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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:

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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, September 19

4:00 PM Patricia Tausevich.....Memorial

SUNDAY, September 20

8:30 AM John Marino.....Memorial

10:00 AM Myrna Rae Griffith.....5th Anniv

11:30 AM Leonilde, Josephine & Zachary Ruffini.....Anniv

WEDNESDAY, September 23

9:00 AM Jose Barone.....Memorial

THURSDAY, September 24

9:00 AM Mary Cotter.....Anniv

FRIDAY, September 25

9:00 AM George & Martin Shedlock.....Memorial

SATURDAY, September 264:00 PM Donal & Pauline Leahy.....6th Anniv**SUNDAY, September 27**8:30 AM Roy & Mary Cate, Nicholas & Afrodite Matthews
Memorial

11:30 AM Francis X. Maher.....Birthday Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mary Lanoue**.

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness." See Psalm 54

Please Note: There will be No Hospitality after the Masses today - Sunday, September 20, due to the Blood Drive being held in the Parish Hall.

Catholic Cluster Blood Drive – This Sunday, September 20 at St. Clare Parish Hall. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM: What better way to spend part of your Sunday morning? Giving blood this morning for others is giving of yourself, a lesson Christ has taught us. You do not need an appointment, just report to the St. Clare Church Hall and the Red Cross staff will be glad to accommodate you.

We welcome William Michael Downing, Benjamin Ronald Hensley, Aine Marie Leonard, and Brian Robert Molloy as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

Parish Pastoral Council: Meeting this Sunday, **September 20th**, Parish House Conference Room. All parish members are cordially welcome to attend.

Please remember the Parish of St. Clare when you are planning your estate.

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

The Sanctuary Light will burn from September 19 to September 25 in loving memory of **Mary & Robert Sullivan**.

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2009 Catholic Appeal: Thank you to all supporters of the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish has now raised \$65,238 reaching 92.5% of our parish goal of \$70,500 from 242 donors. We only need \$5,262 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!

Last Day for the Men's Clothing Drive to Benefit St. Francis House: Please leave all items in the screened porch behind the Parish Garage by Sunday, **September 20**. Thank you for your generosity to the less fortunate.

Jubilee Charter Member Mass – Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 AM: Please return your invitation reply to join us for a Mass of Recognition and brunch to follow. Commemorative charter member group pictures featuring his eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, will be distributed immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall.

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.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be next weekend of **September 26 & 27**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

Liturgical Roles
September 19 & 20

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....G. Cahill

8:30 AM.....M. Walsh

10:00 AM.....M. Panciotti

11:30 AM.....J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, R. McDonough, D. Hoffman, T. Kane

8:30 AM..... R. Hyland, P. Fillion, I. Supple, B. Welch

10:00 AM.....B. Little, A. Moran, J. Collier, B. Carr

11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, Deacon Mike & Claire

Liturgy & Literature

What Jesus Demands from the World, by John Piper, states, "Jesus displayed the glory of God in accomplishing what God had given him to do. So he prayed to his Father at the end of this, "I glorified you on earth, have accomplished the work you gave me to do". Jn.17:4. Everything Jesus did was done with a view to making God look great. We can no better than to do the same. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

The Pope Speaks: Take Time Out to hear God's voice: Pope Benedict stated that people need to take time out to hear God's voice. We should make every effort to make Jesus the focus of our lives. We should not let ourselves be completely absorbed by our daily activities. These remarks were made on September 9th to 7000 pilgrims at Pope Paul VI Hall.

Finance Council Meeting Highlights: All members were present. The Parish budget was reviewed and since it is early in the fiscal year, it is too early to notice trends. An important concern is maintaining offertory giving. It was mentioned that we are near the goal for the Cardinal's Appeal and it is hoped that those who have yet to contribute will soon do so. The Parish Jubilee events will soon continue for the next half of the Jubilee Year. It is anticipated that these events will help St. Clare Parish commemorate the Jubilee in a memorable manner. The Parish financial report for FY 2007-2008 and the Grand Annual Collection letter will soon be mailed. Sandy Sisk received commendation for these tasks and others in fulfilling her chores as the parish business manager. There are several projects which include brick cleaning of the Parish House, winterization, Church doors, leak in Church window, and painting projects. The meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Wednesday, September 23 - Feast of St. Padre Pio (1887-1968): In one of the largest attended Canonizations, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio, June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony of his pontificate attended by over 300,000, who endured blistering heat in St. Peter's Square. The Pope addressed his life in the themes of prayer, charity, and suffering. Many people have turned to this Italian Capuchin Franciscan for mediation and intercession with God. On September 18, 1917, it is said that he received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. Each morning after the 5:00 AM Mass he would hear confessions as busloads of pilgrims arrived at the monastery. Soon his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day!

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.

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.

Faith Formation

All grades have begun with the exception of the Kindergarten classes which begin on Tuesday, September 22.

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

A "Protecting God's Children" Workshop, which is mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston for Parish staff and all volunteers who have contact with children will be available on Tuesday, **September 22** at 6:30 PM and again on Sunday, **October 4,** at 1:00 PM in St. Clare Parish Hall, with Patricia Spataro as our program facilitator. If you have already taken part in this program, it is not necessary to attend again. St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be offering this program on **October 17** at 10:00 AM and **October 18** at 1:00 PM if those dates are more convenient for you. To register, please call the Faith Formation Office at 781-848-7481.

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

October 18th - Sale of St. Clare Commemorative Jubilee Ornaments - after the Masses - \$6 ea or 2 for \$10 - Start your Christmas shopping early!
October 31st - 5K Jubilee Fun Run / Walk - start time 10:00 AM

Passion Play, Germany (July 15, 2010): There will be a meeting on Wednesday, **September 30,** at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall for those registered for the trip. Anyone interested in attending please call Marge Varraso at 781-843-8817.

The Confraternity for the Propagation of Devotion to St. Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino Saint) invites everyone to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist to commemorate his 11th Feast Day on Sunday, **September 27,** at 11:30 AM. Please contact Jose or Mila Santos for more information at 781-380-8735.

Focus on Eucharist: As our weekly readings have recently focused our attention on the celebration of Eucharist, it is important to feel welcome and invited to engage ourselves in the many roles and responsibilities which good liturgy implies. Therefore, please feel welcome to join in the following capacity:

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