

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:

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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 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

WEDNESDAY, January 13

9:00 AM Joan O'Brien.....1st Anniv

SATURDAY, January 16

4:00 PM Helen Lynch.....Month's Mind

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Joseph M. Greenwood, John Anthony McDermott** and **Charlie Melchin**.

Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought – a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. As baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.

Holy Name Society Meeting: This Sunday the Holy Name Society will meet in the Parish Hall immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. They will welcome as the guest speaker Scott Ciardi, proprietor of Brass from the Past of 89 Pearl Street, Braintree. He is a licensed master restorer and will share stories of his background and experience in bringing old objects back to life. Please know that all parish members are cordially welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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.

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.

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.

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, **January 14**, 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.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate

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Offertory	(January 2 & 3)	\$3,433
Grand Annual		\$54,288

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We are pleased to report that Stewardship contributions amounting to \$7000.00 have been distributed for the second fiscal quarter, which ended on December 31, 2009. An equal amount was delivered to the following recipients: The American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, Dove, Friends of the Boston Homeless, Heifer Project, Lift Ministries, Little Sisters of the Poor, Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Rosie's Place and The Salvation Army. Our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Parishioners, for without their generosity, this program would not be possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Irvine at dirvine@beld.net or telephone 781-848-6706, or the Parish Office, if you would like us to consider an additional organization.

**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
Altar Flowers	\$80.00 a week donation
Sanctuary Light	\$25.00 a week donation
Weekday Masses	\$25.00 donation
Weekend Masses	\$30.00 donation

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 9 & 10**

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	T. English
8:30 AM.....	B. McGrath
10:00 AM.....	E. O'Donnell
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, B. McGee, M. Ryan, R. McDonough
8:30 AM.....	M. Martino, R. Ford, R. St. Jean, C. Vitagliano
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, M. Smith, Deacon Mike & Claire
11:30 AM.....	I. Barone, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

Liturgy & Literature

“Procrastinating Pleasure” - NYT, December 28 '09: We put off visiting local sites or cashing in gift certificates because we mistakenly expect to have more free time in the future. We keep holding on to frequent flier miles or prized bottles of wine because we keep envisioning some ideal time in the future for using them. Suzanne Shu, a behavioral therapist at UCLA, suggests that we should give ourselves deadlines for fun. What pleasurable event or pleasurable plan has been a source of procrastination in your life? Would you be willing to say that you will execute the plan and/or event with the time of this coming year, 2010?

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 Dorothy Irvine, 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: Pope Benedict, who will be 83 in April, has a busy and potentially productive agenda in 2010 which includes 4 papal trips; to Malta, Fatima, Cyprus, & England, a Middle East synod of bishops, a visit to the shroud of Turin, a 2nd volume on Jesus of Nazareth, a major gathering of world priests, and the possible beatification of Pope John Paul II. On New Year's Day the Pope encouraged Christians to look beyond the passage of time to eternity. The Pope stated that people must look back at the past years and forward to the new year recognizing that God has transformed human history into the history of salvation. All of the events of life should be understood in the context of the invitation to set out to the goal of eternity. The Pope encouraged people to make new year's resolutions to spend more time reading the Bible so that they may be more credible witnesses to God's loving plan of salvation.

Thursday, January 14 - Feast of Servant of God, John the Gardener: John was born of poor parents, orphaned early in life, spent time begging door to door. As a shepherd in Spain, he was invited one day by two Franciscans to help them in their friary in Salamanca. He readily accepted and was assigned the task of helping a brother with gardening duties. Later becoming a Franciscan, John became known as “the gardener”. John's flowers decorated the dining room table and the altar. God is surely pleased when we add a bit of beauty to the world. All of us should take a lesson from his life.

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

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LIFT (Catholic Worship for a New Generation) will be held at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, on Tuesday, **January 19** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with guest speaker, Fr. John Gerth. More information may be found at www.liftedhigher.com.

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.

If anyone wishes to send Fr. Bill O'Connor a card, visit or call him, he is residing at Marian Manor, 130 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127, 617-268-3333.

Peggy McCormick Chapter, Mass. Citizens for Life, invites all to join the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C., as witness to the life of the preborn child. A bus leaves Weymouth from Immaculate Conception Parish at 9:00 PM on **January 21**, arriving in D.C. at 6:00 AM. It will depart Washington at 6:00 PM, arriving in Weymouth o/a 2:00 AM on January 23. Cost for adults is \$50, students \$10. Please register with Sally Healy at 781-848-3796.

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.

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.

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