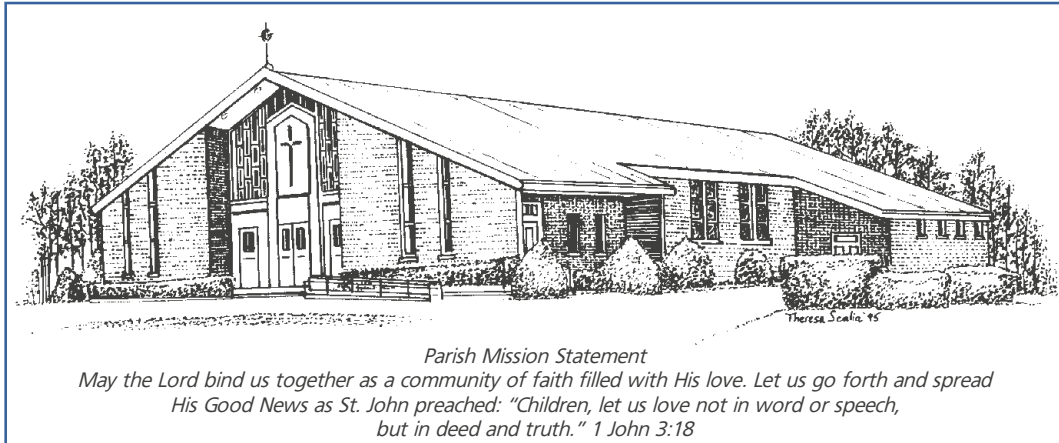


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Parish Mission Statement

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

Email: FrPaul1@verizon.net

Deacon

Michael J. Cavanaugh

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM, September - June
8:30 & 10:00 AM, July and August

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

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Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

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Nancy Alessi

E-mail: StClareYouthGroup@verizon.net

Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

E-mail: FaithFormation4910@verizon.net

Fr. Bill's Place:

First Tuesday of the month.

Mary Glynn 781-640-8528

Al-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

Religious Education Special Events Coordinator:

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: _____

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, April 6

4:00 PM Walter Kirkland3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, April 7

8:30 AM John Barton Birthday Memorial

10:00 AM Arthur & Harriet Pugsley Memorial

11:30 AM Robert J. Barrett Memorial

SATURDAY, April 13

4:00 PM Pope John Paul II Anniv

SUNDAY, April 14

11:30 AM Catherine Cosgrave Month's Mind

Please remember in your prayers the intentions written in the book in the devotional area.

Today, April 7, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth, will celebrate with Reconciliation at 12:45 PM and again after Benediction; Mass at 2:00 PM; and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 PM during which time the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed. All are invited.

Holy Name Mass & Meeting will be next Sunday, **April 14th** - the 8:30 AM Mass & Meeting in the Parish Hall. Ellen Quigley, will be the guest speaker. Ellen serves as admissions coordinator at South Shore Hospital. She & her husband, Steve, and their sons Christian & Brennan, are faithful parishioners. Ellen will focus on the topic, "The Increasing Demands of Hospital Admissions". We encourage all to attend and enjoy her timely presentation.

St. Clare Parish volunteers will serve dinner to residents of Pine Street Inn this coming Thursday, April 11. We would be most grateful for dessert donations, either homemade or store bought, that should be dropped off in the Parish Hall Kitchen marked "Pine Street Inn" on Thursday before 3:00 PM. Thank you!

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: Brain Fitzgerald, Kurt Tom, Lt. Patrick McBride, Brian Ray, Michael Sullivan, Joshua O'Brien, Josh Thompson, Kevin Antonellis, Michael Dietz, Jonathan Staid, Stephen Pineda, Brendan Duffy, Joshua Zahn, Spc. Edward Diggin, Ryan Plummer, Sgt. Lawrence Hutchins, Paul Osis, Stephen Hogan, Mark Gillen, Matthew Crane, Lt Ian Dwyer, Kyle Cushing, Matthew Simmons, Staff Sgt. Chad Campbell, William Walsh, Lt. Steven Brightman, Pvt. Jarrod McIvor, Matthew Linskey, and Pvt. Matthew Ruscio. Along with these men, please keep in your prayers, Active Duty Chaplains: Rev. Timothy A. Butler, Rev. Robert J. Cordery, Rev. Paul K. Hurley, Rev. William M. Kennedy, Rev. Robert J. Monagle, Rev. Redmond M. Raux, and Rev. Henry M. Yanju. 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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Offertory	(March 23 & 24)	\$8,358
Capital Improvement Fund		\$1,193
Holy Land (Good Friday)		\$1,115
Clergy Fund (Easter)		\$12,177

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity.

The offertory is our primary means of meeting our Parish weekly operational expenses

The Offertory Collection taken this weekend of **April 6 & 7** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's**. Thank you for your support.

All Rice Bowls should have been returned by now. Your contributions help make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger.

The 2013 Catholic Appeal is geared to help support the work of the Church for 288 Parishes, 144 Cities & Towns, 121 Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools for Catholics of all ages of life. The Theme is "There is a Good Samaritan in Each One of Us". **The total amount reported to us which has been donated to date is \$27,530.50. Our goal this year is to raise \$57,847.** We hope your participation and support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal will help to promote another successful campaign.

Additional Names of Those Remembered by Easter Flowers: Nicolas & Elizabeth Oliverio, Irena & Edward Kirejczyk, Doris & George French, Carol Polito, Dot Freeman, John Clougher & Family, The McLaughlin Family, and Mary Margaret Coughlan.

Poor Box Reminder: All donations to St. Clare Poor Boxes are greatly appreciated and put to immediate good use. The funds help support monthly meals served to residents of Pine Street Inn and Fr. Bill's Place. All your pennies are sent to the Catholic Daughters for the purchase of cribs for "Friends of the Unborn". Thank you for your continued support!

