

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:

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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 6

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

SUNDAY, March 7

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

WEDNESDAY, March 10

9:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, March 11

9:00 AM Julia Greenlaw.....Memorial

FRIDAY, March 12

9:00 AM Patricia Nota McSoley.....6th Anniv

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

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (Luke 13:7)

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?

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. Please try to spend these three evenings in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

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.

Pine Street Inn: Thursday, **March 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.

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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Thank you for your ongoing generosity

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

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Clare’s: We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, are asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference. As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to love and share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Participation in the Catholic Appeal, a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese, is one way for us to answer His call. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish - so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Cardinal Seán thanks all the families from St. Clare Parish that contributed to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. This year, we hope to have all the households participate. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here in our parish. Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese’s 291 parishes to carry on and renew the broader mission of our Church.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner: Saturday, March 13 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Tickets are on sale in the Faith Formation Office during classes, at the Parish House, or may be purchased at the dinner. \$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 the Catholic Relief Fund 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!

Liturgical Roles
March 6 & 7

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....B. Dugan
8:30 AM.....B. McGrath
10:00 AM.....M. Dalton – E. Moriarty
11:30 AM.....R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, J. Dente, T. English, R. McDonough
8:30 AM.....J. Buonopane, M. & D. Picewick, B. Welch
10:00 AM.....M. De Santis, B. Carr, J. Collier, A. Moran
11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, J. Donovan, I. Barone, P. Manter

March 8 – Feast of St. John of God (1495-1550): John Ciudad was born in Portugal in 1495 to a family who didn't have much. He left home at an early age and moved from place to place. He held a variety of jobs and ended up living in Spain. It was there that he realized that God was calling him to serve others. He began by caring for just one sick person and then helped more and more people. John was known as John of God because of his good works and his tireless efforts to serve people in need. He was a person of great compassion. His life reminds us that we must open our hearts and our lives to the needs of those who are poor, sick, homeless, and elderly. We are called to see the face of Jesus Christ in others. John of God died in 1550. He is the patron saint of the sick. A group of his friends carried on his work after his death. Today the Brothers of Saint John of God serve people in need in more than 50 countries including the United States.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Faith Formation

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 4 will be taking part in the last week of the Archdiocese's mandated program, "Talking About Touching" as part of the Faith Formation curriculum during the classes' regular scheduled time. All parents are invited to attend this session 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

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The Snowball Dance was an enjoyable evening, thanks to all the parents and children who attended. Thank you to those who helped in setting up and cleaning up, the 10th grade girls who gave their time helping all evening, and all those who donated raffle gifts.

The Braintree Braves Drum & Bugle Corp will be having their **Winter Recruiting Drive** on Saturday, **March 13** at the rear of Thayer Academy from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Boys and girls 8 to 14 years of age are welcome. Call manager, Jim Buglio, at 781-843-6313 for more information.

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

Coffee House: Evening of Contemporary Christian Inspiration Healing Music with Anne DiSanto, pianist, singer and songwriter. **March 7**, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at The Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street, North Easton. Free. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Holy Cross Family Ministries at 508-238-4095 or see www.HCFM.org.

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.

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

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.

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