

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 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

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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, October 10

4:00 PM Ralph & Deanna Bizokas.....Memorial

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 AM Trocano, Protulis, Proctor, Spano Family Memorial

10:00 AM Robert Day.....4th Anniv

11:30 AM Ralph, Kevin & David Williams.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, October 14

9:00 AM Joseph Perruzzi.....Memorial

SATURDAY, October 17

9:00 AM Kathryn McSoley.....Birthday Memorial

4:00 PM Paul Centauro.....20th Anniv

Regina Centauro.....5th Anniv

SUNDAY, October 18

8:30 AM Eileen & Tat Davis.....Memorial

10:00 AM Richard Andrade.....Anniv

11:30 AM Dorothea V. Moran.....2nd Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Virginia M. Foster.**

BANNS of MARRIAGE

III Jeffrey Mariano.....Andrea Casey

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

The Braintree Council #1462 Knights of Columbus will be at the entrances of the Church after the Masses this weekend, conducting their annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** for disabled children. Please be as generous as possible.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 1998 and has spread worldwide. Those who were involved saw how the movement benefited anyone in need of support. Unfortunately at any given time there are many who suffer in one way or another. To them we offer our hearts, and lovingly knit our blessed shawls and hope they will bring peace and comfort...If you think you'd like to support this ministry, **today you have an opportunity.** Any amount, large or small, will help defray expenses (especially yarn). We have placed a basket on a table at each entrance for you. Thanks for joining us in letting the suffering know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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!

Please remember the Parish of St. Clare when planning your will

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Offertory	(October 3 & 4)	\$6,550
Grand Annual		\$33,893

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **October 17 & 18**, for **Catholic World Missions.** By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Please visit www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org for more information.

Parish Finances: Please know that last weekend represented the Parish Jubilee Grand Annual Collection. Letters and envelopes have been mailed to all registered parish members. Envelopes are available at the doors of Church in the hopes that all parish members will participate in the 2009 Parish Jubilee Grand Annual Collection. The average donation requested is \$300 knowing that some may be able to give more while others may need to give less. The most important feature of this collection is that everyone try to do their fair share! Will you?

2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has now raised \$65,488 reaching 93% of our parish goal of \$70,500 from 243 donors. We only need \$5,012 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!

Parish Envelopes: We are always hopeful of adding to our list of Parish envelope users. The importance of contributing to St. Clare Parish by means of the envelope system is crucial. We know this by reason of the fact that 2/3rds of Parish income is contributed 1/3rd of Parish contributors. If you would like to register for Parish envelopes and join those who are regular in their parish contributions please fill out the form in the front of the bulletin.

Devotional Space is dedicated to Military Personnel serving our country: Please bring a picture of family military personnel along with their military address as well as your own, and leave it at the Parish house so that we might display it properly in the Devotional Space.

Liturgical Roles
October 10 & 11

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	T. English
8:30 AM.....	M. Gawron
10:00 AM.....	M. Dalton
11:30 AM.....	R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	B. McGee, M. Ryan, C. McGaffigan, J. Dente
8:30 AM.....	Deacon Mike, C. Vitagliano, J. & F. Buonopane
10:00 AM.....	J. Collier, A. Moran, B. Little, M. Smith
11:30 AM.....	I. Barone, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Literature

“Is There a Right Way to Pray?” caught my eye and attention in the NYT Magazine, 9/20/09. The good news is the surveys tell us that 75% of Americans pray once a week, while 40% attend a worship service once a week. Steven Waldman, CEO of beliefnet.com, interprets this by stating “in a way, prayer has become its own religion in this society. People pick and choose. They want to become their own spiritual contractors.” Hopefully, all of us may choose prayer not merely as a ritual for a day but as an opportunity of a lifetime.
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Processional Candlesticks Sparkle Anew: Our lightweight processional candlesticks sparkle anew thanks to the work of Scott Ciardi, Master Restorer, 89 Pearl Street, Braintree. He also donated a fully restored Baptismal shell for use at Baptisms. His restoration work is in brass, copper, silver and pewter.

Back by Popular Demand: Another Spaghetti Supper! Saturday, **October 17** after the 4:00 PM Mass. All You Can Eat – spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, beverage, and dessert.....for \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 a family. Also an endless raffle table with prizes for all ages. **Tickets will be available after all the Masses this weekend of October 9 & 10**, as well as in the Faith Formation Office and Parish House during weekdays. All proceeds will benefit Cradles to Crayons and the Dianne DeVanna Center through our Faith Formation Program.

Spaghetti Supper Raffle Table: We are asking our Parish Community to help us make this evening a huge success by donating a gift card or a raffle item. All donations will be greatly appreciated, and may be left at the Parish House or Faith Formation Office by **October 15**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

Wednesday, October 14th - St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582): Teresa lived in an age of social, political, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. Her impact was made visible in three forms; she was a woman, a contemplative and a social reformer. She was a woman not so much wrapped up in silence as in mystery. The following are accurate descriptions; beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic; in a word, Teresa was totally human. There is much to imitate in her example of saintly living.

The Pope Speaks: Pope Benedict addressed the youth of the Czech Republic in these words: “Dear young people, many of you Christ calls to marriage. Consider carefully the divine call to raise a Christian family, and let your youth be the time in which to build your future with a sense of responsibility. In this year of priests young men be attentive and open to Jesus’ call to offer your lives in the service of God’s people. The Church in every country needs many holy priests fully consecrated to the service of Christ, hope of the world.”

Faith Formation

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!

Hospitalization and Operation: Please know that while I am away following surgery on my left bi polar popliteal aneurism I am most grateful for your thoughts and prayers. The surgery is my second surgery reflective of conditions this time behind my left knee. The surgery was performed by Dr. Michael Minor of the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. While I am gone please welcome cordially our visiting priests, and do not be shy if offering to help around the Parish. In my absence there is always something that needs to be done. ~ Fr. Paul

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are having a membership drive. We are a national organization whose motto is "Unity and Charity". CDA offers endless opportunities to serve God and others. Please contact Mary Walsh at 843-5660 or Kathy Logan at 848-5127 for further information. Our next meeting will be on **October 19** at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall at 7:15 PM. An officer from the Braintree Police Dept will speak on Safety Issues. Please join us.

Health Memo: Please be extremely aware of keeping a healthy environment in the Church and Parish Hall. Hand Sanitizers are available throughout the building. Practice coughing into a handkerchief or tissues whenever possible. Please make every effort to maintain a germ free environment.

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.

Poor Boxes: “So Much Food, So Much Hunger” - NYT 9/20/09: This thoughtful article asked how can so many be hungry when farmers produce enough food, at least in theory, to feed every person on the planet. David Beckman, president of the anti hunger group, Bread for the World, posed an answer : “it’s mainly neglect”. The massiveness of the problem of world hunger is sometimes overwhelming. Don’t neglect to do your part by “feeding” the poor boxes.

Upcoming Parish Craft Fairs

October 17 – St. Albert the Great, Weymouth - 9:00 - 3:00
November 8 – St. Mary, Randolph – 8:30-3:00

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