

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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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

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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, January 2

4:00 PM Edward P. Barkowski.....3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, January 3

8:30 AM Knights of Columbus Mass for the Unborn

10:00 AM Rita Palmer.....6th Anniv

11:30 AM Elaine Muise.....1st Anniv

SATURDAY, January 9

4:00 PM Patrick Finnegan & Nora McDonough....Memorial

SUNDAY, January 10

8:30 AM Suzanne Muscolino.....4th Anniv

10:00 AM Jack Marshall.....7th Anniv

11:30 AM Natalie Rose Burns Foster.....7th Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mary A. LoRe.**

Today we celebrate the fact that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. Because he has given us different gifts we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. If one of us does not play his or her role the whole body suffers. How will you play your role this year?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, January 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Adoration is observed the **first Monday of each month.** Please make an effort to spend one hour with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Additional names of those remembered by flowers on the Christmas altar: Bob Barrett and Mark Moore.

Ministers of Holy Communion: All those who presently visit people in the home, hospital, or nursing home are asked to kindly call the Parish House and inform us of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those whom you visit. This is important to us in order that we may update this vital information.

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.

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!

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, **January 5.** 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.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate

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Offertory	(December 19 & 20)	\$3,567
Christmas	(for the priests of our Archdiocese)	\$12,797
Offertory	(December 26 & 27)	\$8,198
Grand Annual		\$54,288

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Elevator: Please know that we have an elevator to transport us from the Church to the Hall and back to the Church again. Please make use of it. It can help prevent issues related to accidents on the stairwells as took place last week to Mary Foley. Please pray that she may recuperate well.

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. Many thanks!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on Thursday, **January 7,** at 11:00 AM at Marilyn McGrath's home. Since June we have given 40 prayer shawls to those in need of solace and prayers. Sometimes, if they are able, they write us about their feelings when wearing the shawl ... "I was a little tired today and so I used it. It felt good! Thank you, thank you, thank you, it means a lot to me!" We're still busy knitting our shawls, blankets, and hats. Please let us know of any adult or child who might be comforted by having one. Call Jane Gillis at 781-843-1110.

Pastoral Review of 2009

It is of interest to review the past year in terms of sacramental and spiritual activity within the Parish. These statistics indicate that God was truly at work through St. Clare Parish. In the year 2009 the index of sacramental activity within the Parish was as follows: 43 Baptisms, 78 First Communions and First Confessions, 86 Confirmations, 7 Marriages, 56 Funerals, 833 visits to the sick with communion, and 61 anointings at the Alliance Nursing Home, Braintree Rehab, Carney Hospital, Grove Manor, Logan Apartments, Lowell General, Mass. General, N.E. Sinai Hospital, Norwood Hospital, Quincy Medical Center, Southwood Nursing Home, Norwell, Royal Rehabilitation, and the South Shore Hospital. A Minister of Holy Communion is responsible for over 2,200 visits to John Adams Nursing Home distributing communion there weekly.

Liturgical Roles

January 2 & 3

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....	C. Cavanaugh
10:00 AM.....	R. Moran – E. Moriarty
11:30 AM.....	R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, T. English, J. Dente
8:30 AM... ..	B. Welch, J. Buonopane, D. Picewick, Deacon Mike
10:00 AM.....	M. DeSantis, B. Carr, A. Moran, B. Little
11:30 AM.....	M. Rochon, I. Barone, J. Donovan, P. Manter

Liturgy & Literature

As the New Year unfolds we turn to a reflection in "The Bible Today", November, '09 on the significance of Origen, an early Father of the Church. Origen insisted that Scripture must be read with prayer: scriptural reading is a means to a knowledge of God. This is the basis of a reflective reading of Scripture. Origen writes to Gregory: "Pay special attention to the reading of Scripture. Much concentration is needed for this reading, and while you study these divine works with a believing and God-pleasing intention, knock at that which is closed in them and it shall be opened to you by the porter, of whom Jesus says, 'To him the gatekeeper opens'". Remember what is absolutely necessary for understanding divine things is prayer.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

2009 St. Clare Parish Jubilee Celebration: St. Clare Parish conducted a yearlong Jubilee celebration of 50 years comprising over 11 different events which began welcoming Cardinal O'Malley and concluded with the regional Bishop, Most Rev. John Dooher. Sandwiched in between were memorable events that included a Parish Lenten Mission, a memorable musical jamboree, a prayer filled public recitation of the rosary, an elaborate Parish picnic, a charter member visit to the Pastoral Center with a Mass and reception in their honor, a Parish Walk/Run, and a contemporary Houdini and the world of magic.

