

# 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

Rev. Paul S. Sughrue

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Rev. Paul E. Kilroy

#### Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

#### Faith Formation Office

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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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 28**

4:00 PM Jose Carvalho.....2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, November 29**

8:30 AM Ann T. Tosone.....2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

10:00 AM Joyce A. McDonough.....1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

11:30 AM Alice Mollica.....7<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**WEDNESDAY, December 2**

9:00 AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, December 3**

9:00 AM Special Intention

**FRIDAY, December 4**

9:00 AM John Bernasconi.....Memorial

**SATURDAY, December 5**

9:00 AM Constance Foti.....1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

4:00 PM John Twomey, Sr.....23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv

Maureen Twomey .....6<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, December 6**

8:30 AM Michael John Dooner.....41<sup>st</sup> Anniv

Margaret Mary Dooner.....31<sup>st</sup> Anniv

10:00 AM Thomas & Mary Harvey.....Memorial

11:30 AM Edward J. Spellman.....11<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**We are the servants of God**, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

**Boy Scout Troop 138 Annual Wreath Sale: After all the Masses this weekend of November 28 & 29.....still only \$10.00!** Conveniently buy your wreath on the way to your car, and support the Scouts at the same time.

**We welcome Clare Elizabeth Fay, Luke Michael MacDonald, and Sean J. Ray** as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

**The Parish Family of St. Clare's would like to welcome** the following new parishioners who have recently registered: **Ryan Atkinson, Jessica Needham, Christopher & Jill Gibson, and Timothy & Marianne Mac Donald.**

**Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer**

**This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent**

The first candle is lit and the following prayer is said:  
 "Almighty and loving God, we have searched our hearts and reviewed our love for your people. Some relationships overflow with love while others have been found wanting. Yet it is our desire that you be a part of every human experience. We beg you now to fill our hearts with your love and sharpen our awareness of your presence in every moment so that wherever we go and whatever we do, we will always stand secure before you. Amen."

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

**WE ARE THE STEWARDS ...**

**and this is how we live our stewardship**

Offertory	(November 28 & 29)	\$5,902
Retirement Fund for Religious		\$2,982
Grand Annual		\$51,338

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity**

**The Second Collection** taken this weekend of **November 28 & 29** is for our **Jubilee Celebration Fund.** Please be as generous as your means allows.

**A Second Collection** will be taken next weekend, **December 5 & 6**, for the **Flowers for the Christmas Altar.** Those wishing to have their loved ones or a special intention remembered by purchasing a poinsettia plant may do so by placing your offering in the envelopes provided.

**2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has now raised \$67,198 reaching 95% of our parish goal of \$70,500 from 249 donors. We only need \$3,302 to reach our goal! Please remember, our Parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal.** Every gift matters! Thank you!

**St. Clare Coffee House – This Sunday, November 29, 5:30-7:30 PM:** Contemporary Christian music, refreshments and good company. Free. Call Brian Manning at 781-380-8709.

**Fr. Bill's Place** will be visited on Tuesday, **December 1.** We presently serve over 100 guests each month. If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them at the **Parish House by noontime of that day.** We sincerely thank all those who have been faithfully remembering the guests.

**Planning Ahead: Advent & Christmas Schedule**

**Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday, **December 7**, 7:00 PM

**Advent Daily Mass:** Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM

**Advent Confessions:** Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

**Advent Penitential Service:** Sunday, **December 13**, 5:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church

**Christmas Eve Masses, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** 4:00 PM - Fr. Paul and 6:00 PM - Fr. Paul Kilroy

**Christmas Day Masses, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** 8:30 AM - Fr. Bob Jones and 10:00 AM Fr. Paul

**Liturgical Roles**

**November 28 & 29**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM.....	G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....	R. Murphy
10:00 AM.....	M. Dalton
11:30 AM.....	R. Burke

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, T. English, R. McDonough, D. Hoffman
8:30 AM.....	B. Welch, C. Mahoney, I. Supple, R. Hyland
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, B. Carr, J. Collier, M. DeSantis
11:30 AM.....	M. Rochon, I. Barone, J. Donovan

### Liturgy & Literature

Anthropologists studying a nomadic tribe known to be always on the move in Africa, one day noticed that they were unexpectedly stopping. They asked the tribal members, "Why are you stopping?" The chief responded, "My friend, we run so quickly, we must wait for our souls to catch up with us." Isn't that where we find ourselves right now? Advent meditational booklet, "Catch UpTime For Our Souls" by Fr. James Field (This booklet is available at the doors of Church with daily advent meditations.)  
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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

**Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:** On December 12, 1531, Juan Diego appeared before his Bishop with a sign of the Lady's appearance to him, fresh roses fell from his cape or tilma, with an exact representation of the Lady's image. As a consequence it is stated that over nine million native Americans converted to Catholicism. Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, **December 1**, in the Parish House. The Prayer Shawl Committee is busy making shawls/blankets and hats for people who are suffering. If you know an adult or child who might be comforted by having one, please call Jane Gillis at 781-843-1110.

**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.

**The Pope Speaks:** Pope Benedict addressed a United Nations summit held in Rome on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Pope decried "greed which causes speculation to rear its head even in the marketing of cereals, as if food were to be treated just like any other commodity". The United Nations estimates that the number of people facing hunger around the world rose to more than one billion this year. It is heartening that world leaders meet to deliberate about such an important issue. Hopefully, the conference will result in concrete action.

**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!

### 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](mailto:Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net)  
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**Thank you to all** who attended and helped in any way with making John Henry & His World of Magic Show last Sunday such a great success. The children were a great audience – they couldn't have been more attentive and enthusiastic!

**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.

**The United States Census Bureau is Hiring Census Takers** in our local community. These part-time, temporary jobs offer good pay, flexible work hours, and the chance to work close to home. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010 or check out [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

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