

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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Rev. Paul E. Kilroy

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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:

Kathy Clancy 849-9219

Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

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Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

E-mail: FaithFormation4910@verizon.net

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 21

4:00 PM Paul Lynch.....3rd Anniv
Kathleen Lebroquy.....3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, November 22

8:30 AM Peter Hernon.....7th Anniv
Helen O'Donnell.....3rd Anniv
10:00 AM Adelaide McMeekin.....9th Anniv
11:30 AM Domenec DeSantis.....4th Anniv

SATURDAY, November 28

9:00 AM Dorothy Clement.....Birthday Memorial
4:00 PM Jose Carvalho.....2nd Anniv

SUNDAY, November 29

8:30 AM Ann T. Tosone.....2nd Anniv
10:00 AM Joyce A. McDonough.....1st Anniv
11:30 AM Alice Mollica.....7th Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Albert P. Del Vecchio**.

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Thanksgiving Mass: A wonderful custom of Thanksgiving morning will continue as we welcome as celebrant to the 8:00 AM morning Mass Rt. Rev. John Ahern, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Dorchester. We hope many will make a special effort to attend and bring gifts for Holy Family parish members which will be distributed as Christmas gifts. A collection will provide an opportunity of Thanksgiving generosity as well.

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!

Boy Scout Troop 138 Annual Wreath Sale: plan ahead - still only \$10 - selling after all Masses next weekend, after Thanksgiving, Saturday, **November 28th** and Sunday, **November 29th**. If you can't make it, please contact us at committee@troop138.info or 781-356-4933..... we can deliver!

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **November 28 & 29**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **John T. Cronin**.

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Offertory	(November 14 & 15)	\$5,989
Grand Annual		\$51,338

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection taken this weekend of **November 21 & 22** is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Please give generously in recognition of all the religious sisters have done.

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **November 28 & 29**, for our **Jubilee Celebration Fund**.

Stewardship Contributions for the first fiscal quarter, ending September 30, 2009, have been completed, for a total of \$7,000. The recipients are: The Braintree Food Pantry, Cathedral High School, The Marge Crispin Center, Homes for Our Troops, Little Brothers of St. Francis, My Brother's Keeper, The Pilgrim House, St. Anthony's Shrine Food Center, and South Shore Elder Services. We are sincerely grateful to all our parishioners, for without your support, these gifts would not be possible. If there are additional organizations that you feel should be added to our present list, please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Irvine at dirvine@beld.net or telephone 781-848-6706. You may also contact the Parish House.

Chevrus Medal of the Archdiocese of Boston: Last year Cardinal Sean inaugurated the Chevrus medal of the Archdiocese of Boston. The award is intended to honor the "unsung heroes and heroines" of our parishes. The recipients were chosen for their service to the Church and God's people. The award is named for the first Bishop of the diocese from 1808-1824. **We are pleased to announce that Joe Walbridge will represent St. Clare Parish as this year's recipient of this distinguished award.** The ceremony will be held at Holy Cross Cathedral, Sunday, **November 22nd**, at 3:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Joe's many accomplishments include commitment to the poor including St. Francis House, My Brother's Keeper, Fr. Bill's Place and the winter clothing drives. He is a daily communicant and brings the Eucharist to the house bound and at John Adams Health Care Center, Quincy.

Liturgical Roles
November 21 & 22

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....M. Walsh
10:00 AMM. Panciotti
11:30 AM M. Santos

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM..... M. Cahill, J. Dente, C. McGaffigan, M. Ryan
8:30 AM.....B. Welch, J. & F. Buonopane, B. St. Jean
10:00 AMB. Little, M. Smith, J. & A. Sheehan
11:30 AM.....B. & M. Bohannon, M. Rochon, I. Barone

Liturgy & Literature

“What Makes Us Catholic”, a superb read, by Thomas Groome includes the following anecdote: A young musician from Ohio was mesmerized by New York and her upcoming audition spied an old man coming toward her, a violin case under his arm. So she inquired, “Sir, can you tell me how to get to Carnegie Hall?” The old man halted, took a pensive moment, and then offered, “Practice, Practice, Practice.” The religious corollary is clear: the best way to get to heaven is to practice one’s faith. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

St. Clare Coffee House: Sunday, November 29, 5:30-7:30 PM. Looking for positive message music? Listen to Contemporary Christian music, enjoy refreshments and good company. Free. Call Brian Manning with any questions at 781-380-8709.

