

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, May 2

4:00 PM Donald P. Higgins & Daniel P. Higgins... Memorial

SUNDAY, May 3

8:30 AM Bernard "Ben" Bishop.....1st Anniv
 10:00 AM Kate McDonough.....2nd Anniv
 11:30 AM Americo & Marie Basile.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, May 6

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, May 7

9:00 AM Sanctuary Fund

SATURDAY, May 9

4:00 PM Thomas Lee.....5th Anniv

SUNDAY, May 10

10:00 AM Malachy McGrath.....Birthday Memorial
 11:30 AM Eva C. Cambria.....Month's Mind

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Marcia Varnerin-Luongo.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

III Paul M. Vilela.....Sarah Walsh

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf." See John 10:12

Daily Mass Schedule: With only one priest assigned to Clare Parish as of May 4, please know of the following changes to our schedule: **Daily Mass will be Wednesday-Saturday at 9:00 AM.** Know that daily Mass in the area is as follows: St. Francis of Assisi – 7:00 AM, St. Thomas More & St. Francis Xavier – 9:00 AM, Pastoral Center - 12:05 PM, St. Mary, Randolph - 12:10 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. If you are interested, please plan to join us.

Save the Date! May 7 is National Prayer Day. Braintree Interfaith Clergy Association invites all to attend the gathering outside the Town Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Prayer has always been used in our country for guidance, protection and strength. Let us gather and pray with conviction that God will continue to "shed his grace on thee". God bless us all! Deacon Mike

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.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, **May 5**. 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.

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **Octavio "Joe" Martino.**

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...
and this is how we live our stewardship
 Offertory (April 25 & 26) \$5,351
Thank you for your ongoing generosity

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$46,668 from 171 households, reaching 66% of our parish goal of \$70,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our Parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

Fr. Don Kirchner, CSSR will speak at all the Masses the weekend of **May 16 & 17** regarding subscriptions to the Liguorian Magazine.

Charter Members of St. Clare Parish have been extended formal invitations for an outing to the Pastoral Center. 50 year members will meet at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on Wednesday, **May 13th**, at 11:45 AM for Mass at 12:05 in the new chapel, a group picture with Cardinal Sean at 12:40 in the Foyer of the Pastoral Center, Luncheon, to be followed by a guided tour of the Pastoral Center. We hope as many as possible of the 75 Charter members of St. Clare will join us for this festive and spiritually rewarding event.

Please remember to return your reservation slips to the Parish House by May 6. If you have any questions, please call Claire Cavanaugh at 781-848-4998. We are looking forward to a beautiful celebration with our valued charter members!

Clothing Drive to Benefit St. Francis House: We will be holding our annual Mens Clothing Drive from now until May 10th. St. Clare Parish has supported this worthy charity for many years. Gently used and laundered items needed include the following: spring jackets, jeans, short sleeve shirts, shoes, shorts, hooded sweatshirts, new underwear, t-shirts and crew socks, bookbags and backpacks. Please leave any donations in the screened porch behind the Parish House Garage. Thank you!

Liturgical Roles
May 2 & 3

Lectors:
 4:00 PM.....C. McGaffigan
 8:30 AM.....C. Mahoney
 10:00 AM.....M. Panciotti
 11:30 AM.....J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:
 4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, T. English, R. McDonough, B. McGee
 8:30 AM.....R. Hyland, B. Welch, I. Supple, C. Vitagliano
 10:00 AM.....B. Carr, E. Ramirez, J. & F. Buonopane
 11:30 AM.....I. Barone, J. Donovan, R. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Life

The month of May has always been traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and as such has been highlighted by the fervor and faithfulness to the prayerful recitation of the Rosary. On this Sunday, we will mark this tradition in a special way. We will conclude the 10:00 AM Mass with a Rosary procession and refreshments to follow immediately afterward. We ask that in this year of Parish Jubilee you join us in the public recitation of the rosary invoking our Lord and God to continue through the intercession of Mary to bestow manifold blessings upon the Parish of St. Clare and all of its many members, both past and present. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Thursday, May 7 - Blessed Rose Vernarini (1656-1728):

Upon the death of her fiancée, Rose entered a convent only to come out to care for her father. In so doing she formed a group of women who recited the rosary as a precursor to the Sodality. She later became a teacher and an superb one at that. At her death in 1728 several miracles are attributed to her intercession. The Vernarini sisters form a lasting legacy to her example. Rose's life stands as an eloquent reminder that all we are stands in service to the needs of God's people.

