

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

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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

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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 17

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

SATURDAY, October 24

4:00 PM Teresa & Mary McNamara.....Anniv

SUNDAY, October 25

8:30 AM Richard Mazzola.....8th Anniv
10:00 AM Ismeraldo Esgera.....1st Anniv
11:30 AM Richard Sullivan.....8th Anniv

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most

important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. All discipleship involves mission. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

We welcome Lydia Alice Litterio, James Joseph Litterio, and Luke Anthony Payzant as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

Catholic Daughters Day will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Sunday, **October 18** at the 10:30 AM Mass. (All members attending please plan to sit together up front, center, left pews in aisle 3, 4, 5).

Children's Liturgy will begin again **November 1st** at the 10:00 AM Mass and will continue through the rest of the school year. The first three weeks of the month will be the children's liturgy and the last week of the month will be designated a Family Mass.

Hospitalization and Operation: Many thanks for your prayers and good wishes from so many which makes a deep impression of thanks and gratitude in my life. Such support sustains me as I anticipate a successful recuperation and return to Parish life.
Fr. Paul

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.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **October 24 & 25**. 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 **Richard Andrade**.

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Offertory	(October 10 & 11)	\$5,087
Grand Annual		\$41,623

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection this weekend of **October 17 & 18** will be for the **Catholic World Missions**. The funds gathered are distributed in the pope's name by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Parish Finances: 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 \$66,948 reaching 95% of our parish goal of \$70,500. We only need \$3,552 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 may display it.

Poor Boxes: Don't forget to do your part by "feeding" the poor boxes! This money helps to feed the guests at Pine Street Inn and Fr. Bill's Place. The pennies are collected by the Catholic Daughters to purchase cribs for Friends of the Unborn.

**Liturgical Roles
October 17 & 18**

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	B. Dugan
8:30 AM.....	M. Walsh
10:00 AM.....	M. O'Donnell
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM C. McGaffigan, D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, R. McDonough
8:30 AM.....M. & D. Picewick, P. Fillion, B. St. Jean
10:00 AM.....M. Smith, Deacon Mike & Claire, B. Carr
11:30 AM.....B. & M. Bohannon, M. Rochon

Liturgy & Literature

Presidential Religions were recently graphed in the Ledger providing the following breakdown from George Washington to Barack Obama: Disciples of Christ, 3; Dutch Reformed, 2; Quaker, 2; Congregational, 1; Roman Catholic, 1; United Church of Christ, 1; Episcopalian, 11; Presbyterian, 10; Methodist, 5; Baptist, 4; and Unitarian 4. Certainly this information provides a window into the religious diversity of “one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all”.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Wednesday, October 21st – St. Hilarion (291-371): Born in Palestine, Hilarion soon became widely known for his wisdom and contemplation. He was drawn to solitude, hardship, and simplicity of desert surroundings earning for him the title of the Founder of Monasticism. Much of his fame derives from a biography written by St. Jerome. In the fall season it is good to enjoy the beauty of nature and the autumnal spectrum of colors as a reminder of the presence of God in our midst.

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 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.

The Pope Speaks: The Pope welcomes the U.S. Ambassador: At a ceremony on October 2nd the Pope accepted the credentials of Miguel Diaz, the 9th Ambassador to the Vatican. The Pope strongly endorsed a greater spirit of solidarity and multilateral engagement in response to the crises of today. As a prime example he pointed to the global economic crisis, basic health care, immigration policies, climate control and secure access to food and water. The Pope was pleased with the newly approved agreement of the U.N. on nuclear disarmament. Diaz, 46, taught at St. John University and the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota. He is the first Hispanic and first theologian to represent the United States at the Vatican.

Internet Site: Information and reflection on selected projects funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., a website where religious leaders and teachers can find grant making initiatives. Important findings, articles and study guides and grants. Please visit www.resourcingchristianity.org.

Faith Formation

Highlighting the Middle School Grades: We have 148 students enrolled in our Grades 6-8 classes this year, with 15 teachers, including returning veterans, first time teachers, high school seniors, and even a father and son team, sharing their time and talent with us! We are extremely grateful to them as our Program would not be able to function without the support of these dedicated teachers. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or come by the Faith Formation Office. I am in the office on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We will be offering many opportunities for special events throughout the year. We hope most of the students will take advantage of as many as possible. We will also be looking for assistance, in the form of car pools, chaperones, etc., from parents as well. There will be several fundraisers during the course of the year to benefit various charities such as Cradles to Crayons, Catholic Relief Services and The Dianne DeVanna Center. Please look for flyers asking for your support. Thank you for being a part of our St. Clare Family. I am excited about my second year. I hope the students find it to be a stimulating year to remember!

~ Anne Marie Tranfaglia, DRE (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

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!

Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Peggy McCormick Chapter, serving Weymouth and Braintree, proudly presents Brian Camenker, President, Mass Resistance, Pro Family, Defender of Parents’ Rights. The topic, “Values in Education, Where are we Heading?”, will be held on Thursday, **October 22**, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Thayer Public Library, Braintree. The public is warmly invited to hear the current trends in Massachusetts schools.

A Mass & Healing Service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stoughton, on Sunday, **October 25** at 2:00 PM with Fr. Joseph McDermott. Come and pray for your own needs or the needs of others.

The Paulist Center is Hosting a Concert and Liturgy Workshop entitled “Here I Am, Lord” with renowned composer and liturgist Dan Schutte. On Friday, **November 6**, at 7:30 PM there will be the concert - tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and the liturgy workshop will be held on Saturday, **November 7** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM – fee is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Register by **October 31** by calling 617-742-4460.

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