A great debt of gratitude is extended to the Music Program headed by Kathy Clancy, and the Jubilee Committee who included Gladys Arikian, Lucille Barton, Mary Belanger, Fran Buonopane, Claire and Deacon Mike Cavanaugh, Debbie Clancy, Mary Cusack, Rich Flaherty, Marybeth Moriarty, Janet Murphy, Sandy Sisk, and Irene Supple. Finally we thank all parish members whose participation in these events made them so memorable and enjoyable. To borrow a phrase, "we have remembered the past, we have celebrated the present, and now we prepare for the future".

The Pope Speaks: Like the Christmas tree, Christians should shine forth with Christ's light. The faithful must show forth their good fruits of living a Christian life that the world was truly visited and redeemed by the Lord. Hopefully in this Christmas season we may strive to illuminate by the goodness of our life the shadows in the world around us.

Interfaith Social Services' Career Closet provides free professional attire to low-income jobseekers. For years this program was only open to women but has recently begun serving men as well. ISS is currently seeking donations of professional attire – suits, dress shirts, slacks, ties, shoes, etc., as well as male volunteers that can assist clients. Donations can be dropped off at ISS' offices on 105 Adams Street in Quincy from 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday, and until 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Volunteer inquiries should be directed to Bettyanne Lang at 617-773-6203. All *Career Closet* clothing donations should be clean, pressed and ready to wear. And as with all donations they are tax deductible.

Affordable Housing Lottery: 165 Pond Street, Braintree. Single Family home, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, will be sold January 8, 2010. Income and assets limits will apply. Applications are available at Braintree Town Hall. The deadline for application submission is Tuesday, **January 5th**, 4:00 PM.

Faith Formation

All classes will resume this week of January 4.

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

The Braintree Women's Club is sponsoring 10 General Federation of Women's Clubs of MA Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 for Graduate Study, Undergraduate Study, and MA High School Seniors involving many fields. The deadline is **February 1st**. Please contact Mrs. Anne Flaherty at 781-843-0539 for an application or more information.

Women in God's Spirit (WINGS): Are you a woman longing to be closer to God? Try WINGS at St Agatha's! The winter season focuses on scripture and meets on 4 Wednesdays: **January 13, 20, 27, and February 3** from 7:00-9:00 PM in the lower church. The presenter is Celia Sirois, scripture scholar and director of CHRISM based in the office of Bishop John Dooher on the South Shore. Celia will lead us in a close look at the hospitality of God extended to us in Christ according to the Gospel of Luke.

Enrich Your Life! Please consider becoming a "Meals on Wheels" volunteer for South Shore Elder Services. They are in need of drivers in Braintree mid-mornings, weekdays, for 1-2 hours (mileage reimbursement). For more information, please contact Jody at 781-848-3910x430.

Mass of Thanksgiving Celebrating 100 Year of Scouting: His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites all former and current scouts, scout leaders, and their families on Sunday, **February 28** at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Visit www.oymboston.org.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Parish of Saint Clare, God give you peace! Thank you so much for your most generous donation that we received. This act of kindness goes a long way in sustaining us in our ministry with the homeless of Boston. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you and for your intentions. Before the Lord Jesus we hold you all in our hearts. May His blessing upon you be abundant for your work of mercy. For this we pray...In Our Lady, The Little Brothers of Saint Francis

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. Your pennies are donated to the Catholic Daughters for purchasing cribs for Friends of the Unborn.

Opportunities in which to Memorialize Deceased Loved Ones

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one, you can do so by calling the Parish House and scheduling one of the following:

Altar Breads and Wine	\$40.00 a week donation
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