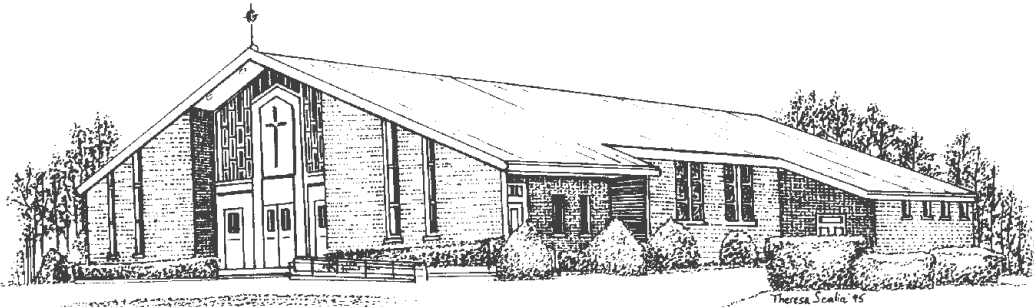


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Parish Mission Statement

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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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.

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Kathy Clancy 849-9219

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E-mail: FaithFormation4K25@verizon.net

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Nancy Alessi

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Mike Panciotti, Grades 9 & 10

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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: _____

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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, March 9

4:00 PM John Mahoney7th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 10

8:30 AM All the Sick of our Parish

10:00 AM Anthony Medeiros3rd Anniv

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

9:00 AM James R. Milne.....2nd Anniv

SATURDAY, March 16

4:00 PM Catherine Stickley..... Memorial

SUNDAY, March 17

8:30 AM Marie Mojkowski..... Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Rev. Joseph Lucas**.

Holy Name Mass & Meeting will be this 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 next week, 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!

St. Clare Parish volunteers will serve dinner to residents of Pine Street Inn this coming Thursday, March 14. 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!

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The One Collection taken this weekend of **March 9 & 10** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's and St. Clare's Emergency Snow Removal**. This winter of weekend snowstorms has definitely put some added pressure on our budget! Please be as generous as possible.

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". 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 invites us to learn about the Dominican Republic this week, where CRS helps women form savings and lending communities that help them save money and access small loans for new businesses. Pray for these women who have the courage to start their own businesses, and make a contribution to your Rice Bowl to support people working to provide a better livelihood for their families.

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!

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!

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.

**Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend of
March 9 & 10**

4:00 PM.....D. Irvine, T. English, M. Cahill, E. Tausevich
8:30 AM.....F. Buonopane, D. Picewick, B. & M. Welch
10:00 AM.....B. Carr, J. & D. Dalton, J. Collier
11:30 AM.....J. Donovan, M. Rochon, B. & M. Bohannon

Literature and Life

Recipe for a Perfect Photo, NYT, 3/26/'13, combines clear sky, sunset, and water in the proper coordination of sunrise at Yosemite Valley at Horsetail Fall. Photographers from the US, Japan, & Europe gather five hours before sunrise swapping technicalities hoping to image the 10 minute wispy firewall reflecting the sunrise pouring down El Capitan, the world's largest single chunk of granite. In our faith, many components must coincide for us to grasp the height and depth, the breadth and width of the Lord's presence in our life. Lent is a good season to try to come together to let that happen to us! When we receive His image, we will not leave disappointed. The wait will have been worth it! Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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. Any additions you may wish, please notify Fr. Paul. Our Web site has new material as of this week. We are grateful to members of the Tech Geeks who assist us on the tech side: Nicole & Todd Giaquinto and Mike Flannery.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile. On A Treasure Hunt: Mt. 6:21 – “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Whatever we claim as treasure in our lives is where we put the bulk of our effort and energy. Over time we generally grow in understanding of what is really important to us, and we let go of some things in order to have the time and energy for things that are more important. For people of faith, treasure is found in the love God has for us, in our love for God, and in the love we have for others. The choices we make each day are based on what we treasure. How would I describe my “treasure”? What am I willing to let go of in order to become more focused on my treasure? Let us pray: Gracious God, help me open my heart to know you more deeply and to choose you more wisely. Amen.

The Braintree Rotary Club will present an informational meeting on Wednesday, **March 13** from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Braintree Town Hall Auditorium. Representatives from the Police Department, the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department, the Mayor's Office, and the SafetyNet division of LoJack will be on hand to demonstrate the SafetyNet bracelet, a peace of mind, and possibly life saving device for the caregivers of children with special needs and adults with memory impairment. For more information call Joanne Tully at 781-664-9064.

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 15, 22, & 29. Seating is limited to guests each Friday, and only 1 luncheon date per person! RSVP at 781-843-3700!

Religious Education

We are happy to announce that the elementary students collected enough of money to purchase a pair of goats, a pair of sheep, and a flock of chickens through the Heifer Organization. These children should take pride in the good work they accomplished this year!

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, 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

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

St. Clare Youth Group: this Sunday evening, March 10, is our Community Service Night. We'll be making sandwiches and packing lunches for the guests at Father Bill's, a homeless shelter in Quincy. We hope to see you there! And it would be great if a couple of parents could stay to help, too. **IMPORTANT:** Please let Nancy Alessi know ahead of time if you are allergic to peanut butter by emailing stclareyouthgroup@verizon.net or call her cell at 781-718-8260.

“Remember When” a ‘50s/’60s Event hosted by CDA Court St. Francis of Assisi is being held **this Sunday, March 10,** at 1:30 PM at the Braintree National Guard Armory, 275 Union Street, Braintree. This family-focused event features a live band (“Dale and the Duds”), a luncheon, raffles, 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. Some tickets, which are \$20.00 pp (children under 5 free) will be available at the door.

Open House: Thursday, **March 21st,** at The Theological Institute, 149 Washington St. Brighton. Those interested in degree studies equipping oneself for Church ministry should attend. Call 617-779-4104.

Discernment Retreats for the Priesthood will take place **March 15-17.** Those interested should contact Fr. Dan Hennessey at 617-981-1735 or Dhennessey@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!

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