Have You Considered Remembering St. Clare Parish in your will? It is a wonderful way to pass on the legacy of our faith.

Sheets of All Sizes & Pillow Cases Are Needed at My Brothers Keeper: new or used (in good condition) for mattresses delivered to those in need. Please drop any donations off at the Parish House.

Books for Charity: "Hands Across the Water" is affiliated with Reading Tree which makes an environmental impact in our world. Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot.

Eucharistic Ministers
for this weekend of **April 6 & 7**

4:00 PM....D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, T. English, M. Ryan
8:30 AM.....C. Vitagliano, B. St. Jean, G. Milgroom, C. Mahoney
10:00 AM....J. & D. Dalton, P. Frazier, B. Carr
11:30 AM...M. Rochon, P. Manter, I. Barone, C. Mahoney

Literature and Life

Could this help you? The article was entitled, "Mindfulness: A Method to Sharpen Focus and Open Minds", (NYT 3/23/'13). Mindfulness is defined "intentionally paying attention to the present non judgmentally". It is NOT about emptying our minds, reducing stress or about religion or learning to be happy. Mindfulness is about being present. You have to do it just to do it. Mindfulness is an exercise. The idea is you'll feel more focused and more connected to yourself and others. Michael Baime, a teacher at Penn stated that mindfulness was about an authentic way of being. Mindfulness may not answer every evil, but may indeed be the answer to some. In my book it sounds exciting to practice mindFULLness!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Parish Website, www.stclarebraintree.org: The parish web site is always new and different. Come visit to pray, to reflect, and to register in so many ways including: for the Parish, for Baptism, and for marriage. There is opportunity for general commentary to help us serve you better. It would be helpful to know of people who are in need of a visit from extraordinary ministers of Eucharist as well as in need of the Sacrament of the sick.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile, entitled Changing Directions. Mark 1:15- "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The Hallmark of Jesus' early ministry is his passionate proclamation of the nearness of the kingdom of God. On the journey of faith, his listeners were lost. Jesus implores them, and us, to repent, to turn around, to believe the good news so that we can see the kingdom in our midst. He lets us know that in order to see the Kingdom, we may have to change the direction our lives have taken. Jesus provides by his words and actions the map by which we will find our destination. In what ways have you experienced the kingdom of God in your midst? How might you keep your eye on the map more faithfully? Let us pray: Jesus, brother and guide, stay with me on this journey of faith. Help me to more faithfully follow where you lead, that I might one day arrive in the fullness of the kingdom. Amen.

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Workshop presented by Sr. Paula Tinlin, SND, Pastoral Center, six Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM beginning **April 18**. \$40 registration fee - please call Karen Farrell at 617-746-5843 or email kfarrell@RCAB.org.

Parish Registration Drive: We are eager to update all our parish records. People move within the parish, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses are important. We naturally encourage enlisting in the Parish Envelope System. Please fill out this form if these issues apply, and place it in the Offertory Box or drop it off at the Parish House. Thank you!

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____
 E-Mail _____
 Parish Envelopes YES _____

Religious Education

Rehearsals for First Communion will be held on the Monday before the respective Communion date from 3:15-4:45 PM. Please refer to mailings you have received, and feel free to contact your child's teacher or director if you have any questions. **First Communions will be held at 11:00 AM on May 4 & 11. If you wish to hire our photographer, Jay Spencer, all orders should be placed on or before the First Communion practice.**

Please remember to notify us if you change your email address, since this is our most utilized way of notifying our families of any news and events.

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

Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net

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Glastonbury Abbey Bookstore has a large selection of wonderful First Communion gifts. Please visit them and simply mention your Parish name, and 10% of all sales will be donated back to St. Clare's! Call 781-749-2155x210 for store hours or directions or visit their website: www.glastonburyabbey.org.

Introducing - NEW this Spring - Music Together BIG KIDS, a 60-minute, weekly class for children ages 5-7. The curriculum includes solo and ensemble opportunities with activities including story and game songs, drumming, folk dances, and an introduction to conducting and harmony singing. Parents may attend, but drop off is an option. Tuition includes all materials. Classes meet Fridays from 3:15-4:15 PM starting **April 12th**. Registration is limited to 12 children. To register, or for more information about Music Together Big Kids or Mixed-Age classes (birth-five years) please contact Karen McBrine at 781-961-3460 or email karensmusicclass@aol.com.

St. Paul's Choir School, Harvard Square, is holding auditions by appointment for boys entering fourth grade next September. Please contact John Robinson, music director, at 617-868-8658 or jrobinson@choirschool.net. No prior musical training is necessary.

Comedy Night: Friday, **April 12** at the IBEW Local 103, Dorchester to benefit Archbishop Williams Parent Support Board. Doors open at 7:00 PM; show starts at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Cash bar; raffles. For tickets or more information, please contact Tracy at 781-910-8756.

Early Bird Special (Men's Prayer Gathering): Saturday, **April 20**, from 7:00-8:30 AM in St. Mary of the Hills lower Church, Milton. "Jesus of Nazareth", the Pope's First Two Volumes, by Jerry McAdams & Geoff Fitzgerald will be the topic.

St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset, Upcoming Programs: Mornings of Prayer - **April 29** "Our God Awaits Us in the Unknown and Unexpected" & **May 20** "Living the Life of the Beloved" 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM, \$25 per session. Directed/Private Retreats - **April 14-19, April 21-26, May 13-16** (\$380), & **May 21-29** (\$608). To register or for more information, please call 781-383-6024 or visit www.csjretreatcenter.org.

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