

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 28

4:00 PM Walter Pagel..... Memorial

SUNDAY, March 29

10:00 AM William Laing5th Anniv

11:30 AM Josephine Ruffini Birthday Memorial

WEDNESDAY, April 1

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, April 2

9:00 AM Sanctuary Fund

SATURDAY, April 4

4:00 PM Pope John Paul II4th Anniv

SUNDAY, April 5

8:30 AM John Gardner & Grace Gardner.....Memorial

11:30 AM Ellen McIntosh.....12th Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Dorothy Lanham, Dorothy Rose Scott, and Barbara DeRosa Walton.**

“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me? See John 12:26

Lenten Mission: The Lenten Mission begins **this Sunday, March 29th** through Wednesday April 1st, at 7:30 PM at St. Clare. The presenter is Dave Dumaine. Music will be by Phil and Sue Fortin who comprise the New Creation. This mission will feature a speaker who has extensive experience is speaking to kids of all ages. We especially encourage family attendance at the Mission.

We welcome Aguiar Julius Rosa as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon him many spiritual blessings throughout his life.

The Parish Family of St. Clare’s would like to welcome the following new parishioners who have recently registered: **Jessica Clifford, The Cushing-Goodwin Family, Kevin & Carine Berner, Joseph & Jenny Ho, Robert & Kim DiVito, and Kelly Davison.**

Celebration of 25 & 50 Years of Marriage: A Mass at 11:30 AM will be celebrated by the Cardinal at the Cathedral on Sunday, **June 7.** Any anniversary couple interested in participating, please notify St. Clare Parish House before **May 11.**

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **March 28 & 29.** 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 (March 21 & 22) **\$6,001**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection taken this weekend of **March 28 & 29** is for our **Jubilee Celebration Fund.** We appreciate your showing your usual generosity.

2009 Catholic Appeal: Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners at St Clare’s who have made a gift. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our Parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. Remember, our Parish will receive 25% of all funds we raise above our goal. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. 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. Your rice bowls may be returned to the Church or the Faith Formation Office.

Our Next Children's Liturgy will be on **Sunday, April 19** 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry! If you like to knit or crochet and wish to combine that talent with prayer then you can help. Our mission is to reach out to those who are ill and/or to celebrate the great joy of Baptism. How can you help? First, pray for the success of our ministry. Second, if you would like to knit with us, we will provide knitting instructions for those who want to help. Third, if you wish to sponsor a knitter by purchasing the yarn, your generosity will certainly be appreciated. Please check in the next bulletin for information on our first meeting.

Liturgical Roles

March 28 & 29

Lectors:

4:00 PM..... B. Dugan

8:30 AM..... R. Ford

10:00 AM..... M. Panciotti

11:30 AM..... R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

8:30 AM..... J. Barrett, I. Supple, D. & M. Picewick

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

11:30 AM..... B. & M. Bohannon, Deacon Mike & Claire

Priest Presiders – April 4 & 5:

4:00 PM..... Fr. Paul Sughrue

8:30 AM..... Fr. Tom Foley

10:00 AM..... Fr. Paul Sughrue

11:30 AM..... Fr. Tom Foley

Liturgy & Life

A sad milestone: As we have passed six years of the Iraq War, 3/19/03, there have been 4,260 American deaths resulting in one of the longest wars in American history well surpassing the length of World War II. It is imperative that we increase in fervor by praying for peace so that the world may experience an end to bloodshed, violence and death brought on by war. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Respect Life: the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is the most radical anti life legislation ever to be presented. It will declare a fundamental right to abortion on demand. It will require our tax dollars to fund abortion. It will require states to allow abortions by non physicians. It will bar laws protecting a right to conscientiously object to abortion. It will invalidate laws to protect women from unsafe abortion clinics. It will require that she need not be informed about her abortion. It will require states to allow partial-birth abortions. It will deny parents the right to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion. Cards at the doors of the Church this weekend are meant to be mailed to Congressman Stephen Lynch, Senators Kennedy and Kerry.

Saturday, April 4, Feast of St. Isidore of Seville (560-636):

He grew up in a family of three saints and is responsible for writing an encyclopedia that was used for nine centuries. He was so scholarly that he has been suggested at the patron saint of the internet. He was also tremendously dedicated to the poor.

The Pope Speaks: In his visit to Cameroon, Africa, the Pope spoke compassionately not as a politician, but as a pastor pointing to the super abundance of poverty, hunger, and need. To this situation the Pope implored an adherence to the civilization of love. Cameroon is a country that speaks eloquently in defense of the rights of the unborn. It is a sad irony that where there is so much need there is still so much respect for the dignity of life.

Parish Finance Council Meeting Highlights

Attending Members: Mary Belanger, Richard Flaherty, Dorothy Irvine, Paul McSoley, Bob Murphy, Michael Panciotti, Sandy Sisk, Paul Wasil, Fr. Paul. Members not in attendance included Ed McDonough & Pat Needham. The meeting opening with a prayer. The minutes of 1/21/'09 were accepted with one amendment. The Parish budgetary figures were presented for analysis with an overall appraisal that everything in general was "on target" and looking good. A shortfall in registration for Faith Formation will be addressed in light of the fact that our budget for this fiscal year is soon to close and we will need to know what to expect in terms of our future budget. It was suggested that we look into purchasing forever stamps in anticipation of rising costs next year. The emergency snow removal collection was a huge help in reducing overall snow removal costs \$4,600 from a grand total of \$15,000 in this winter season. The Cardinal's Appeal remitted to St. Clare Parish a check for \$7,000 since we reached our goal and our "fair share" assessment. Once again we must sincerely thank all donors. Anticipated projects which must be considered for budget proposals for FY 2009-2010 include Church exterior painting, winterization of Church doors, masonry of all Church steps and entrances, railing replacement, re-pointing bricks in the devotional walk way, and procurement of new modern tables for the Church Hall and Conference Room. With no new business the meeting adjourned after a closing prayer at 8:20 PM.

Faith Formation

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

Individual Email Boxes for each Director:

Debbie Clancy (Gr K - 5): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net
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Mike Panciotti (Gr 9 & 10): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

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.

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.

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.

Braintree Women's Club Annual Fashion Show: April 19 from 12:00-4:00 PM at Lombardo's, Randolph. A complete luncheon will be served with fashions shown from A Touch of Klass. Many gifts and prizes. Tickets are \$35.00 – call Rose at 781-848-0278.

Information for Internet Users

Our 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.

Archdiocese of Boston renewed web site is www.BostonCatholic.org. It is exceptional and should pave the way for spreading God's word in imaginative and innovative ways.

Marriage Internet Resources include the following sites: you may visit: 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.

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.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate.