

THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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Parish Mission Statement

May the Lord bind us together as a community of faith filled with His love. Let us go forth and spread His Good News as St. John preached: "Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

Pastor

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Monday through Saturday

Holy Days: As Announced

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: 2nd Sunday at 1:00 PM.

Sacrament of Marriage:

A minimum six months notice is required. Couples must participate in a marriage preparation program.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please notify the Parish House if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church.

Music Director:

Kathy Clancy 849-9219

Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

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Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month.

Mary Glynn 781-640-8528

AI-Anon:

Meets in Parish Hall - Tuesdays at 10:30AM

Alcoholic Anonymous:

Twelve Step & Twelve Tradition - Meets in Parish Hall

Conference Room Fridays 8:00-9:00 PM

Dave: 617-413-3430

Help for the Poor:

Dave Wallace 848-3585

Coffee House:

Brian Manning 380-8709

Pine Street Inn Society:

Second Thursday of the month

Joan McCarron 848-0813

Respect For Life:

Kathleen Kenneally 849-6175

Holy Name Society:

Second Sunday of the month at the 8:30 AM Mass.

Boy Scout Troop #138:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Ed Fruth 843-9854

St. Clare Social and Event Activities Coordinators:

Marybeth Moriarty 356-4842

Family & Tots Program:

Karen McBrine 961-3460

Bulletin Deadline:

All notices must be submitted to the Parish House by Monday 1 PM.

Welcome To New Parishioners. We want to know and serve you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and present it to one of the priests or bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

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 7

4:00 PM: Harry G. Reimels.....5th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 8

8:30 AM: Alfred R. Walsh...6th Anniv

10:00 AM: William Oster5th Anniv

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

WEDNESDAY, March 11

9:00 AM: Julia Greenlaw.....Memorial

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 AM: Patricia Nota McSoley.....5th Anniv

SATURDAY, March 14

9:00 AM: Rev. Robert D. Tyrrell.....Month's Mind

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

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Rita DeLuca.

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial? See Romans 8:32

Holy Name Meets: The Parish Holy Name will meet this Sunday, March 8th for its monthly Mass @ 8:30am 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**.

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

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!

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St Clare. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean at all Masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. The appeal is a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 292 parishes to carry on the broader work of our Church. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

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.

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

March 7th & 8th

Lectors:

4:00 PM: B. Dugan

8:30 AM: C. Mahoney

10:00 AM: M. O'Donnell

11:30 AM: R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM: M. Cahill, C. McGaffigan, T. Kane, R. McDonough

8:30 AM: J. Barrett, Jack & Fran Buonopane, M. Walsh

10:00 AM: Jim & Alice Sheehan, A. Moran, M. Smith

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

Priest Presiders – March 14 & 15:

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

Lenten Fasting Aim to draw people to the heart of God. Cackie Upchurch, the director of the little Rock Scripture Study, stated "that the important thing is when you fast that you do so from the heart. If the external act of fasting does not reflect something internal and inward, then it is not what God wants," she said. Denying self to draw closer to God is a way of putting God back in control. Benedictine sister Macrina has added, "the whole purpose of fasting is to become a space for God."

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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.

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.

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 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 or call 978-851-1304.

Wednesday March 10

Feast of St. John Ogilvie, 1579-1615: John became a Catholic in 1596 in the Church of Louvain. He was ordained a Jesuit in 1610 and was missioned to Scotland. He died a martyr's death refusing spiritual allegiance to the king of Scotland. He was canonized in 1976 the first Scottish saint since 1250.

Minute Meditations: The Sacred Word: Put your Bible on the coffee table and spend some time reading Mk1:12-15. Leave the Bible on the table throughout Lent and keep reading

Boy Scout Troop 138 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Enjoy this family event Sunday March 15th from 8-11am St Clare's Church Hall. \$300 Adult, \$2.00 Children (\$15 Family max)

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:

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

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 or call 781-383-6024 to register.

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

Annulment Information offered by the Metropolitan Tribunal Wednesday, March 18- 7pm, St. Bernadette Parish, 1026 Main St., Randolph. For more info or questions please contact the Metropolitan Tribunal at 617-746-5900.

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.

Urgent Need For Foster Homes: Children of all ages in need of loving families to care for them. Last year over 200 Children from the South Shore communities needed a foster home. All types of families - married, single, couples, working parents, families with or without children, can be a foster family to a child in need. There are many different ways to be a foster parent. Homes are needed for emergency, short term, & respite. For more information, call Dara Hemming way @ the Department of Children & Families, Coastal Area Office, @ 781-682-0866...

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.

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