

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

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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: _____

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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, October 3

4:00 PM Lawrence Hogg.....Memorial

SUNDAY, October 4

8:30 AM Jane V. Coleman.....5th Anniv

11:30 AM Ken Dooley.....9th Anniv

SATURDAY, October 10

9:00 AM Robert Hines.....Anniv

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

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Isabel Coloma**.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

II Jeffrey Mariano.....Andrea Casey

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children", is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Eucharistic Adoration will begin again on this Monday, October 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM here at St. Clare Church. We will have Adoration the **first Monday of each month**.

We welcome Finn John Kelley as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon him many spiritual blessings throughout his life.

Jubilee Day of Prayer, Jesus Saves: Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Fr. Joseph Callahan will present thoughts on Mark and Mary, confessions and Mass. Fr. Callahan has worked with Fr. Matt Talbot and De Colores. He is easy going, down to earth, uncomplicated and a sweet, sweet man. Free will offering.

St. Clare Holy Name will meet next Sunday, **October 11** at the 8:30 AM Mass. Following, all are welcome downstairs to a video presentation of a recent trip to Tanzania, Africa by Katie White and Ruth Hyland, who traveled there to visit her brother.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, **October 6**. 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 by contributing sweets to end their meal!**

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, October 8, 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 **Clement & Elizabeth Derby**.

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Parish Finances: Please know that this weekend represents 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!

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.

The Braintree Council #1462 Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** for disabled children. The Knights will be at the entrances of the Church after the Masses next weekend, **October 10 & 11**, to accept donations. Please be as generous as possible.

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, **October 6**, at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. If you think you'd want to join us knitting prayer shawls and baptismal blankets, you are welcome. We'll give you knitting patterns and help as needed!

**Liturgical Roles
October 3 & 4**

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....R. Ford
10:00 AM R. Moran
11:30 AMJ. McCarthy

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.....J. & A. Sheehan, B. Carr, J. Collier
11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, I. Barone, J. Donovan

Liturgy & Literature

Jesus is the title of a new book with an irresistible sub title, “Why the world is still fascinated by Him”, by Tim Lahaye. I am enjoying the book immensely. In the chapter, “Jesus and Best Selling Book” we read the following, “No one really knows how many copies of the Bible have been printed, sold, or distributed. The Bible society’s attempt to calculate the number printed between 1816 and 1975 produced the figure of 2,458,000,000. A more recent survey in 1992 put that figure up to 6 billion in more than 2000 languages and dialects. Whatever the precise figure, the Bible is by far the bestselling book of all time.” Have you read your copy recently?

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

October 17: Spaghetti Supper after the 4:00 PM Mass

October 18: Sale of St. Clare Jubilee ornaments after Masses

October 31: 5K Jubilee Fun Run/Walk starting at 10:00 AM

Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children: The walk will be this Sunday, **October 4th**, 1:30 PM, Boston Common. The walk is to help raise funding for the 48 beneficiaries who provide food, housing, prenatal care, counseling services, education, and adoption assistance so pregnant women can choose life. Join thousands of people from across that State to support women in need and their babies. To make a contribution visit www.masscitizensforlife.org.

Wednesday, October 7th - Feast of the Lady of the Rosary: Pope Pius V established this feast in 1573. The development of the rosary owes much to the influence of the Dominicans. In the 16th century the rosary was developed with fifteen mysteries in its present form, joyful, sorrowful, and glorious. Pope John Paul II added the mysteries of light, the luminous mysteries, in 1992.

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: Pope Benedict has invited hundreds of artists to meet with him in the Sistine Chapel to rekindle the special historical relationship between art and faith. More than 500 personalities from the world of art, theatre, literature and music will gather with the Pope on Saturday, November 21st. We can only expect that the meeting will bring artistic dividends to both the Church and the world bridging the gap that in many arenas exists between them.

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.

Faith Formation

Highlighting the Elementary Grades: We have 336 students enrolled in our Kindergarten through Grade 5 classes this year, with over 45 teachers and assistants sharing their time and talent with us, for which I am extremely grateful. Our Program would not be able to function without the support of our dedicated teachers. We welcome a large group of newly registered families into our Faith Formation Program as well as our Parish. We will be having contests, games, and fundraisers during the course of the year to benefit Cradles to Crayons and the Catholic Relief Service. Please be watchful for flyers being brought home from class by your children, and support our Faith Formation Program in whatever way you are able. Thank you for being a part of our St. Clare Family. I am looking forward to another exciting and memorable year. ~ Debbie Clancy, DRE of Grades K-5

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!

Parents: there are still openings in the second grade Scouts Den. Join a great group where activities and lessons are about community, the earth, health, esteem and more!
 email: dawnlalama@yahoo.com

St. Clare’s Families & Tots Program is beginning its ELEVENTH year! Anyone caring for a child of birth to age 5 is welcome to join us Wednesdays, from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Come join us for fun, music, crafts, coloring and free play - all in a safe and loving environment. For further information, contact Karen McBrine at 781- 961-3460

You are Invited to the Installation Mass for Fr. Brian Clary, Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Brookline, on Sunday, **October 25** at 11:30 AM. Light refreshments to follow. **RSVP by October 18** to frbrian2002@yahoo.com or by calling 617-734-0444.

Handicap parking is not only labeled, but accessible to all parishioners with permits: Only permitted vehicles and those vehicles occupied with such needs should park in these designated areas. The area around the building within the white lines is there to protect our parishioners that are on foot going to and from Mass, class, social gatherings, etc. The visibility and proximity to moving vehicles is limited when people park within this no parking zone. Walkers and physically challenged parishioners are forced to move into the driving area around the building when vehicles are parked illegally. Please respect the non parking area that is designated by the white lines next to the church building for both their safety and security values. Thank you.

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