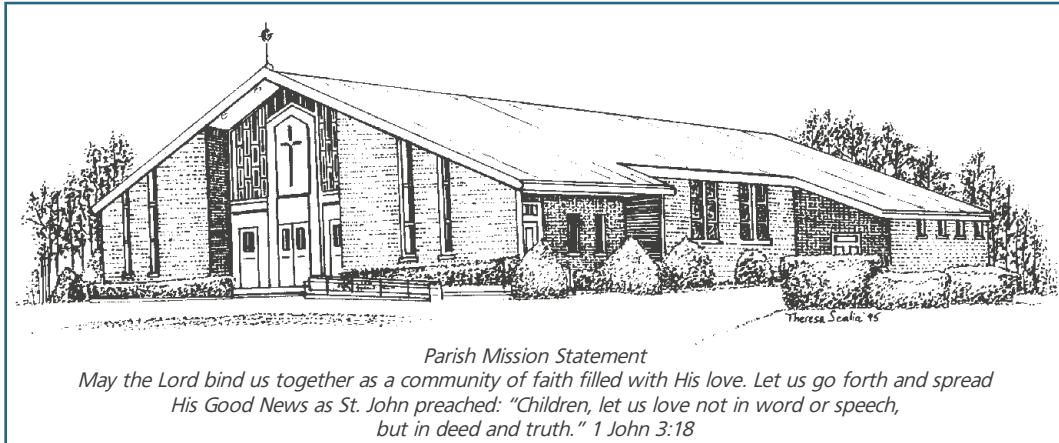


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Parish Mission Statement

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, 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

Religious Education: 848-7481

Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

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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: _____

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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 13

4:00 PM Pope John Paul II.....Anniv

SUNDAY, April 14

8:30 AM Deceased Parishioners of St Clare's

10:00 AM Sick Parishioners of St. Clare's

11:30 AM Catherine Cosgrave.....Month's Mind

SATURDAY, April 20

4:00 PM Albert & Helen Leonard.....Memorial

SUNDAY, April 21

10:00 AM John Clougher.....Anniv

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

Holy Name Mass & Meeting will be **this 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.

Please remember in your prayers our Parish children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion, and our young adult Parishioners who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the upcoming weeks.

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.

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.

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!

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**As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity.
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 our Parish weekly operational expenses**

The Offertory Collection taken this weekend of **April 13 & 14** 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 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.

The Parish of St. Clare will host The Fifth Annual Celebration of the Holy Rosary on Sunday, **May 5** following the 10:00 AM Mass. A procession will begin at the Church and continue to the Meditation Garden. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the recitation. All are welcome to join in this Celebration of Our Blessed Mother.

Please remember to return your RSVP for the Appreciation Dinner before April 21st, if you have not already done so. If you are a parish volunteer and should have received an invitation and did not for some reason, please call the Parish House and make us aware of this, and be assured that you are most welcomed!

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.

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!

**Eucharistic Ministers
 for this weekend of April 13 & 14**

4:00 PM.....E. Tausevich, J. Dente, D. Hoffman, R. McDonough
 8:30 AM.....C. Vitagliano, I. Supple, M. Walsh, F. Buonopane
 10:00 AM.....B. Carr, M. DeSantis, B. Little, M. Smith
 11:30 AM.....B. & M. Bohannon, Deacon Mike, J. Donovan

Literature and Life

“What Do You Want to be Now That You’re Grown?” asks Robert Strauss (NYT 3/20/13). Increasingly older adults are working in jobs they never trained for as young people. Robert Strauss applied to basketball, girls’ lacrosse, correct SAT’s, and tutor. People don’t even want to use the word retirement today stating instead “my second act” or “my what’s next” Wouldn’t it be wonderful for one’s second act to consider ministry and activity in the Church? Do you?

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

39th South Shore Walk to benefit the Interfaith Social Services. The walk begins on Saturday, **April 20th** at 12:30 PM at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum Street near Marina Bay. Registration begins at 11:30 AM. Please sign up as many sponsors as possible to help raise funding for Interfaith Social Services which is one of the largest food pantries in Greater Boston. All walkers turning in pledges will receive a FREE T-shirt.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is entitled “In Remembrance of Me”: ICor.25 – “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in memory of me.” When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim not only the death of the Lord but our belief that he will come again. Receiving the body and blood of Christ over and over throughout our lives strengthens us to wait in joyful hope for his coming. This hope is foundational to our lives as disciples. We come to Mass with particular attitudes. We come aware of our need to be nourished by the Bread of Life. We come aware of our need to be transformed along with the bread and wine. We come aware that we are one with the community who gathers. When we remember in whose name we gather when we celebrate Eucharist, our participation becomes a living act of worship. What will I do this week to prepare myself interiorly to celebrate the Eucharist? How does living in joyful hope for Christ’s coming show itself in my daily life? Jesus, Bread of Life, you nourish us with your own body and blood. As I wait in joyful hope for the coming of your kingdom, keep me always hungering for more. 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.

Caregiver Support Group: Are you caring for a loved one? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed and alone? Beacon Hospice is offering a new Caregiver Support Group. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month at Norwell Knoll, 329 Washington Street in Norwell from 2:00-3:30 PM. This group is free of charge and is open to anyone in the community. Pre-registration is required by calling Scott A. Ciosek at Beacon Hospice at 508-747-7222.

Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate is looking for prayerful souls to spiritually adopt a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for a commitment of one year. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. For more information and to register, visit the Serra Club of Boston’s website: www.serraboston.org.

Religious Education

Rehearsals for First Communion will be held on the Monday (April 29 or May 6) 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.**

We gratefully thank all of our volunteer teachers and aides who have helped in our Religious Education Program this past year. Without the help and support of our teachers, we would not have had such a dynamic year! **We also want to thank all the St. Clare Parishioners who support all of our fundraisers.** We are not able to be successful without each one of you.

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.

LIFT Worship Night: Join the LIFT Ministries for an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic and challenging Catholic speakers, and Eucharistic Adoration. The event is free and open to all ages. Tuesday, **April 16** will welcome Jackie Francois as the guest speaker at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area. This is an experience you won’t want to miss, and will join in many times again once you have experienced it! For more information, please visit www.liftedhigher.com.

The St. Thomas More Prayer Community welcomes everyone to their **Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 PM** in the Church Chapel at 8 Hawthorn Road in Braintree.

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.

We have received many “thank you” letters on behalf of the parishioners of St. Clare’s sincerely expressing the gratitude of the various charitable organizations you support. To name a few most recently received were from: The Peggy McCormick Chapter for MCFL, The Greater Boston Food Bank, The Angel Fund for ALS, Catholic TV, Pine Street Inn, Rosie’s Place, and St Anselm College Service & Solidarity Missions Program. Your generosity is never-ending, and is greatly appreciated by those who need help in many ways.

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