

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:

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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, March 13

4:00 PM Otto E. Legg.....1st Anniv

SUNDAY, March 14

10:00 AM William Oster.....6th Anniv

11:30 AM Zachary Ruffini.....Birthday Memorial

WEDNESDAY, March 17

9:00 AM Marie Mojkowski.....Memorial

SATURDAY, March 20

4:00 PM Mary Brown & Theresa Fawcett.....Memorial

SUNDAY, March 21

10:00 AM Leo P. Trainor & Mary McMahan.....18th Anniv

11:30 AM Florence Nichols & Charles Billings.....Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Leonard Doyle.

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

The Braintree Cluster Lenten Mission, “Listen to Him”,

will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church this year. On Sunday, **March 21** at 7:00 PM there will be Liturgy of the Word with Fr. Mark O’Connell – meditative prayer, scripture and guided meditation. On Monday, **March 22** at 7:15 PM there will be Evening Prayer with Aldona Lingertat – “Listen to Him”, discernment – what is Jesus saying to me? On Tuesday, **March 23** there will be Mass at 7:15 PM celebrated by Bishop Dooher. The Mission is a wonderful opportunity to “give up” some time and “do something” for Lent! Please try to spend these three evenings in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

St. Clare Parishioners are asked to help with the hospitality after the Mission on Tuesday evening, **March 23**. If anyone is able to bake or buy some goodies and bring them to St. Francis Hall before the Mass, it would be greatly appreciated.

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

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.

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 for the unborn.

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Offertory (March 6 & 7) \$6,192

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

The Second Collection taken this weekend of **March 13 & 14** is for the **Emergency Snow Removal Fund**. Please be as generous as your means allows to help in defraying this additional cost to our Parish.

A Second Collection will be taken next weekend of **March 20 & 21** for the **Easter Flowers**. St. Clare’s has always been beautifully decorated for the special liturgical season, due to the generosity of our Parishioners.

Cardinal Seán sends his thanks to everyone from St. Clare Parish who responded to his request for participation in the 2010 Catholic Appeal during Catholic Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms at the doors of the Church. For more information please call 617-779-3700 or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com.

Operation Rice Bowl: Your participation in this almsgiving connects you through prayer and action with the poor and vulnerable overseas and in the United States. All rice bowls are to be returned to the Church before Easter. Thank you.

Catholic Daughters of Court St. Francis of Assisi will meet on Monday, **March 15**, at 7:15 PM in the St. Francis Parish Hall. A **Blind Auction** will be held following the meeting. Nancy Keaveney and Debbie Clancy promise an interesting evening. Please come join us. All are welcome.

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.

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

**Liturgical Roles
March 13 & 14**

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....M. Walsh
10:00 AM R. Moran
11:30 AMJ. McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM..... M. Cahill, B. McGee, M. Ryan, D. Hoffman
8:30 AM.....M. Martino, R. Ford, B. St. Jean, C. Vitagliano
10:00 AMB. Little, M. Smith, J. & A. Sheehan
11:30 AM.....J. Donovan, I. Barone, B. & M. Bohannon

March 18 - Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313/315-386/387): This great bishop was born in Jerusalem and after receiving a Christian education he was ordained a priest and dedicated himself to the preparation of catechumens for baptism. He became well known through the publication of his 24 catechetical lessons, which were the basis for his being named Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII. St. Cyril died at Jerusalem after more than 35 years as a bishop, of which 16 were spent in exile.

St Francis Xavier 150th Anniversary Committee presents "Resurrection Cantata": The St. Patrick Family Players of Watertown, ages 4-79, perform this musical drama in St. Francis Xavier Church, South Weymouth, on Sunday, **March 21** at 7:00PM. Journey with St. Peter, preparing to face martyrdom, as he recalls his experiences following Christ with Mary Magdalene and the disciples, his denial, and the joy that comes with the resurrection, and His forgiveness. A copy of the flyer may be viewed by going to www.stfrancisxavier.org and clicking on new upcoming events. For further information please call 781- 337-2171. Come share in this incredible musical experience.

Braintree Women's Club will hold its **Annual Fashion Show** on **April 18** at Lombardo's in Randolph from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A full sit down breakfast will be served. There will be many gifts and prizes. Tickets are \$35.00 each. For ticket information, please call Rose at 781-848-0278.

You are invited to Boston College for Enrichment and Learning on Saturday, **April 10**, "**Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life**" at Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information: www.bc.edu/journey

6th Annual Gathering of Pastoral Visitors will be held on Saturday, **April 24** at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. The topic will be "Bereavement: Companions on the Journey" presented by Fran Hauck of Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury. If you would like to attend, please call our Parish House to register at 781-848-7480 **before April 19**.

We have received many sincere thank you notes these past few months from different agencies we have supported through your generous donations. There is never enough space to rewrite these letters of appreciation, but we wish to name a few: Life Resources, Inc., Pine Street Inn, The Dianne DeVanna Center, Braintree Community Food Pantry, Friends of Boston's Homeless, Most Holy Redeemer Parish of East Boston, The Salvation Army, Rosie's Place, Dove, The Marge Crispin Center, American Cancer Society, Father Bill's & Mainspring, and Coats for Kids. Please know that your efforts certainly make a difference in many lives.

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.

Faith Formation

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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LIFT – Catholic Worship for a New Generation: The next exciting monthly worship event will be held at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, on Tuesday, **March 16** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with Susan Conroy as the guest speaker. Join in vibrant praise and worship music, along with Eucharistic Adoration. More information may be found at www.liftedhigher.com.

"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**.

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 inquiries 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.

Boston Catholic Men's Conference will be on Saturday, **April 17** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. It will be from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM and will feature the team from EWTN's Crossing the Goal as speakers (Danny Abramowicz, Curtis Martin, Peter Herbeck and Brian Patrick). The BCMC will also include confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and fun fellowship. Tickets will be \$20.00 (\$30.00 including lunch). For more information or to order tickets, please go to www.catholicboston.com.

One Liners

- ❖ God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- ❖ Peace starts with a smile.
- ❖ Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- ❖ Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- ❖ God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.
- ❖ God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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