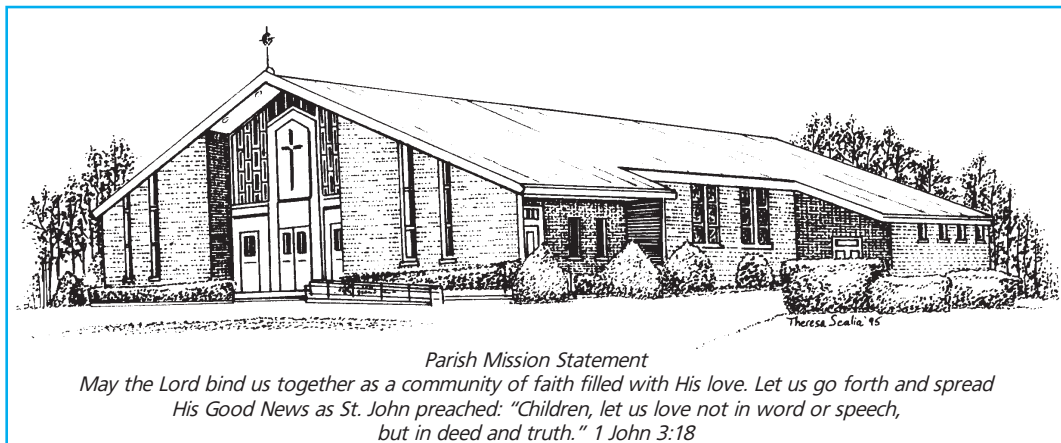


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Parish Mission Statement

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

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

First Wednesday of the month.

Marilyn McGrath 848-0624

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, April 2

4:00 PM Walter Kirkland.....1st Anniv

SUNDAY, April 3

8:30 AM For all the sick of our Parish
10:00 AM Ruth, James & Frederick Ogle.....Memorial
11:30 AM For all of our personal intentions

FRIDAY, April 8

9:00 AM Theresa & John Donovan.....Memorial
Ellen C. Colman.....Memorial

SATURDAY, April 9

9:00 AM Eric Torvi.....1st Anniv
4:00 PM Pope John Paul II.....6th Anniv

SUNDAY, April 10

10:00 AM Robert J. Barrett.....7th Anniv

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Brittany Fontecchio.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, April 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Please make a special effort to spend one hour with Jesus present in the Eucharist during this Lenten Season.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 9, at 10:00 AM in the Parish House. If you know of someone who is suffering, for any reason, and would appreciate the prayers of our group and St Clare parishioners, would you let us know? Call Marilyn at 781-848- 0624 or Lucille at 781-848-0628. Thank you.

Health Update: I recently was admitted to the SSH as a patient diagnosed with diverticulitis and subsequently released. It may take me awhile to have my engines at full throttle. When we bring our cars to the repair shop for one issue, other issues may well need attention. That is true of "my chassis" as well. Please be patient as I attend to these concerns while trying to serve the needs of Parish members as well. I do love my work in the parish and pray that these physical setbacks are truly temporary. ~ Fr. Paul

New Altar Server: Our latest addition to the team of altar servers is Deidre McDonagh, of Grade 5. Deidre represents the fifteenth member of the altar serving team. They help in wonderful ways at the altar of God. May God bless them for all their good work!

Memorial Opportunity: We recently purchased a processional crucifix from the Liturgical Apostolate. This cross precedes all liturgy participants for Sunday Liturgy. The processional cross is prominent at all funerals as well. Anyone wishing to memorialize the memory of a deceased beloved family member or friend is welcome to contact Sandy at the Parish Business Office for further details.

Please remember St. Clare Parish when planning your estate

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Cardinal's Appeal: The Appeal funds many central ministries and services of the Church. With your gift we will be able to fulfill this year's theme of "Offering Hope by Sharing God's Gifts." The Parish received the final 2010 Appeal reimbursement in the amount of \$4,544. We are most grateful to all who participated to last year's appeal. For more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

A Collection will be taken next weekend of April 9 & 10 for the Easter Flowers. St. Clare's has always been beautifully decorated for the special liturgical season, due to the generosity of our Parishioners.

The Dominican Sisters will be having a Bake Sale next weekend, April 9 & 10, after all the Masses, selling bread, brownies, and apple and blueberry pies. The proceeds will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Please be generous in supporting this worthy cause.

The 2011 Parish Lenten Mission, "Commitment to Faith", is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th - Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at St. Clare Parish. We will be in partnership with St. Thomas More Parish, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and St. Francis Xavier Parish of Weymouth. Mission Masses will be at 9:00 AM Monday and Tuesday (April 11 & 12). The presider will be Fr. Pat Patenaude, SM. Hospitality will follow each session in the Parish Hall. We hope the Lenten Mission will connect to Welcome Home Catholics hopefully appealing to many who have been inactive in expressing their faith at Church. Fr. Pat has a unique style of connecting the word of the Bible with the example of Mary elevated in praise and song to God. Our world, our Church, and our lives are in need of God's message and presence. It is our prayer that all might be filled a renewed commitment to faith! We hope that you make a special effort to attend the Mission "Commitment to Faith" and find further reason to believe.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, April 5. If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them at the Parish House by noontime of that day. We sincerely thank you.

