

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:

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, February 13

4:00 PM William Duggan.....2nd Anniv

SUNDAY, February 14

10:00 AM Jeremiah & Patricia Moriarty.....Memorial

WEDNESDAY, February 17

9:00 AM Donald Maglio, Jr.....18th Anniv

SATURDAY, February 20

4:00 PM Donald Harding3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, February 21

10:00 AM Carmello Muscolino.....1st Anniv

11:30 AM Thomas A. Cavanaugh.....Month's Mind

“Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.”

~ (Luke 6:24)

Jesus’ words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you? Remember the Bible teaches us to give 10%. How close are you to that level of giving?

Ash Wednesday is February 17. We are fortunate to have Fr. Jones with us celebrating Mass and distributing ashes at **9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, and 7:00 PM.** Please make an effort to attend one of these services in preparation for the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be celebrated **every Friday at 4:00 PM.** We hope many will attend this traditional Lenten devotion.

Lenten Rules

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. **Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.** On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting.** On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

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!

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

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Offertory	(January February 6 & 7)	\$5,988
Peter’s Pence		\$1,739

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The Pilot: New Pilot subscriptions and renewals are due in February. You may use the envelope provided in your February monthly envelope mailing, or just write your name and address on a plain envelope, enclose \$35.00 (cash or check made out to “The Pilot”), and place it in the offertory basket any Sunday, or mail or bring it to the Parish House. It will be forwarded to the Pilot Office. Remember that this weekly newspaper offers so much to today’s Catholic who wants to be kept up to date on what’s happening in the Church here and around the world.

**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

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.

Valentine’s Day: “Love is a many splendid thing” we are reminded through the movie “Moulin Rouge”. These words are so true based on the life and love of Christ. Today the splendid realities of love will be reflected in the celebration of St. Valentine life. Our love may take the form of a special card, a box of candy, a fresh rose. On this day we will give expression in a special way to those we love. We would do well to remember that love is a many splendid thing on 364 other days as well.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be meeting on Monday, **February 15** at St. Francis of Assisi Hall at 7:15 PM. The program will be **“General Trivia”**. All ladies are invited to join us and “test your memory”. Light refreshments will follow.

Liturgical Roles
February 13 & 14

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....	C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	R. Ford
10:00 AM.....	R. Moran – E. Moriarty
11:30 AM.....	J. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....	M. Ryan, D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, R. McDonough
8:30 AM.....	M. & D. Picewick, R. Ford, B. St. Jean
10:00 AM.....	A. Moran, J. Collier, B. Carr, M. DeSantis
11:30 AM.....	J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon, M. Rochon

Liturgy and Literature

Lenten Message of Pope Benedict: Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage toward Him who is the fount of our mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He Himself accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, sustaining us on our way towards the intense joy of Easter. To Mary we entrust our Lenten journey so that she may lead us to her Son.

St. Clare Catholic Church Night with the Providence Bruins (vs. W-B/Scranton Penguins): Friday, **March 12**, at 7:05 PM. **All kids in the group will receive a free P-Bruins hat!** Tickets only \$13.00. All friends and family welcome. To buy tickets, please contact Mary Beth Moriarty at 781-356-4842 or mbmoriarty@verizon.net **by Wednesday, February 24.**

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.

A Retreat for All Young Adults on March 5-7: Young Adults need Jesus Christ Today! If you are seeking truth, joy and love, they are found in the heart of Jesus. Join with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a weekend to open up, rekindle or deepen your relationship with Christ. The retreat will combine Mass and Adoration, inspiring Talks and Witnesses, Personal Prayer and many opportunities to meet other young adults throughout the Greater Boston area. The retreat is co-presented by the Antioch Retreat Group and y.H.o.p.e (Young Heralds of Pauline Evangelization) and will be held at the beautiful Daughters of St. Paul Retreat House in Billerica. It begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register for the retreat, email Bernadette Michaud at Bmich777@hotmail.com or Fr. Michael Harrington at Mharrington527@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare Church,

On behalf of My Brother's Keeper and the families we serve, we thank you all who supported our Christmas Program. Your generosity was truly impressive! With your help, our effort set new records – our staff along with 1,800 volunteers delivered gifts to 2,262 families with 6,012 children and 3,163 adults living in 60 communities ranging from Peabody to Cape Cod. Each wrapped present had a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” gift tag on it, our way of keeping the focus of Christmas on Christ. We recognize the Christmas Program would not be possible without the generosity of our many supporters like you. In Christ, Erich Miller

St. Joseph Retreat Center, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset invites you to join them in one of their many programs they offer. Besides scheduled events, the retreat house is often available for individual or group private retreats. For more information, please visit their website www.csjretreatcenter.org, call 781-383-6024/6029, or email retreat.center@csjboston.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. All pennies are distributed to the Catholic Daughters for the purchasing of cribs through Friends of the Unborn.

Faith Formation

We still 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.

Please remember – there will be no classes during School Winter Vacation Week! We hope that everyone enjoys their time off!

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

It's 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 are on sale now** 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!

Is anyone willing to help fill our Raffle Table at The Snowball Dance? We would appreciate any donation – maybe a gift you received for Christmas that is “just not you”, a gift card to a store or restaurant, or a toy. Please drop your donation off to the Faith Formation Office **by Thursday, February 25.** Thank you!

Outback Steakhouse Winter's End Hot Buffet Fund Raiser & Raffle sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at **noon** on Saturday, **March 6.** (located at the Outback at 227 Parkingway, Quincy) Salad, bread, chicken, ribs, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, coffee, tea, cheesecake & carrot cake for \$12.50 per person. For tickets, call Mary at 781-848-6484 or 781-843-5660. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Programs sponsored by CHRISM

The Book of Revelation: St. Helen, Norwell, Feb.22-March 22; Holy Family, Duxbury, Feb. 25-March25; St. Gerard, Canton, March 2-30; St. Denis, Westwood, April 8-May 6.

Day of Prayer: Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, April 13

New Testament Greek: St. Helen, Norwell, April 9-May28

Images of God in Worship: St. Bridget, Abington, May 5,12,17,26

Please call 781-331-5194 for times and fees if you are interested.

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, my bread, my drink, my life, my all, enter into my dismal soul, sinful and sorrowful, and in Your tender mercy set me ablaze with Your holy love.

Jesus, my bread, my drink, my life, my all, flow into the abyss of my heart, engulf me in the joyous swells of Your charity.

Jesus, my bread, my drink, my life, my all, snatch away from me all that keeps me from You and cast them far away.

Jesus, my bread, my drink, my life, my all, set me ablaze with the desire to love You only and to love You ever more.

Amen.

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