

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

Faith Formation: 781-848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

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Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

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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 23

4:00 PM Patricia Tausevich.....2nd Anniv

SUNDAY, January 24

8:30 AM William J. Baker.....1st Anniv

10:00 AM Lucy Sacchetti.....Birthday Memorial

11:30 AM Manuel & Helen Gomez.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, January 27

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, January 28

9:00 AM Thomas Young.....Anniv

SATURDAY, January 30

4:00 PM Genevieve McDonough.....5th Anniv

SUNDAY, January 31

10:00 AM Nellie & Michael Naughton.....Memorial

11:30 AM Daniel J. Mahoney.....Birthday Memorial

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. However, He expects us to share our blessings with those who are in need.

We welcome Braydon Green Walorz and Keira Lily Walorz as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

Baptismal Bibs are worn by each baby baptized at St. Clare's. We need help making these bibs. There is one person cutting the material and attaching the lace. We have two women who embroider the bibs. If another person could cut out the bibs and attach lace it would be very much appreciated. You would probably be called upon three or four times a year. Please call Sandy at the Business Office (781-848-7480) if you can help.

Save the Date: We will be having a **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 13**, following the 4:00 PM Mass in the Church Hall. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services to help with the rebuilding of Haiti after the devastating effects of the earthquake. More information will follow!

Arise Program: This is a spiritual discussion group that many parishes are sponsoring including St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree. Please call the Pastoral Associate, Linda Muldoon at 781-843-1332 if you would like to join this program. It should bring you many spiritual blessings and rewards.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **January 23 & 24**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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. All pennies are distributed to the Catholic Daughters for the purchasing of cribs through Friends of the Unborn.

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Offertory	(January 16 & 17)	\$4,872
Special Collection for the Earthquake in Haiti		\$5,625

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection this weekend of **January 23 & 24** is for the **Church in Latin America**. Please be as generous as your means allows. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western Hemisphere to help each other.

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend, **January 30 & 31**, for our **Capital Improvement Fund**.

Parish Finance Council Highlights

1/13/2010: All members present except Paul Wasil. The meeting opened and closed with prayer. The present FY budget was analyzed with the consensus that fiscal well being maintains itself despite the struggling economy and two "snow" Sundays. Dividend income is up fortunately from the Common Investment Fund while clergy stipends expenses exceed budget due to necessary extra priestly coverage. We also appreciate a late billing on the missalettes. Expenses incurred beyond budgetary expectations for snow removal will be monitored carefully. The Jubilee Year realized a profit margin of approximately \$4,300. The fifth Sunday Capital Improvement collections will resume in their normal fashion. Balance overdue notices for Faith Formation registration fees will soon be mailed. Soon all parishes will be affixed one tax for many items, including the fee for support of the parochial school, the Hospital chaplain, the Parish audit, and payroll expenses. The amount will be a combined percentage of Offertory and the Annual Appeal. Money counting procedures have been analyzed with a positive, i.e., more accurate totals.

It's Time for the Catholic Daughters' Annual Penny Drive for the Unborn! Baskets for donations will be at all the doors of the Church during the weekend of **January 30 & 31**. Check under your cushions, in the car, at the bottom of your pocketbook, and other hiding places – Every Penny Counts!

Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale here next weekend of **January 30 & 31**. Please support the children. Remember this is the only opportunity to buy your favorite cookies until next year!

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate

Liturgical Roles

January 23 & 24

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	B. Dugan
8:30 AM.....	B. Gawron
10:00 AM	M. Dalton
11:30 AM	M. Santos

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, C. McGaffigan, T. English, M. Ryan
8:30 AM.....	B. Welch, J. & F. Buonopane, B. St. Jean
10:00 AM	B. Little, M. Smith, A. Sheehan, E. Ramirez
11:30 AM.....	B. & M. Bohannon, M. Rochon, I. Barone

Liturgy & Life

In an instant, in Haiti, on Tuesday, January 12th, the quality of life for thousand of its citizenry changed drastically, and for untold others by reason of death, irrevocably. Fathers Dick and Bob Butler, twin brothers and retired archdiocesan priests, accompanied 10 local volunteers on a mission of mercy only to be numbered among those in need of care and mercy. We can never predict on what end of outreach of mercy and care we may be on. In the meantime, as we pray for all those concerned, we might do well to be active in our outreach of mercy knowing that one day we too might be on the receiving end.
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Thursday, January 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274): By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the pre-eminent spokesperson for Catholic revelation and doctrine. He is one of the great teachers of the Father, known as a Doctor of the Church and as the Angelic Doctor. His greatest contributions to Catholics were his writings. His greatest work was his Summa Theologica, which remained unfinished because it seemed to its author to be so much straw compared to what was revealed to him. His gift of reason teaches us to be eager to know, learn, and understand. Clearly, they remain invaluable lessons from one who was so highly gifted.

