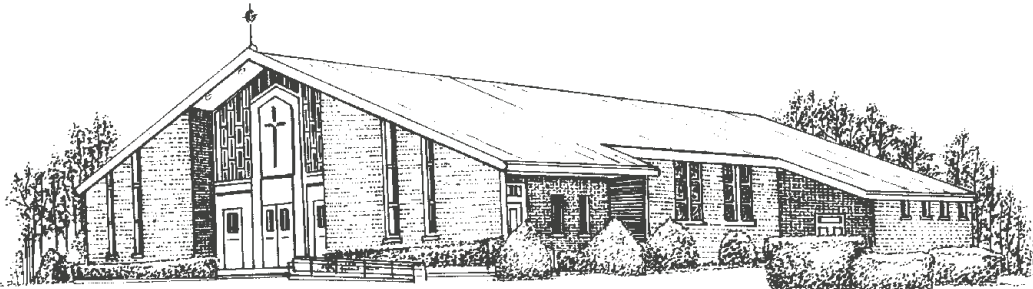


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### Parish Mission Statement

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

### 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

### 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, March 16**

4:00 PM All Deceased Parishioners of St Clare's

**SUNDAY, March 17**

8:30 AM Marie Mojkowski..... Memorial  
 10:00 AM All the Sick of Our Parish  
 11:30 AM The Prayer Book Intentions in the Devotional Area

**WEDNESDAY, March 20**

9:00 AM Maureen Adams..... Memorial

**SATURDAY, March 23**

9:00 AM Brittany Fontecchio..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv  
 4:00 PM: Ellen Mc Intosh ..... 16<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, March 24**

10:00 AM Edith Varroso..... Birthday Memorial & 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 11:30 AM Edward Bednar..... 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**Please remember in your prayers** the soul of **Thomas King**.

*Banns of Marriage*

I Sean R. Stanley..... Jenna A. Monticone

**St. Patrick:** Born in Kilpatrick, Scotland, 387, & died March 17, 493 in Ireland. His life was marked by holiness, prayer, & service. Such values are articulated in the Breastplate prayer: "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me. Amen.

**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.

**Lenten Mission Hospitality:** St. Clare Parishioners are invited to please bring St. Patrick's Day Desserts & leave them in the Parish Hall. St. Clare Parish is responsible for hospitality on this **first** evening of the Mission. We are grateful for your willingness to be hospitable to our Mission guests.

**We welcome Owen Robert Kippenhan and Aixa Bella Rosa** as our newest members of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon them many spiritual blessings throughout their life.

**Our Monthly Food Collection** will be next weekend of **March 23 & 24**. 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	(March 9 & 10)	\$7,266
Snow Removal Fund		\$1,343

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

**The Altar Breads & Wine** to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of **Maureen Adams**.

**The One Collection** taken this weekend of **March 9 & 10** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's**. Thank you for your support.

**An Additional Offering** will be taken next weekend, **March 23 & 24** for our **Capital Improvement Fund**.

**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 \$12,055.00. 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 Pakistan, where poor communities often do not have access to clean water. CRS helps communities build water pumps so they can have clean water nearby for use at home and on their farms. This week, consider fasting from all beverages except for water, and donate what you saved to your Rice Bowl.

**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!

**Church Thermostats:** We are pleased with the installation of 2 Honeywell heating/cooling thermostats for the upper Church. 2 remote sensors have also been installed. This addition will provide cost savings on heating & cooling the upper church. In addition a water reset control valve was added to the Parish House boiler to provide cost savings as well. The installer was Patrick J. Kennedy & Sons, Inc. who have serviced St. Clare Parish exceedingly well for many years. Generosity to offertory collections helps us respond to updated technology. To all who give so generously to the Parish offertory we are especially indebted.

**Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend of  
 March 16 & 17**

4:00 PM.....	T. English, R. McDonough, D. Hoffman, F. Maftrici
8:30 AM.....	G. Milgroom, C. Vitagliano, I. Supple, B. St. Jean
10:00 AM.....	B. Carr, J. Collier, B. Little, M. DeSantis
11:30 AM.....	J. Donovan, M. Rochon, P. Manter, I. Barone

**Literature and Life**

“Roy Brown, Jr., Edsel Designer, Dies” (NYT 3/6/13). This headline reminded me of the ill fated Edsel manufactured in '57 and discontinued in '59 by the Ford Motor Co. They acknowledged that the Edsel failed to live up to its pre-manufacturing promos. The car was known for its lemon sucking mouth faced grille compared to the shape of a toilet seat or a horse collar. The designer, however, loved the car saying once “there was not a bad line on the car”. We should connect in Lent to God our designer. As he looks upon our lives could God say with accuracy “there is not a thing within him or her about which I am not proud”?

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Archdiocese of Boston at Braintree Blood Drive:** Monday, **March 18** from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. Please call 781-461-2097 with any questions.

**Catholic Lifestyle:** Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile. Transformed by Prayer: Luke 9:29 - “While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.” Jesus was deep in prayer. So much so that his appearance changed. There was something so different that his disciples could see it. When we are with a person who prays regularly and nourishes their spiritual life we notice something about them, too. It may not be in their face or clothing. But sometimes it’s in their behavior, their speech, or the activities they engage in. Other times we notice a gentleness or a strong compassion for others. Prayer transforms us. And prayer transforms those around us, too. Who is a prayerful person that you know? What do you notice about him or her? How has praying changed you? Let us pray: Father, I place my life in your hands. Mold me, shape me, grace me, that I might be a person for others. Amen.

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

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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. Also, you may tune into Channel 5 & 7 for 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](mailto:Faithformation4K25@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](http://www.glastonburyabbey.org).

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny:** The Braintree Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, **March 24** from 9:00-11:00 AM at the K of C Hall, 875 Washington Street. A donation of \$5.00 pp or \$10 per family is suggested. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee & tea, free photo with the Easter Bunny, coloring pages, crayons, & a bag of candy. Come have some fun!

[www.stclarebraintree.org](http://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.

**Open House:** Thursday, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the Theological Institute, 149 Washington St. Brighton for those interested in degree studies for Church ministry. Please call 617-779-4104.

**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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