

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

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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 30

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

SUNDAY, January 31

8:30 AM: Evelyn Campitelli.....Anniv

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

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

WEDNESDAY, February 3

9:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, February 6

4:00 PM William E. Dean, Jr.....8th Anniv

SUNDAY, February 7

8:30 AM Carmella Marino.....Anniv

10:00 AM Domenec DeSantis.....Birthday Memorial

11:30 AM Josephine & Zachary Ruffini.....Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Florence Marshall**.

Are you jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given you? Are you pompous? Do you seek to acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these human weaknesses. Yet as stewards we are called to love God above all things – striving always to be less jealous, less pompous and more giving.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, February 1 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.

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

February 14th Holy Name Meeting: St. Clare Holy Name will be present at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass followed by their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall. The speaker for February is Gerry Ridge, a lifelong Braintree resident and parish member at St. Clare. Gerry lives on Cain Avenue with his wife Mary and three children, Gerry, Olivia, and Conor. Gerry is the superintendent of Blue Hills Cemetery. Please come and listen to Gerry explain his work and the insights he has received from it. He will be pleased to answer any and all questions as well. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Parish Family of St. Clare's would like to welcome the following new parishioner who has recently registered: **Elizabeth Sullivan**.

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!

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Offertory	(January 23 & 24)	\$6,016
Church in Latin America		\$2,140

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection this weekend of **January 30 & 31** is for the **Capital Improvement Fund**. Please be as generous as your means allows.

A Second Collection will be taken next week, **February 6 & 7**, for the support of the **Holy Father – Peter's Pence**, which provides emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

The Catholic Daughters' Annual Penny Drive for the Unborn! Baskets for donations will be at all the doors of the Church this weekend, **January 30 & 31**. Every Penny Counts!

St. Clare Coffee House – This Sunday, January 31, 5:30-7:30 PM: Contemporary Christian music, refreshments and good company. Free. Call Brian Manning at 781-380-8709.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **February 2** at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. We are continuing our mission to knit, with caring and love, a shawl or in some cases a cap for a person receiving cancer treatment, and other items. We have heard from some recipients: "Thank you so much for making such a gorgeous blanket for (a child) _____. It is the perfect blanket to put on her early mornings when we set out for her treatment, and will keep her warm and cozy. We are so grateful for all the prayers and support..." If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please call Jane Gillis at 843-1110.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, **February 2**. 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.

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.

Liturgical Roles
January 30 & 31

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....	R. Ford
10:00 AM	J. Collier
11:30 AM	J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	M. Cahill, T. English, R. McDonough, D. Hoffman
8:30 AM.....	B. Welch, C. Mahoney, M. Martino, R. Hyland
10:00 AM	B. Little, B. Carr, M. DeSantis, J. Sheehan
11:30 AM.....	M. Rochon, I. Barone, J. Donovan, P. Manter

Liturgy & Life

Joan Chittister has written a thoughtful and perceptive book, Growing Old Gracefully. In a section entitled, "Letting Go", the author writes incisively, "It is the shaping of the soul that occupies us now. Now, consciously, or more likely, not, we set out to find out for ourselves who we really are, what we know, what we care about, and how to simply enough for ourselves sin the world". Words to live by, obviously!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Thank You to all who donated a winter coat to the Anton Coat Collection during the past few months. We donated a total of 66 coats, which will be greatly appreciated by the recipients.

The Pope Speaks: "The 18th World Day of Sick will be celebrated Thursday, February 11th. Therefore the Church intends to carry out a far reaching operation, raising awareness to the importance of pastoral service and outreach to the needs of the sick." Keeping this in mind we read in James, "Is there anyone sick among you?" Please never hesitate to bring to our attention the need for an anointing prior to going to the Hospital, or the desire for the Eucharist and a visit to the home. Please let us know what we might do in a sacramental and practical way to commemorate the World Day of the Sick.

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.

Wednesday, February 3rd - Feast of St. Blase: We know more about St. Blase from devotion around the world than we do of his life. He was martyred in 316, and 400 years later his writing appeared in the book, Acts of St. Blase. The legend that surrounds St. Blase is that he saved a child's life who had swallowed a fish bone. We pray "through the intercession of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr, may you be cured from all ailments of the throat and every other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Discernment Retreats for Men: Know of a man who may be called? On the weekend of **February 5-7**, Cardinal Sean will lead two retreats for men to experience seminary life, pray and reflect upon the Priesthood, meet other men like themselves and discern God's call in their life. The Discernment Retreat at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for men age 40 and older will be held on February 5-6, and the Discernment Retreat at St John's Seminary and Connors Family Retreat Center for men ages 18-40 years will be held on February 5-7. The Vocation Office invites you to submit names of men you think might have a vocation to the Priesthood to be considered for this retreat. Please send their names and contact information to the Vocation Office at 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184, or by email at Dfortin@rcab.org. For more information, call 617-746-5949. One of the priests from the Vocation Office will contact the men to see if this retreat is right for them.

Faith Formation

We have a few First Communion dresses, suits, shirts, ties, veils, and shoes that have been donated to our office, which are available to anyone who may be able to use them. They will be on display in the Parish Hall during class on Mondays, so please browse through them and help yourself.

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 soon in the Faith Formation Office and the Parish House, and at the doors that evening. Plan to come and join in the fun! A great time by all is guaranteed!

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.

St. Francis of Assisi School, Braintree, Open House, Tours, & Registration: February 1 - 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon.

Pre-K Programs for 3 & 4 year olds, full day Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8. Registration fee of \$250 per child required (non-returnable). For more information, please call 781-848-0842x10 or visit www.sfab.org.

A Workshop for Lectors and Other Proclaimers is being offered by the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry on Saturday, **February 6**, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at STM Chapel, 9 Lake Street, Brighton (snow date is March 13).

Learn and practice the techniques that turn reading into vibrant proclamation, but not performance. For experienced proclaimers, as well as those new to the ministry. Free of charge, but registration is required. Information may be found at www.bc.edu/stmce or 617-552-6501.

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.

Family Name(s) _____

Family Members	DOB	Occupation/School Grade
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