

# 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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#### Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

#### Faith Formation Office

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 20**

4:00 PM Donald Harding .....3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 21**

10:00 AM Carmello Muscolino.....1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

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

**SATURDAY, February 27**

9:00 AM Robert F. Rull, Jr.....24<sup>th</sup> Anniv

4:00 PM Harry Reimels.....6<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 28**

10:00 AM John Bradley O'Hara.....4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

11:30 AM Jane Donovan.....Birthday Memorial

**"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."**

(Deuteronomy 26:10)

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits – the best we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?

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

We welcome **Joseph Donald Acker, Jr., Aidan Leo Brown, Julia Riley Brown, John Michael Ceglie, Sophia Michele Greenwood, Brett Christopher Holland, David John Lesslie, Charlotte Rose O'Leary, Liam Robert Oniskey, and Ryan Patrick Starkman** as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

**Irish Breakfast & Mass:** The Irish Cultural Center in Canton is offering Mass and a Traditional Irish Breakfast on Sunday, **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Participants will take their own cars and meet at the center. Please contact Marybeth Moriarty at 781-356-4842 for more information.

**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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner: Saturday, March 13** after the 4:00 PM Mass. **Tickets will be on sale this weekend after the 10:00 AM Mass on February 21**, in the Faith Formation Office during classes, and at the Parish House. \$10.00 per person / \$40.00 maximum for a family. This will include the traditional dinner, with soda bread, beverage & dessert. And of course a loaded Raffle Table! All proceeds will be sent to help in the reconstruction in Haiti.

**It's Time for Our Snowball Dance! This 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 or The Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner?** 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 for the Dance, or by March 7 for the Dinner.** Thank you!

**Our Monthly Food Collection** will be next weekend of **February 27 & 28**. Please bring your non-perishables to Mass and leave them at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Liturgical Roles**  
**February 13 & 14**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM.....B. Dugan  
8:30 AM.....M. Walsh  
10:00 AM .....M. Dalton  
11:30 AM .....J. McCarthy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM.....D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, R. McDonough, T. English  
8:30 AM.....I. Supple, M. Martino, C. Vitagliano, B. Welch  
10:00 AM .....B. Little, E. Ramirez, M. Smith, M. De Santis  
11:30 AM.....I. Barone, P. Manter, Deacon Mike & Claire

**February 23 - Feast of St. Polycarp (75/82-155):** Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, was born of Christian parents sometime between 75 and 80. According to St. Irenaeus, in his preaching he constantly referred to the teaching of St. John the Evangelist and the other eye-witnesses of the life of Christ. He is therefore a link with the Church of apostolic times. When Ignatius was on his way to Rome, where he suffered martyrdom, he met Polycarp and entrusted to him the care of the Church at Antioch because he considered Polycarp to be an apostolic man and a true pastor. Polycarp's letter to the Philippians (still extant) was so excellent that it was read publicly in the churches in the time of St. Jerome.

**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](mailto:mbmoriarty@verizon.net) by **Wednesday, February 24**.

**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.

**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](mailto:Bmich777@hotmail.com) or Fr. Michael Harrington at [Mharrington527@gmail.com](mailto:Mharrington527@gmail.com).

**Lenten Mission** to be held at St. Jerome Church, Weymouth with Fr. Bill Sheehan, OMI, on **March 1, 2 & 3** after the 9:00 AM Mass and again in the evening from 7:00-8:15 PM. Come join in a grace filled experience during the Season of Lent.

**Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat:** The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy invite you to St. Ann's Parish, Dorchester, on Saturday, **March 13** at 11:00 AM with inspiring talks, 2:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin, 3:00 PM Hour of Mercy and singing of the Chaplet, Confessions, and Mass at 4:00 PM. Come and bring a friend! For information, you may call 617-288-1202x4.

**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

All classes resume this week of February 22.

**Congratulations to three winners of the "Sacraments I Have Received" Contest:** Jack Woods in Grade 1; Erica Silvia in Grade 4; and Kevin MacAleese in Grade 5. Their entries will be on display in the Parish Hall by the Faith Formation Office.

**Our fifth graders have joined our second grade First Communion Candidates as "Secret Prayer Partners":** Each fifth grade student has been given a second grader's name, who they will pray for daily. For the remaining months of classes, they are sending little notes, drawings, and small gifts to them, and their identity will be made known before classes end. This has created a bit of excitement and anticipation during class when we have "mail call". Keep up the good work fifth graders!

**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](mailto:Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net)

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Mike Panciotti (**Gr 9 & 10**): [Faithformation4910@Verizon.net](mailto:Faithformation4910@Verizon.net)

### 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](http://www.oymboston.org).

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday, **March 13** at 8:30 AM in St. Ann's School Hall, Quincy with guest speaker, Linda Erickson, former regional president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Relief Society, to benefit Interfaith Social Services of Quincy. Tickets are \$12.00. Please call Brian Manning at 781-380-8709 or visit [interfaithsocialservices.org](http://interfaithsocialservices.org).

**A Day of Prayer for Pastoral Visitors and Ministers of Communion to the Sick:** Saturday, **February 27**, from 10:00 AM to Noon at Holy Family in Duxbury. Please call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 with questions or to pre-register.

**A Mass & Healing Service** will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Stoughton, on Sunday, **February 28**, at 2:00 PM with Fr. Joseph McDermott. At 12:15 PM, Reconciliation will be available.

**"Women Helping Women", Braintree Women's Club \$1,000 Scholarship**, is available to a Braintree woman who has delayed entering college for a specific reason and would like to re-enter the work force. Please contact Mrs. Anne Flaherty at 781-843-0539. Applications must be submitted by **April 10**.

**Braintree Catholic Women's Club** has two **\$1,000 scholarships** available to High School Seniors who are graduating this year – one for a student from Braintree High and one from a Catholic High School. Please contact your school guidance department to request an application, or call Marie Connelly at 781-843-1965. The deadline is **April 1**.

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