Church Refurbishment: We are grateful to Dennis J. Moloney, Jr., Building Contractor, for the excellent workmanship to help recondition the wall in the Parish Hall, and cleaning all existing caulking on over 30 windows in the upper Church. This will help to keep the interior space of the Church building insulated from the winter weather and freezing temperatures.

Vicariate Meeting: A recent meeting of our vicariate which includes Parishes from Braintree, Quincy, Randolph, and Milton, featured a guest speaker, Fr. David Couturier, OFM, Director of Pastoral Planning. His information concerning the future of staffing parishes in the future were startling: In 2009 there are 349 priests that staff 291 parishes; in 2015, it is estimated there will be 266 priests available; by 2021, there will be 161 priests available. Fr. David also shared that presently in the United States 17% of all Catholics attend Mass on a regular basis. Only God knows what the future will bring. Hopefully, the Church will, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, be in a position to face these realities creatively.

Coats for Kids, Adults & Babies, Too: Collecting now through January 8 - 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.

Military Personnel Names and Addresses must be updated. The Prayer Shawl ministry of the Parish is coordinating a drive to update the names and addresses of military personnel with pictures for presentation in the devotional space of the Church. This effort is being conducted by two members of the prayer shawl ministry: Paula Jansen, 843-6843, and Gerry Miller, 848-4372. Please call them to provide names of those serving our country in the military. We hope you will provide as well their military pictures and military addresses. Please respond ASAP. We look forward to offering prayers for their safety, good health, and well being. Also, if anyone knows any information concerning the following, would you please call Paula or Gerry: Jonathan Staid, Andrew O’Connell, Mr. Parasco, Brian Fitzgerald, Thomas P. Lynch, Phillip Dow, Christopher Ix, Michael Dietz, Steve Rumbley, Kurt Tom, and Jason DesLauriers.

Faith Formation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received by our second graders for the first time on December 5 at 11:00 AM. Please remember the children 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

Mike Panciotti (Gr 9 & 10): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

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!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...Calling All Singers! Come join the choir for Christmas Eve Mass or anytime. Call Kathy at 849-9219

Children’s Bible Activities: Access tons of Activity Sheets and Bible Story Guides. Unlimited use for every teacher and leader in Church. Something for all ages. Go To www.BibleActivities.com

Daily Prayer: Subscribe to MAGNIFICAT, 1 year, 14 issues, for \$44.95 Call 1-866-273-5215 or order online, www.magnificat.com This is a wonderful publication to foster daily prayer and reflection.

St. Clare’s Holy Name is Holding a Christmas Drive for the V.A. Boston Health Care System at the Brockton Campus: The veterans are in need of the following items: dietetic & regular hard candies, hairbrushes, non-skid slipper socks, underwear (boxer, brief & women), writing paper, socks (tube, crew, women), soap, combs, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, large print playing cards, disposable razors, T shirts, handkerchiefs, female hygiene products, AA-AAA batteries, sweatshirts & sweatpants (all sizes). (all items new in original packaging please and all clothing sizes M-3XL) All donations may be left in the kitchen area of the Church after Masses on **December 12 & 13.** Holy Name members extend their thanks and wishes for a Joyful and Blessed Christmas! God Bless!

Plan Ahead to Toast the New Year Aboard “The Odyssey”: Thursday, **December 31**, depart from St. Clare’s by motorcoach at 10:00 AM, 2 hour cruise of Boston Harbor, lunch, horns, hats & a champagne toast. \$82.00 per person. Contact Marybeth Moriarty at 781-356-4842 to sign up.

“Coping with the Holiday Season”, a one evening workshop for those who are grieving at Good Samaritan Hospice in Brighton on Tuesday, **December 1**, at 6:00-8:00 PM, or in Norwood at 5:30-7:30 PM. (no fee) Advance registration is required by calling 617-566-6242 for Brighton or 781-769-8282 for Norwood.

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