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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

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Wednesday 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.

Music Director:

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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

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. You may email them directly to Debby115@verizon.net

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, November 7

4:00 PM George Reeves.....Anniv

SUNDAY, November 8

10:00 AM Mass of Remembrance

11:30 AM Susan Ann Fagan O'Reilly.....6th Anniv

WEDNESDAY, November 11

9:00 AM Stephen & Jeannette Johnson.....Memorial

SATURDAY, November 14

4:00 PM Jeremiah & Helen O'Leary.....Memorial

SUNDAY, November 15

10:00 AM Dorothy M. Joyce.....5th Anniv

11:30 AM Dorothy & Charles Edgerly.....Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Frank Graziano**.

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

A Children's Liturgy will be offered at the 10:00 AM Mass the first three weeks of the month, and the last week of the month will be designated a Family Mass, which will continue though the rest of the school year.

November is a month of Remembrance: In November the Church concludes its liturgical year by presenting thoughts, prayers, and reflections on the end times; that is, our final destination in the journey of life. In this spirit, we ask that you take time to memorialize the memory of deceased family members and friends on envelopes available at the doors of Church. In this way, St. Clare Parish will offer prayers throughout November remembering all those whom you choose to enroll with us. May they rest in His peace!

Leftover Trick or Treat Candy is always appreciated by those at Fr. Bill's Place and the Pine Street Inn. Please leave your candy in the kitchen area of the Church or the Parish House and we will take care of the delivery! This is also a good opportunity to teach your children to "tithe" by donating a few of the candy bars they collected for those less fortunate.

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!

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, **November 12**, is the date of our monthly visit to serve our friends a hot meal. **Desserts are always needed and appreciated**, which you may leave at the Parish House before noon of that day.

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **A Loved One**.

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The Second Collection taken this weekend of **November 7 & 8** is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Coats for Kids, Adults & Babies, too: Collecting now through the Fall: Sponsored by Anton's Cleaners. Please leave the coats behind the Parish Garage in a large box. Accepted: warm winter jackets, gently used, good quality, coats that you would give a friend. All sizes needed. Not accepted: rips, holes and/or tears, broken zippers, permanent stains, sweatshirts, vests, spring coats. Many thanks for your generosity to help the needy.

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare Parish,

On behalf of the Braintree Council #1462 Knights of Columbus, I would like to thank you for the strong support of the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Needs Children. This year's drive was very successful. We sincerely appreciate your help and cooperation. Again, thanks.

Sincerely, John M. Pelose, Tootsie Roll Drive Co-Chair

John Henry & His World of Magic Show: Sunday, **November 22**, at 3:30 PM in the Church. A wonderful, entertaining family afternoon of magic with light refreshments following in the Church Hall. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the show, since no one will be seated during the performance. No admission fee – although a free will donation would be appreciated to help defray the cost.

Time to Order Your Holiday Pies: Buy them frozen – ready to bake for Thanksgiving & Christmas! Flyers with order forms are at the doors of the Church, and in the Faith Formation Office and Parish House. **Please place your order by Sunday, November 15. Pick-up will be on Sunday through Tuesday evening, November 22 - November 24.** We have 10" apple for \$10.00, 9" blueberry for \$10.00, 9" pecan for \$9.00, and 10" pumpkin for \$7.00. All proceeds will be donated to Cradles to Crayons and the Dianne DeVanna Center.

<u>Liturgical Roles</u>	
<u>November 7 & 8</u>	
Lectors:	
4:00 PM.....	C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	B. McGrath
10:00 AM.....	C. Cavanaugh
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy
Eucharistic Ministers:	
4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, M. Ryan, B. McGee, T. English
8:30 AM.....	J. Barrett, R. Ford, R. St. Jean, C. Vitagaliano
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, J. Collier, M. Smith, Deacon Mike
11:30 AM.....	J. Donovan, I. Barone, B. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Literature

An unusually titled book, The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning has a thought provoking chapter, "Magnificent Monotony". The slant of our earth, titled at an angle of 23 degrees, produces our seasons. The weight of the earth is at six sextillion tons (that's six with 21 "0"s) yet it is perfectly balanced to rotate on its axis. The revolution of the earth means that we travel through space at 19 miles per second, 68,000 mph! The 9 major planets in our solar system move around the sun in exact precision. In the face of such astounding facts the author is flabbergasted by the widespread refusal across the land to think big about a loving God. Like nervous thoroughbreds being guided to the starting gate, many Christians bray, bridle, and bolt at the revelation of God's all embracing love in Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

The Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is Friday, November 13th: St Frances was the first American citizen to be canonized. She began her work in the U.S. at the urging of Pope Leo XIII traveling with six missionaries to work with the Italian immigrants in New York. In 35 years of work in the U.S. she established 67 institutions to assist and help the poor. She was canonized July 7, 1946 by Pope Pius XII.

Sheets of All Sizes & 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.

The Pope Speaks: Promoting the right to life requires fighting world hunger. The Pope elaborated by encouraging all world leaders to invest in the productivity of agriculture. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Committee there are 1 billion undernourished in the world resulting in one death every six seconds. The Pope concluded stating "that more than a basic need, the right to food is a fundamental right of each and every person".

Catholic Daughters Court St. Francis of Assisi will meet on Monday, **November 16** at 7:15 PM in St. Francis of Assisi Hall. The program will be **Holiday Flower Arranging** with Karen Disher of the Potting Bench. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend. A fun time and refreshments will be had by all!

Looking for a Job? Try God! Come to St. Thomas More Prayer Meeting on Tuesday, **November 10** for a night of special prayers for those seeking a job. In the Chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM.

Memorial Mass for Children: A special invitation is extended to all men and women who sorrow over the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion. Friday, **November 20**, at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth.

St. Mary of the Hills School, Milton, is now accepting applications for Pre-K thru Grade 8 for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call the Admissions Office at 617-698-2464.

Christmas Craft Fair: St. Michael Church, Avon on Saturday, **November 14** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, **November 15** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Local crafters, raffles, China, Crystal, collectable steins, games, Santa, money wheel, food court.

Faith Formation

Last week the residents at Alliance Healthcare enjoyed a visit from half of our **Third Graders** who entertained them in their Halloween costumes and enjoyed a little snack with them. Both age groups had an enjoyable afternoon!

Our Second Graders will soon be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 5. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

Debbie Clancy (Gr K - 5): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net

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Clothing Collection for Cradles to Crayons: We are asking for donations of gently used and new clothing for newborn to 12 year olds through our Faith Formation Program. Winter coats & snowsuits, hats, mittens & gloves, new socks & underwear, winter boots, shoes, sneakers, sweaters, sweatshirts and child safety items may be placed in the bin near the Faith Formation Office. You can help make a difference! Thank you!

Liberty School has the Opportunity to Earn Cash through **Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program.** All you have to do is, log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online or call 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone using ID # 07173. After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for the school. The school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of the school's educational needs. Please encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. Please contact Karen Bernard via email (bkbernard@beld.net) if you have any questions or issues.

The Office of Worship, in consultation with local health authorities and the Archdiocesan Office of Risk Management, continues to encourage the clergy and faithful to observe necessary standard precautions to protect the health of others during this flu season, and especially with the risks related to H1N1 influenza. The best way to prevent the spread of contagious disease is to practice good hygiene. In addition to practicing good hygiene, the Cardinal directs the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- ❖ The exchange of the Sign of Peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
- ❖ While the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, all ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.
- ❖ Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.

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