Walk for Hunger - May 3: 40,000 people will walk this Sunday, May 3rd hoping to raise 4.3 million dollars for Project Bread. This is the year the walk is made for to help emergency food programs. To donate go to www.projectbread.org/walk.

The Pope Speaks: In these days of Easter we shall often hear Jesus' words resound, "I am risen and I am with you always." It is right that we rejoice because the resurrection of the Lord assures us that the divine plan of salvation will certainly be brought about. His resurrection has formed a bridge between the world and eternal life over which every man and woman can cross to reach the true goal of our earthly pilgrimage. The assurance of resurrection is realized above all in the Eucharist. May we be faithful and joyful witnesses to the resurrection!

Memorial Opportunity: The Parish Hall tables (10) have seen their day! New adjustable tables, with a tile top, thereby durable, are available through WB Mason for \$1200 each. Memorial plates will be placed on each table if you choose to make a donation to a much needed improvement at St. Clare Parish Hall.

Overnight Maine Trip by Motorcoach on **May 31 - June 1** to **The Cliff House Resort** which includes dinner & breakfast with tickets to "A Chorus Line" at The Ogunquit Playhouse. Total cost is \$299.00 pp/double occupancy. **A \$50.00 deposit is now required.** Please contact Marybeth Moriarty at 781-356-4842.

Yard Sale & Bake Sale sponsored by Court St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Daughters – Saturday, **May 23** from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM in St. Clare's Far Right Parking Area near the meditation garden. All proceeds to go to CDA projects and charities.

Sabbath Reflections on the Internet: Father Lou Papes, who preached a parish mission here at St. Clare in March of 2007, has begun posting his weekly homilies on the internet. Simply go to the website www.sabbathretreats.org and click the link to "Reflections".

Faith Formation

There will be a First Communion Practice for the **May 9** Communicants on Monday, **May 4** from 3:15-4:45 PM. First Communions will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. Children are to meet with their teacher in the Parish Hall by 10:30 AM on their First Communion Day.

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

Register Now for St. Clare's Vacation Bible Camp, "Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!" The camp will be held the week of **August 24-28, 2009** for children ages 5-9. Camp hours: 9:00-11:45 AM, Monday thru Friday. Cost: \$50 per child. Pick up your registration form at the Faith Formation Office or at the Parish House.

Come help us "Rock the Dock"! Come be part of the magic. Witness Jesus' miraculous power as He fills the hearts and minds of our parish's youth this summer. He is calling you to use the gifts that have been given to you. Any adults or responsible children 12+ interested in helping at this year's VBS, please contact Nancy Corrieri at 781- 849-8698 or Karen McBrine at 781- 961-3460.

Books for Charity: "Hands Across the Waters" is affiliated with Reading Tree who donated 1.6 million books in 2008. This results in an environmental impact of 42,000 trees and 226,000 cubic feet of land saved! 7 million books have been shipped as literacy aid. Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot!

A Necessary Expenditure: The five entrances to Church need to be repointed, refinished, and weatherized. This work went out to bid and the winning proposal was awarded to Forum Masonry Construction, Inc., Bridgewater, MA. Their work will include the Church entrances, the Parish House entrance and needed repairs to the devotional walkway. Masonry repairs to the Church building in three different areas will also be repaired.

You can now go to SeekAndFind.com to find a copy of your bulletin for reference anytime, 24 hours a day!

Urgent Need for Foster Homes for children of all ages. Homes are needed for emergency, short term, long term, and respite. All types of families can help – married, single, couples, with or without children. For more information, call Kara Hemmingway at 781-682-0866.

Society of African Missions Annual Spring Fundraiser Dance: May 15 at the Irish Social Club, West Roxbury. Proceeds will go for building schools, clinics and churches in Africa. Please call 781-326-3288 for more information.

Remembering your Parish in your will is a wonderful way to thank God for your blessings and to help St. Clare Parish and our many good works.