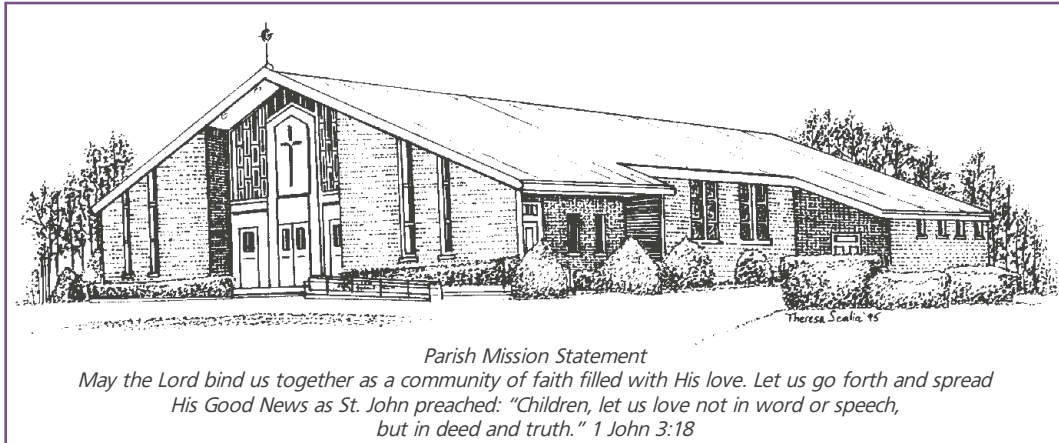


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Parish Mission Statement

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

Business Office

Email: stclaret@verizon.net

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

Anne Marie Tranfaglia, Grades 6, 7, 8

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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, March 2

4:00 PM Prayer Book Intentions in the Devotional Area

SUNDAY, March 3

8:30 AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Clare Parish

10:00 AM All the Sick of Our Parish

11:30 AM Jane Donovan..... Birthday Memorial

SATURDAY, March 9

4:00 PM John Mahoney7th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 10

10:00 AM Anthony Medeiros3rd Anniv

11:30 AM Zachary Ruffini..... Birthday Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mary Jamiol** .

The Monthly Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting will be Wednesday, **March 6**, after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish House. All are welcome; all help appreciated.

Holy Name Mass & Meeting will be next Sunday, **March 10**, 8:30 AM Mass and meeting in the PHCR. The guest speaker will be Bill Varrasso who presently is an usher at the weekend 4:00 PM Mass. He was a safety officer for the BPD '64-'81. Bill is a former veteran and is a recipient of the purple heart having served on the USS Underhill in the US Navy, '44-'46. His wife was Edith and they had a family of five children. Bill has 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He volunteers at the Royal Nursing Home for the past six years. His topic will be "Braintree: Past, Present, & Future". All are encouraged to attend.

Lent 2013: The focus is Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please pick up your Lenten meditation book and rice bowls at the church vestibules. Daily Lenten Mass is at 9:00 AM Wednesday through Saturday. Lenten Confessions will be available on Wednesday mornings after Mass through to 10:30 AM. We encourage all to participate in the Lenten discipline.

The Braintree Lenten Mission will be held at St. Clare Church on **Sunday, March 17th**; **Monday, March 18th**; and **Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:00 PM. The morning Mission Masses will be at St. Clare on Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 AM. We are pleased that Fr. Mark O'Connell will present the Lenten Mission. Fr. Mark is the judicial vicar for the Boston archdiocese and resides at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Braintree. The Lenten Mission will focus on The Year of Faith: Conscience, Obedience, & Service. (Italian Clippings). We encourage that everyone make a special effort to attend the Braintree Lenten Mission!

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

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

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Offertory	(February 16 & 17)	\$4,565
Offertory	(February 23 & 24)	\$8,621

As always, we thank you for your ongoing generosity.
The offertory is our primary means of meeting
our Parish weekly operational expenses

The One Collection taken this weekend of **March 2 & 3** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's** **and** our **Easter Flowers**. St. Clare's has always been beautifully decorated for the special liturgical season due to the generosity of our parishioners.

An Additional Collection will be taken next weekend, **March 9 & 10**, for **St. Clare's Emergency Snow Removal**. This winter of weekend snowstorms has definitely put some added pressure on our budget!

The 2013 Catholic Appeal begins March 2 & 3 which 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". Last year's appeal reached over 100% of its goal and occasioned the return of over \$6,000 to St. Clare Parish in the IFRM program. 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.

CRS Rice Bowl: This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Lesotho, where many children lack access to quality education. Only 73% of primary school-age children in Lesotho are enrolled in school. Give to your Rice Bowl this week to support communities working with CRS to provide educational opportunities for children.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Eucharistic Ministers are needed to help fill growing vacancies at all Masses. Those interested in serving in this capacity are asked to please call Lucille Barton at 848-0626 or contact Fr. Paul for training. We need your help in this ministry!