Parish Pastoral Council Highlights

1/17/2010: Debbie Clancy - Grades K-5: Faith Formation has a contest underway exploring the sacraments that we have received. The Snow Ball Dance will be at the K of C Hall Friday, February 26, 6:30-9:00 PM with a DJ. We hope many will attend. First Eucharist will be Saturday, May 1st and May 8th at 11:00 AM.
Anne Marie Tranfaglia – Grades 6-8: The sacrament of reconciliation has been celebrated for Grade 6, and soon will be held for Grades 7 & 8.

Mike Panciotti - Grades 9-10: The program has a strong component of service to the point that over a third of those in 9th grade have already exceeded their service requirements. Confirmation will be Saturday, April 24th at 11:00 AM. Having enjoyed a catechetical certificate program, it is hoped that more attention may be placed upon teacher development. Faith Formation for the upper grades evolves around activity and service, not a duplicate of going to another school in mid-week. Saturday, March 13th after the 4:00 PM Mass there will be an “Irish” corned beef and cabbage dinner in the Hall to benefit Catholic Relief Services and the needs of the Haitian survivors.

Mary Beth Moriarty - Special Events: Those that took in New Year’s Excursion of Boston Harbor were pleased with the experience. Presently we are thinking of attending a brunch at the Irish Center in Canton. There is also the possibility of taking in a theater performance. Those with ideas should submit them to Mary Beth c/o the Parish House. We are always looking for inexpensive excursions and activities that are both enriching and rewarding.

Fr. Paul is pleased with the Family Mass and the increased number of children in attendance. The Church will conduct seminars soon around the funeral liturgy and pastoral priorities. The Braintree Collaborative of Parishes hope to plan a Lenten Mission Sunday-Wednesday, March 21-24th, at different sites with different speakers.

Faith Formation

The sixth grade students and teachers, Donna Dalton, Jini Harrington, and Barbara Panciotti, traveled to Brockton on December 16, 2009 to The Chapel of Our Savior to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attend Mass in celebration of the season of Advent. The evening culminated with dinner at the Texas Roadhouse. **Many thanks go to Fr. Paul and parents, Helen Coakley, Kathy Forbes, Debra Lavoie, and Denise McDermott,** who volunteered to chaperone this great event. A great time was had by all!

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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Are We in the Middle of Winter? Then it Must be Time for Our Snowball Dance! Friday, **February 26**, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the K of C Hall, 875 Washington Street, Braintree. **Children in Kindergarten thru Grade 5** (must be accompanied by an adult). \$5.00 a child; \$20.00 family maximum (parents free). Snacks, cash bar, games, prizes, & dancing all evening to a DJ. Tickets will be on sale in the Faith Formation Office, Parish House, and at the doors that evening. Plan to come and join in the fun! A great time by all is guaranteed!

The Pope Speaks: Pope Benedict has prayed for victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti including Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot of Port-au-Prince. All the churches and seminaries have been destroyed. Priests and nuns no longer have homes. Caritas runs more than 200 hospitals in Haiti. We pray that the massive humanitarian effort will provide help, assistance, and recovery over time.

Spring Semester Gerontology Classes at UMass Boston: Now accepting applications. Designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work or volunteer in the aging network, and advocate for elders. Daytime, evening and online classes, beginning the week of **January 26**. Call Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330, email mary.stjean@umb.edu.

St. Francis of Assisi School, Braintree, Open House, Tours, & Registration: February 1 - 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon. For more information, please call 781-848-0842x10.

January: Parish Census Month: In former times, the parish census was taken by priests visiting parish members door to door. Today, we need to maintain efficient and accurate records of our parish. **If you are not registered,** please fill out the following and call our attention to any pastoral need that may exist in the family.

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 Family Members DOB Occupation/School Grade

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