

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, March 14

4:00 PM Robert W.Graham, Sr Anniv
Fred, Leo & Tom Graham Anniv

SUNDAY, March 15

8:30 AM Marguerite Riordon 7th Anniv
10:00 AM John Mahoney 3rd Anniv
11:30 AM Zachary Ruffini Birthday Memorial

TUESDAY, March 17

9:00 AM: Marie Mojkowski Memorial

SATURDAY, March 21

4:00 PM: Mary Brown & Theresa Fawcett Memorial

SUNDAY, March 22

8:30 AM Carmelo "Charlie" Muscolino Month's Mind
10:00 AM Edith Varraso Birthday Memorial
11:30 AM Mary Sheehan Month's Mind

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Margaret Capaccioli**.

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

We welcome William Michael Bemis, III, Haylee Mackenna Goodwin, and Joshua Edward Mazenkas as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

Eucharistic Ministry: We would like to acknowledge the "retirement" of a valued and long time Eucharistic Minister, **Tony Mollica**. He has served the Eucharist to countless numbers of Parish members and for that we are indeed grateful. Knowing how the Lord "taketh and giveth" we welcome to Eucharistic Ministry two new members, **Bill Welch** and **Irene Supple**. We hope that God will fill them with many blessings in helping to serve God's people.

Lenten Mission: St. Clare will join for the second year St. Thomas More and St. Francis Xavier in a Parish Family Lenten Mission **Sunday, March 29th - Wednesday, April 1st**. The presentations will be provided by Dave Dumaine. Music will be by Phil & Sue Fortin who comprise the New Creation. This mission will feature a speaker who has extensive experience in speaking to kids of all ages. We especially encourage family attendance at the Mission.

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

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and this is how we live our stewardship

Offertory (March 7 & March 8) \$5,623
Snow Removal \$4,121

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Easter Flower Collection will be **March 21 & 22**: Once again it is time to decorate our church for Easter Season. Please use your Easter Flowers Envelope you received in your monthly packet. St. Clare's has always been beautifully decorated for the special liturgical season, due to the fact that we have gifted parishioners who share their talents and make this happen!

Cardinal Sean sends his thanks to everyone who pledged to the **2009 Catholic Appeal** during Catholic Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. For more information please pick up a pledge packet in the rear of the Church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppel.com. Every gift matters. Thank you!

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 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.

Our Next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday, **March 29** 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.

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.

Court St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Daughters will be holding their meeting on **March 16** at 7:15 PM at St Francis of Assisi Hall with speaker, Robert James from Braintree Emergency Management. He will show a video detailing disaster and evacuation procedures. Come join us for an informative evening.

Liturgical Roles
March 14 & 15:

Lectors:

4:00 PM: C. McGaffigan

8:30 AM: M. Walsh

10:00 AM: M. Dalton

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, C. Vitagliano

10:00 AM: B. Carr, J. Collier, M. DeSantis, E. Ramirez

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

Priest Presiders – March 21 & 22:

4:00 PM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

8:30 AM: Fr. Tom Foley

10:00 AM: Fr. Tom Foley

11:30 AM: Fr. Paul Sughrue

Liturgy & Life

Attendees at a recent religious education congress were asked in the face of our economic crisis to reject a return to "business as usual". The hope would be to form a common good culture as reflected in Catholic social teaching. Rev. Jim Wallis, keynote speaker, encouraged finding a new way of life tied to the common good.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Tuesday, March 17 - Feast of St. Patrick (415-493): St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Church of Boston. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Hennessey at Holy Cross Cathedral at 12 Noon to which all parishioners are invited. Patrick is a great model for spreading the faith as he worked so energetically and effectively in the great country of Ireland. A wonderful tribute to this great saint would be to become more conscious on our part in spreading the faith to whomever whenever we can.

The Pope Speaks: While observing Lent, Pope Benedict praised social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace for forging friendships and understanding but cautioned that they could isolate people from real social interaction. Roman Catholic bishops in Italy are urging the faithful to go on a high-tech fast during Lent, abstaining from everything from cars to MP3 Players, and not surfing the web or text messaging until Easter.

St. Mary Cemetery, Randolph: We are being asked to help promote the utilization of the Catholic cemetery. St. Mary Cemetery 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.

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress: "No Greater Love" for college students and young adults, Friday evening, **April 3rd**, and Saturday **April 4th** at St. Stephen's and St. Leonard's Church, North End. Free Italian meal and great speakers. To register online go to www.EucharisticCongress.org.

Spiritual Practices for Family Life: Tuesday, **March 17**, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry with Presenter, Kathy Hendricks. Fee \$15. Call 617-552-6501.

Marriage Internet Resources include the following sites: www.lovelanguages.com, www.marriagealive.com, and www.thethirdoption.com.

www.CatholicMom.com is a web site founded by Lisa Hende, mother of two teenagers from Fresno, CA. The site offers many helpful resources for parents. It was founded in late 1999 in response to Pope John Paul II's call to live out the faith. The site also includes downloadable religious education materials geared to a variety of feast days, sacraments, or Bible events.

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 was unveiled. The internet is a wealth of information and resources, which can be very enriching.

Faith Formation

Attention Grade 2 Parents: We have a few First Communion dresses, suits, shoes, (in various sizes) and accessories which have been donated to the Faith Formation Program, which 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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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.

A New Ministry is coming to St. Clare's. Do you knit or crochet - would you share your talent to spread God's Healing Grace? (more....in next week's bulletin)

Following the fiscal third quarter end on March 31, 2009, we will be making the Parish Stewardship distributions. The need for financial assistance has increased greatly in our area, and we look to our parishioners for recommendations of additional charitable organizations for consideration. Please contact Dorothy Irvine at 781-848-6706 or the Parish House Office at 781-848-7480, or by e-mail: stclare1@verizon.net.

Attention all graduates of St. Gregory High School, Dorchester: you are invited to an Alumnae Drop-In from 6:00-8:00 PM on **March 18**. Enjoy refreshments while catching up with old friends. Call 617-296-1087x20 for more information.

11th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, **March 28**, at St. Ann's School Hall, Wollaston. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, breakfast at 9:00 AM, guest speaker, Rev. Ann C. Rearick on "Lessons from Life". Tickets are \$12 each.

"Gala Goes Vegas" sponsored by Sacred Heart School, Weymouth on Saturday, **March 21**, at The Lantana, Randolph. Bingo at 5:00 PM, Buffet Dinner at 6:45 PM, Dancing & Entertainment at 8:00 PM, Silent Auction, and Casino Room. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Call 781-335-6010.

Chernobyl Children Project Goodwill Gala Auction/Fundraiser: Friday, **March 20**, at 7:00 PM, Sheraton Braintree Hotel. Tickets are \$40.00. To purchase, call Patty at 781-251-0137 or order online at ccpusa.org.