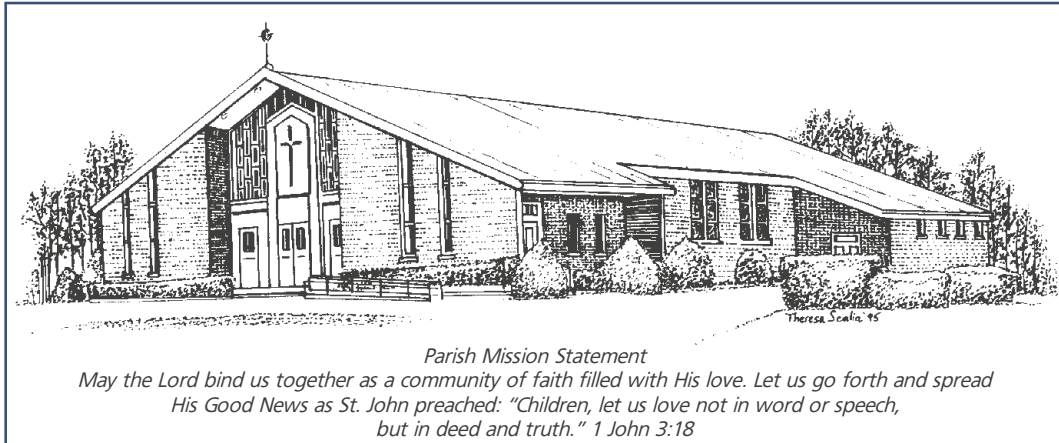


# THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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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

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

E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

E-mail: FaithFormation4628@verizon.net

Middle School Youth Group

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 20**

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

**SUNDAY, April 21**

8:30 AM All of Our Personal Intentions

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

11:30 AM All of the Deceased Parishioners of St. Clare's

**SATURDAY, April 27**

4:00 PM Claire Rone ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, April 28**

11:30 AM Patricia O'Brien ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**Please remember in your prayers** the souls of **Frank T. Cordes, Sheila Baraggia, and Brian McLaughlin.**

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

**We welcome Jaxson Richard Acker, Benjamin David Baker, Cruz Christopher Chiasson, Layla Rose Chiasson, Cecelia Rose Curtiss, Francis Armand Fasoli III, Joshua Joseph Hallisey, Cian Raul Henry, Hannah Stephanie LaMountain, Avery Mae Washburn, and Owen Zachary Youhas** as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

**PPC:** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Sunday, **April 21** at 4:00 PM in the Parish House Conference Room. We encourage all members to attend.

**The Dominican Sisters will be having a Bake Sale** after all the Masses next weekend, **April 27 & 28.** They will be selling bread, brownies, and apple & blueberry pies. The proceeds from their sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Please show them your usual support.

**Holy Name Mass & Brunch at the Quincy Marriott** will be Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 AM Mass followed by brunch. The concluding gathering will confer the highly esteemed Holy Name Person of the Year Award. Nominations should be submitted to Thomas Matthews ASAP. Brunch Tickets are \$21 and may be purchased at the Parish House. All are welcome.

**Marriage Sacramental Celebrations** can be arranged by couples who have been married civilly and wish to receive the sacrament. Some couples are together and have given birth to a child and might wish to receive the marriage sacrament as well. Please contact Fr. Paul at ASAP. The landscape of marriage today has changed significantly. The reality of God's grace conferred through the sacrament has remained the same. The faith you save might be your own!

**Our Monthly Food Collection** will be next weekend of **April 27 & 28.** Please bring your non-perishables to Mass and leave them at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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Offertory	(April 6 & 7)	\$8,273
Offertory	(April 13 & 14)	\$6,022

**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 20 & 21** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's.** Thank you for your support.

**An Additional Collection** will be taken next weekend, **April 27 & 28,** for two important national Catholic missions. **The Home Missions** collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission diocese. **The Black and Native American** collection strengthens evangelization and outreach which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/hm](http://www.usccb.org/hm).

**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 \$28,490.50, approximately 50% of the total goal of \$57,847 from 97 donors.** 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.

**All RSVPs for the Appreciation Dinner are due this weekend.** 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!

**Outdoor Flowers:** We are grateful for the colorful pansies which have been planted at the outdoor planters and donated by **Nancy & John Walsh.** They add a great deal to the spring like appearance of the Church exterior.

**Eucharistic Ministers  
for this weekend of April 20 & 21**

4:00 PM.....	E. Tausevich, R. McDonough, T. English, F. Mafri
8:30 AM.....	I. Supple, C. Mahoney, B. St. Jean, G. Milgroom
10:00 AM.....	P. Frazier, J. Collier, J. & D. Dalton
11:30 AM.....	P. Manter, M. Rochon, C. Mahoney, I. Barone

### Literature and Life

“Red Lights Synchronized to Fight Gridlock” (NYT 4/2/13) - Los Angeles has synchronized 4500 traffic lights across 469 square miles. The speed of traffic has increased while time spent in traffic has decreased. Traffic light synchronization saves \$1.3 billion dollars in fuel & time per year. Such synchronization to traffic lights has produced amazing results! Could the same lessons be applied to our faith? Are we synchronized each day to God’s signals and one another? Is there gridlock in our connection with God which we should overcome? Are we willing to explore new infrastructure to be connected to God and His people? We should be enjoying the journey of our faith in deeper service to God’s people. Hopefully we are making progress in this regard!  
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Parish Website:** [www.stclarebraintree.org](http://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 enrichment and update on contemporary issues of faith, prayer, and reflection.

**Catholic Lifestyle:** Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile entitled “In Awe Before God”: 1 John4:7 – “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.” A beautiful sunrise, a child’s smile, and the immenseness of the ocean are only a few of the things that have power to bring us to awe before the Creator. That sense of awe should move us to hold all things with reverence, honoring the work of God and the love with which He created. The example of Jesus’ life, the Ten Commandments, Church law, and practice, all help us uphold the sacredness of life. But the primary motivating force remains God’s own love. Love that is authentic and merciful, springing from the core of our being, testifies to the great love that is God’s. In what ways have I experienced the sacredness of life? How am I moved to express my gratitude? Let us pray: Creator God, I am moved with gratitude for the myriad ways in which the world testifies to your love. Be with me and inspire me to hold all of your creation with reverence and love. Amen.

**Fiat = Thy Will be Done** is a discernment group for women considering a vocation to the religious life. They will meet Wednesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>**, at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington Street, Newton. To register, please contact [Sr Marian Batho@RCAB.org](mailto:Sr_Marian_Batho@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 (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](mailto:Faithformation4K25@Verizon.net)

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**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.

**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](http://www.glastonburyabbey.org).

**Respect Life Walk for Babies and Mothers:** Sunday, **April 28**, at 1:30 PM at the Shrine at LaSalette in Attleboro. Please register online at [respectlifewalk.org](http://respectlifewalk.org) or make a donation.

**Braintree Catholic Women’s Club:** meeting on Wednesday, **May 8** at 1:00 PM in St. Clares’ Parish Hall. Installation of 2014 officers and the presentation of the high school scholarship awards. A Spiritual Retreat will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury on Monday, **May 13** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$39.00. Please call Natalie at 781-740-2366 for further information. The Mary E. O’Brien Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, **May 19** at 11:30 AM at St. Clare’s.

**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.

**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!

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