

# 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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#### Business 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

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

E-mail: FaithFormation4628@verizon.net

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

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**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 6**

4:00 PM William E. Dean, Jr.....8<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 7**

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

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

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

**SATURDAY, February 13**

4:00 PM William Duggan.....2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, February 14**

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

**“Then I heard the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’”**

~ (Isaiah6:8)

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, “Here I am, send me!”

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

**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.

**Books for Charity:** “Hands Across the Waters” is affiliated with Reading Tree who donated 1.6 million books in 2008. This results in an environmental impact of 42,000 trees and 226,000 cubic feet of land saved! 7 million books have been shipped as literacy aid. Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot!

**Pine Street Inn:** Thursday, **February 11**, is the date of our monthly visit to serve our friends a hot meal. **Desserts are always needed and appreciated**, which you may leave at the Parish House before noon of that day.

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Offertory	(January 30 & 31)	\$6,337
Capital Improvement Fund		\$2,199

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity**

**The Second Collection** this weekend of **February 6 & 7, The Peter’s Pence**, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as your means allows.

**Stewardship** reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God’s gifts to us, and express thanks to Him. We do this by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

**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

**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.

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

**Liturgical Roles  
February 6 & 7**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM.....	C. Cavanaugh
8:30 AM.....	R. Ford
10:00 AM.....	Scout Sunday
11:30 AM.....	R. Burke

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 PM.....	B. McGee, M. Ryan, Deacon Mike, C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....	M. Walsh, C. Vitagliano, J. & F. Buonopane
10:00 AM.....	B. Little, A. Moran, J. Collier, M. Smith
11:30 AM.....	I. Barone, J. Donovan, B. & M. Bohannon

### Scripture Reflection

What do we believe about the Trinity? The Trinitarian dynamism ushers us into the mystery of profound love that goes out of itself and draws all the world back into communion. In Augustine's memorable phrasing, "In that highest Trinity one is as much as the three together, nor are two any more than one and they are infinite in themselves. So each are in each, and all in each, and each in all, and all in all, and all are one." Something to ponder!

**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.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Apparition to Bernadette Soubirous (1858) at the grotto of Massabielle, the first, of a total of eighteen, apparition at Lourdes. The Blessed Virgin Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, and asked that a shrine be built there. These visions and messages were the occasion for renewed devotion to Mary Immaculate, and hence the focal point of the feast is not the events at Lourdes, but the Immaculate Conception.

**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.

**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).

**Celtic Spirituality Workshop** at Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, **March 5-7:** Explore the Celtic soul in history, art, music, story, poetry and prayer. Presented by Fr. Timothy Joyce, OSB. The fee is \$200 for a very full weekend retreat. To register, contact Joan at [retreats@glastonburyabbey.org](mailto:retreats@glastonburyabbey.org). or call 781-749-2155x200.

**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)

### 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!**

**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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**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!

**The St. Joseph Parish Music Ministry** will present its **Annual Parish Concert this Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2 PM at St. Joseph Church, 118 High St., Medford (Route 60). Music Director, Betsy Pesce, will conduct a varied program of sacred, classical and popular selections with adult and youth choirs, teen ensemble, organ, piano, instrumentalists and soloists. Free will offering. Light refreshments following the concert. All are welcome! Handicap accessible. For more information, visit [stjosephmusic@msn.com](mailto:stjosephmusic@msn.com) or call 617-335-8155.

**Interfaith Social Services' Career Closet** provides free professional attire to low-income jobseekers. For years this program was only open to women but has recently begun serving men as well. ISS is currently seeking donations of professional attire – suits, dress shirts, slacks, ties, shoes, etc., as well as male volunteers that can assist clients. Donations can be dropped off at ISS' offices on 105 Adams Street in Quincy from 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday, and until 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Volunteer inquires should be directed to Bettyanne Lang at 617-773-6203. All *Career Closet* clothing donations should be clean, pressed and ready to wear. And as with all donations they are tax deductible.

### Dear Parishioners of St. Clare,

We are very grateful for the kind donations of Christmas gifts for our guests at Long Island Shelter. You once again came through and provided for the needs of our guests. “A building makes a shelter – people who care make a home.” We appreciate all of your continued efforts and wish everyone a healthy new year!

Thank you, John Comaschi

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