Liturgical Roles April 2 & 3

Lectors:

4:00 PM.....T. English
8:30 AM.....R. Ford
10:00 AM C. Cavanaugh
11:30 AM R. Burke

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 AM D. Hoffman, M. Ryan, C. McGaffigan, J. Dente
8:30 AM D. & M. Picewick, F. Buonopane, C. Vitagliano
10:00 AM.....M. DeSantis, Deacon Mike, B. Little, M. Smith
11:30 AM.....M. Rochon, J. Donovan, I. Barone, P. Manter

Literature & Life

The Major League baseball season got underway officially this past Thursday, March 31st giving rise to the sobriquet "Hope springs eternal". Opening day in baseball fills many with a strong and deep sense of nostalgia. Such is true for the home team, The Boston Red Sox, who were predicted in last Sunday's NYT to win the World Series. The opening line for them is 4/1 and the current line is 7/2. They have made a fair number of acquisitions in the off season including Jenks, Crawford, & Gonzalez. Their outfield should be one the best. Their pitching includes proven and at times unpredictable veterans. Only time will tell what will happen in October. Religiously speaking, we all wonder as well and much more importantly whether we will withstand the test of time. What are the odds that you will make it to eternal salvation? How much money would you be willing to bet on it?

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

For Lent this year, some parishioners are collecting non-perishable food for the **Braintree Food Pantry**. The food is placed in beautiful baskets donated by the Blue Hills Cemetery, and decorated by some of our parishioners and children in the Religious Education Program. If anyone is interested in donating, donations are strongly needed, and may be left on the tables downstairs outside the Religious Education Office. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time to fill the baskets, please come to the Parish Hall on Saturday, **April 9**, anytime between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Many thanks!

Catholics Come Home: A marriage of 30 years includes roughly 32,000 meals which provide sustenance and needed nourishment. This is likewise true for the Eucharist meals. Without its nourishment much can be missing in a person's life. When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something. Faith sees the invisible and receives the impossible. Thank God for our physical AND spiritual nourishment!

Events During the Season of Lent

Each Wednesday during Lent we will "**Leave Our Light On For You**" for confessions from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The spirit of welcome for "Catholics Come Home" is also extended at this time, and we will have parish members who will be present to talk and discuss, to share and reflect with any person eager to take the first step, and make the effort to return to Church! If you wish to volunteer for this exchange, let us know! The Light is On for You will be Wednesdays, **April 6, 13, & 20**.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, **April 1st, 8th, 15th** from 4:00 – 5:00 PM and **April 22nd** at noon. All are welcome!

Lenten Rice Bowls: Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor and suffering in more than 100 countries on the basis of need without regard to race, religion, or nationality.

Books for Charity: "Hands Across the Waters" is affiliated with Reading Tree who donated 1.6 million books in 2008 - an environmental impact of 42,000 trees and 226,000 cubic feet of land saved! Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot!

In your prayers this week, say nothing. Just listen. To the Scriptures. To the people around you. To the distractions God sends your way. Look for Christ in everyone you meet, especially in your loved ones. Offer God your emptiness. And listen to Him.

Religious Education

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education Office at 781-848-7481 or email:

Debbie Clancy (**Gr K - 5**): Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net

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

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation on the internet that is most worthwhile. Consider the following: Lk:22:19: "Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which will be given for you; do this in memory of me'." The greatest gift you can give to anyone is the gift of yourself. Jesus gives this truth a new level of meaning in the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He offers himself completely for the people for all time. God is not bound by time and space, and our celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus to the present time. When we receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we are united in an intimate way with Jesus, with one another, and with all believers. How often do I consider Jesus' great love for me when I receive the Holy Communion? What difference does it make in my life to be able to receive the Eucharist? We pray: "Jesus, teacher, friend, and savior, thank you for sharing yourself with me in the Eucharist."

Are You Called to apply to the newly formed Theological Institute for the New Evangelization (TINE), St. John Seminary, Brighton, MA? There are many opportunities to learn insight, skills and perspective on meeting the needs of the Catholic Church. For information and/or a personal appointment please call 617-779-4104.

The Why, What, How & When of the New Roman Missal: A workshop for Laity: For the first time in forty years we are about to participate in some exciting changes to the language used in the Roman missal. These changes will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, 2011, and will affect what we hear and how we respond during the celebration of the Mass. In preparation of those changes the Office of Divine Worship and Spiritual Life will be sponsoring workshops for those laity in the Parish who will be involved in implementing the new Roman Missal. The Workshop will be covering: Why are we changing? What does this mean for us? How do we implement? and finally, When do we do this? To register for a workshop at the Pastoral Center, Braintree, Wednesday, **April 6**, 1:00-3:30 PM, please call Pat DeBiase, 866-571-5250 or the Office of Worship, 617-779-3640.

Our Military Personnel Prayer Board depicts the names, addresses, and pictures of military personnel for whom we pray at every Mass that God will protect them from harm's way. Please check the board to make sure all information is current. Those presently listed are: Kurt Tom, John Speredolozzi, Lt. Patrick McBride, Lt. Cmdr. William Walsh, Peter Coleman, Brian Ray, Michael Sullivan, Alexander Leone, Joshua O'Brien, Andrew Carey, Josh Thompson, Kevin Antonellisua, Michael Dietz, Jonathan Staid, Stephen Pineda, Sean O'Connell, Brendan Duffy, Joshua Zahn, Spc. Edward Diggin, Ryan Plummer, Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins, Spc. Michael Ryan Bruce, Paul Osis, and Stephen Hogan. Also, if you would like to add the name of a person serving our Country in military service please contact Paula Jansen at 781-843-6843 or Gerry Miller at 781-848-4372.

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