Our Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, **March 9** at 5:00 PM. All you can eat – plus Irish bread, beverage and dessert! And, of course, our famous raffle table! All proceeds will be sent to a charity in Ireland. The cost is \$10.00 per person / \$40.00 a family. **No tickets will be sold at the door – there will be a limit of 80 tickets sold** – so purchase yours NOW in the Religious Education Office or Parish House.

Religious Memorabilia: We are pleased to receive religious memorabilia, prayer cards, book marks, meditation booklets, calendars, medals, rosaries, crucifixes no longer of use to you personally. We sift through these items and present them to people on sick calls, nursing homes, hospitals, & rehab centers. Please leave them neatly packaged at the doors of Church. Many thanks!

Literature and Life

The Next Pope, (NYT 2/15/13), would do well to check out the spirit of Catholicism in Rio De Janiero, Brazil where the Church competes with evangelical Christianity in order to maintain membership. Some Brazilian priests don cowboy hats and croon country tunes at Mass. Despite the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer that towers over their city, numbers have diminished significantly in Brazil. World Youth Day is scheduled to be held in July in Brazil. While we pray that the Holy Spirit guide the selection of the next Pope, there is no question that the papacy is a daunting task. We should pray that the Holy Spirit guides the new Pope to promote the good news of Jesus Christ to all peoples of every country!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Sacrament of the Sick: Never hesitate to call St. Clare and to ask for the Sacrament of the sick prior to surgery or diagnosed with a serious condition. This sacrament is a powerful instrument of God’s healing presence. Please avail yourself of this gift. If someone is dying or near death please call the parish for pastoral assistance.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile. Are You Hungry? Luke 4:4 – “One does not live by bread alone.” We have so many hungers. Sadly, some hungers go unsatisfied because we don’t, won’t, can’t name them. We may fail to see that some hungers cannot be sated with food. We can deny the authentic spiritual hunger that we are experiencing. On our journey through life with God, we strive to name our hungers and to feed them abundantly with the Word of the Lord. List your gnawing hungers. How can they best be satisfied? Bread fills your stomach. What fills your soul? Let us pray: Bread of life, fill me with your life. Fill my spirit with strength. Fill my heart with your nourishing words. Amen.

www.stclarebraintree.org has been updated and hopefully will be found to be more user-friendly. There are forms to register as parish members, as well as forms for the Sacraments, particularly Baptism and Marriage. There are as well, forms for ministry sign up to help serve at St. Clare Parish. Finally, there is a form to address any issue or seek information/clarification on parish life. Please utilize the parish web site and hit an app or two which you might find informative.

Weekday Mass Snow Policy: When the Town of Braintree cancels schools, we will cancel our 9:00 AM Mass. This will provide a car free parking lot for the snow plows and ample opportunity for our maintenance crew to shovel, snow blow and salt our sidewalks.

Discarding Furniture & Personal Belongings? St. Clare Parish will assist you in this regard. Items for easy transport can be left in the storage room behind the garage and Joe Walbridge will transport them to the appropriate charitable concern. If you need further advice in this regard please call Joe at 781-848-7560.

Lenten Lunches: All are invited to attend Lenten lunches at Grove Manor Estates on the remaining Fridays during Lent, March 8, 15, 22, & 29. Seating is limited to guests each Friday, and only 1 luncheon date per person! RSVP at 781-843-3700!

Religious Education

There are First Communion dresses and attire which have been donated for your use! Please take a look before you go shopping. They will be on display during grade 2 class time, or come and inquire in the Religious Education office.

Winter Weather: if there are school cancellations or early dismissals due to snow, we will not have classes in the Elementary and Middle School Grades. Grades 9 & 10 will hear directly through email if their classes have been cancelled. If a storm begins to approach rapidly during the school day, we will notify the Braintree schools to make a “St. Clare Religious Education cancellation announcement”, and will also broadcast on the Channel 5 & 7 Storm Cancellations Report.

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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Tickets are on sale for “Remember When” a ‘50’s / ‘60’s event hosted by the Catholic Daughters Court St. Francis of Assisi being held on Sunday, **March 10** at 1:30 PM at the Braintree National Guard Armory, 275 Union Street, Braintree. Tickets are \$20/pp (children under 5 free) and are available by calling Margarete at 781-843-5917, Mary Walsh at 781-843-5660, or in person at the Braintree Town Clerk’s office. This family-focused event features a live band (“Dale and the Duds”), a luncheon, raffles, prizes, costume/dance contests, and a bake sale. Come in your best ‘50s or ‘60s costume for a chance to win a prize, but dressing up is not mandatory!

First Annual 5K Walk/Run sponsored by the Highlands School PTO: Sunday, **March 10** at 10:00 AM. The race begins at the Highlands School and continues through the back roads of the Highlands neighborhood. Come out and support your neighborhood school. To register for the fun walk/run go to <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=2819>. Medals will be given to the top runners at every age level. If you have any questions about the race, please call Kara Carney at 781-849-5887. We hope to see you on race day!

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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