

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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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: _____

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 27

4:00 PM Harry Reimels.....6th Anniv

SUNDAY, February 28

10:00 AM John Bradley O’Hara.....4th Anniv

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

SATURDAY, March 6

4:00 PM John Mahoney.....4th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 7

10:00 AM Alfred Walsh.....Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mary A. Mainiero.

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”

(Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our current abode?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, March 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.

Stations of the Cross will be suspended during Lent while Fr. Paul recuperates and returns to St. Clare’s.

The Parish of St. Clare would like to welcome the following new parishioners who have recently registered: **Ria I. Poblete, Frederick & Laura Mafri, Ruth Driscoll, Matthew Rountree, and Kathleen Drury.**

Irish Breakfast & Mass: The Irish Cultural Center in Canton is offering Mass and a Traditional Irish Breakfast on Sunday, **March 7th** 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.

Fr. Bill’s Place will be visited on Tuesday, **March 2.** If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them at the Parish House by noontime of that day. We sincerely thank you.

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.

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting on Tuesday **March 2** at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. We have been knitting “prayer squares” for our soldiers. They are meant to be kept in a pocket or pack to know they are in our prayers. Several were sent at Christmas time with a personal note. We need to know of others who are going to be deployed. Please call either Gerry Miller at 781-848-4372 or Paula Jansen at 781-943-6843.

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.

Is anyone willing to help fill our Raffle Table at 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. Please drop your donation off to the Faith Formation Office by **March 7.** 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.

Our Monthly Food Collection will be this weekend of **February 27 & 28.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Prayer

Loving God, touch our hearts and convert us to Yourself. Where sin has divided us, may Your love make us one again. Where sin has brought weakness, may Your power heal and strengthen. Where sin has brought death, may Your Spirit raise us to new life.

Liturgical Roles
February 27 & 28

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....G. Cahill
8:30 AM.....B. Gawron
10:00 AMR. Moran – E. Moriarty
11:30 AM M. Santos

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM..... M. Cahill, M. Ryan, C. McGaffigan, J. Dente
8:30 AMJ. & F. Buonopane, M. & D. Picewick
10:00 AMB. Little, M. De Santis, B. Carr, J. Collier
11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

The Prescription for a Healthful Lent

Pray privately, give alms quietly, fast cheerfully. This is only a formula, not the goal of life. Almsgiving widens our heart, prayer enhances our capacity to hear God speaking to us personally, fasting demonstrates just how weak we are, how desperately driven by our desires. These precepts each have a specific purpose in defining our primary relationships - with God, with other people and with our own self. Prayer establishes your relationship with God in love; alms establishes your relationship with others in compassion; fasting establishes your relationship with your own self in humility. We do these things because they are the best teachers of humanity.

March 3 – Feast of Blessed Katharine Drexel (1858-1955):

Katharine was the daughter of a wealthy banker and was raised by a loving step-mother, since her own mother died when Katharine was still an infant. She travelled extensively and was well educated. After the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore her family was asked to contribute to the missions that served the Indians and Negroes. Katharine became involved in this apostolate and later, when she had an audience with Pope Leo XIII, he urged her to be a missionary to those deserving people. This Philadelphia heiress and founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People was beatified in 1988.

Respect Life Committee of Sacred Heart Parish presents the documentary, **“Demographic Winter; the Decline of the Human Family”** this Sunday, February 28 at 2.30 PM in the School Auditorium at Sacred Heart Church. All are invited to see this film which documents the world crisis of underpopulation. High school students are especially invited.

Vegas Night, Saturday, **March 6**, at the Weymouth Elks, sponsored by Sacred Heart School, Weymouth. Buffet Dinner at 7:15 PM followed by dancing and entertainment. Casino Room beginning at 8:00 PM featuring blackjack, roulette, craps, and a Texas Hold'em Tournament. Raffles, prizes, chances, silent auction. Tickets are \$30.00 each, which must be purchased before **March 1**. Please call 781-335-6010.

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.

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.

Faith Formation

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 will be taking part in the Archdiocese's mandated program, "Talking About Touching" as part of the Faith Formation curriculum for the next two weeks during the classes' regular scheduled time. All parents are invited to attend these sessions with their children in the Parish Hall.

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

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.

12th 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.

“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**.

Upcoming Retreats: “Monasticism, Beauty and Contemplation: A Retreat Based on the Spirituality of Henri Nouwen” will be presented by Robert Waldron on **March 12-14** (\$200.00), and **“Lent, A Liturgical/Scriptural Spirituality”** will be presented by the Abbey Staff on **March 26-28** (\$150.00) at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham. To register, please contact Joan at retreats@glastonburyabbey.org. or call 781-749-2155x200.

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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