 then and again on **March 29**.

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

**Our Monthly Food Collection** will be this weekend of **February 28 & March 1**. Thank you for your continued generosity towards the less fortunate.

**Lent 2009**

**Eucharistic Adoration** – every Monday at 7:00 PM

**Lenten Daily Mass** at 9:00 AM

**Stations of the Cross** – every Friday at 4:00 PM

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

**Offertory (February 21 & 22) \$6,066**  
Thank you for your ongoing generosity

**An Emergency Second Collection** will be taken next weekend, **March 7 & 8**, for **Snow Removal**. Please be as generous as your means allows.

**As a Catholic community**, we are called during this season of Lent to respond to God's grace in our lives. **The Catholic Appeal** is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our treasure to help neighbors, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, throughout the 144 cities and towns of our Archdiocese. Please plan to participate in the Catholic Appeal next weekend, **March 7 & 8**. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should receive a letter from Cardinal Sean this week. We invite all others to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl connects you through prayer and action with the poor and vulnerable overseas and in the United States. Visit [www.orb.crs.org](http://www.orb.crs.org) during the weeks of Lent to learn more about the people you assist through Operation Rice Bowl. Please pick up a Rice Bowl for your home found at the doors of the Church.

**Thank You** to all who contributed to the **Catholic Daughters' Annual State-wide Penny Drive** at St. Clare's. Your generosity brought about a grand total of \$451.00, which will be donated to the Friends of the Unborn. The pennies you faithfully donate weekly in the Poor Boxes are used within our Braintree Court of St. Francis of Assisi #1859, which consists of members from St. Clare, St. Francis of Assisi, and Sacred Heart Parishes. This money is used to purchase cribs for babies in need. We have already purchased one crib this year, and are close to having enough money to purchase a second. Please keep saving those pennies...they add up quickly, and are greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Liturgical Roles**

**February 28 & March 1:**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM: G. Cahill

8:30 AM: C. Cavanaugh

10:00 AM: R. Moran

11:30 AM: R. Burke

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM: J. Dente, M. Cahill, T. English, C. McGaffigan

8:30 AM: J. Barrett, M. Henderson, R. Hyland, T. Mollica

10:00 AM: B. & L. Carr, J. Collier, M. DeSantis

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

**Priest Presiders – March 7 & 8:**

4:00 PM: Fr. Tom Foley

8:30 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

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11:30 AM: Fr. Tom Foley

### Liturgy & Life

The Lenten Season calls for us to be people of prayer and penance. We are especially called to give help to the poor. The Rice Bowl Program is a good way for you and your family to do this. As a family you are being asked to give up certain foods during Lent and put aside the money saved by your sacrifices. At the end of Lent your Rice Bowl donations can be left in the Faith Formation Office and in the Sanctuary by the Baptismal font. It will then be given to the poor of the world through the Catholic Bishop's overseas program.  
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Thursday, March 5 - St. John Joseph of the Cross (1654-1734):** At 16, he joined the Franciscans at Naples. He was so exemplary that he became a provincial before ordination. He later became known as a confessor. He was known as well for his spirit of mortification. He was canonized in 1839.

**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 Pope Speaks:** Confessions purifies sinners and restores relationships according to the Pope's recent remarks at his Papal audience on February 15<sup>th</sup>. In the sacrament of penance, the crucified and risen Christ, through his ministers, restores us to communion with the heavenly father and gives us the gift of his love, joy and peace.

**St. Mary Cemetery:** We are being asked to help promote the utilization of the Catholic cemetery. St. Mary Cemetery, Randolph, ministers to the Catholic community by helping them to face the harsh reality of death in the context of faith and the promise of eternal life. For further information call Bob O'Connor at 781-961-9323.

**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.

**Internet sites of value include the following:** The Vatican's YouTube video news channel features news clips of Pope Benedict and major Vatican events. On January 23rd, the channel [www.youtube.com/vatican](http://www.youtube.com/vatican) was unveiled. The internet is a wealth of information and resources, which can be very enriching.

**Save the Date! Kitty Cleveland** will give her stirring testimony, which involves the wrongful imprisonment of her father, a successful lawyer and Catholic deacon at St. Joseph Church, Holbrook, on Tuesday, **March 24**, at 7:00 PM. She will include original music as part of her testimony. Her voice has been likened to a cello: rich, emotive, passionate and lyrical. Eucharistic Adoration and confession will be available. A free-will offering is appreciated. For more information, contact Eileen Wood at [info@catholicquest.org](mailto:info@catholicquest.org) or call 978-851-1304.

### 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. If anyone has any outfits hanging in a closet that will not be used again by a family member, please consider donating them. They surely will be appreciated by someone.

**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.

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

#### Individual Email Boxes for each Director:

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**All Souls Community Forum:** on Saturday, **March 21** from 2:00-4:00 PM at All Souls Church, 198 Elm Street, Braintree, All Souls Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Robert R.N. Ross will share the extensive research and personal accounts that led to his book, co-authored with Deanne E. B. Ross, "Walking to New Orleans: Ethics and the Concept of Participatory Design in Post-Disaster Reconstruction". Light refreshments will be provided and copies of the book can be ordered at a deep discount (\$35.00). More information about the book can be viewed on Amazon.com and on the publisher's website at [www.wipfandstock.com](http://www.wipfandstock.com). You may also call All Souls Church at 781-843-1388 for more information.

**St. Joseph Retreat Center,** Cohasset, will be hosting **Directed Prayer Weekends** on **March 20-22, & March 27-29**. Limited room is available. Also, there will be **Mornings of Prayer** on **March 16 & 30**, and a Special Day Program for people experiencing **Divorce and/or Separation** on **March 15**. Visit [www.csjretreatcenter.org](http://www.csjretreatcenter.org) or call 781-383-6024 to register.

#### Upcoming Programs sponsored by CHRISM

**"Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles":** Our Lady of the Lake, Halifax, Mondays 7-9 PM, **March 2-30**

**"The Letter to the Galatians":** St. Gerard, Canton, Tuesdays 9:45-11:45 AM, **March 3-31**

**"The Gospel of Mark":** Holy Family, Duxbury, Thursdays 10 AM-Noon, **March 5-April 2**

**"Paul & the Mystery of the Cross":** St. Francis Xavier, South Weymouth, Wednesday, **March 25**, 7:00-8:30 PM

**"Translating Paul's First Letter":** St. Helen, Norwell, Fridays 10 AM-Noon, **March 6-May 15**

All courses are \$5.00 a session. Please call 781-331-5194.

**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.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate