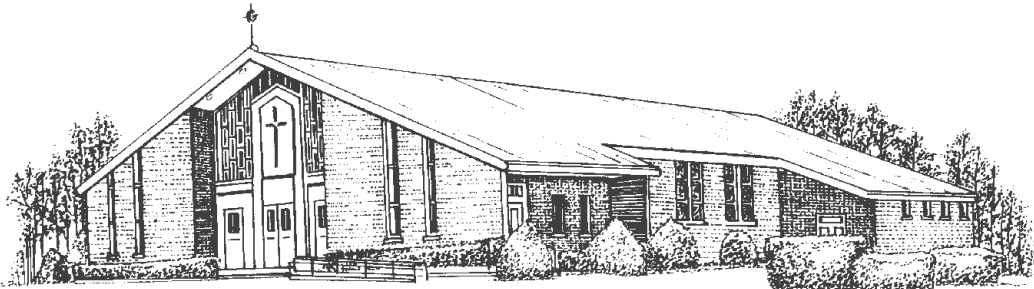


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Parish Mission Statement

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

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Debbie Clancy, Grades K-5

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E-mail: StClareYouthGroup@verizon.net

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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 23

4:00 PM: Ellen Mc Intosh 16th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 24

8:30 AM All the Deceased of Our Parish

10:00 AM Edith Varroso Birthday Memorial & 7th Anniv

11:30 AM Edward Bednar 4th Anniv

SUNDAY, March 31

10:00 AM In Memory of Those for Whom Easter Flowers
Were Donated

11:30 AM Josephine Ruffini Birthday Memorial

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Rev. William O'Connor**.

Banns of Marriage

II Sean R. Stanley Jenna A. Monticone

Lenten Mission Thanks: We would like to extend thanks to all those who were faithful to the Lenten Mission hosted by St. Clare Parish. We thank in a special way Fr. Mark O'Connell who led the mission with wonderful messages of hope and renewal. We thank the hospitality provided by St. Thomas More and St. Francis parishioners as well. Finally, we thank the music leaders who helped us to lift up our voices and thereby "pray twice" to the Lord.

Lent 2013: The focus is Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please return your Lenten Rice Bowls to the sanctuary Rice Bowl box at your earliest convenience. Daily Lenten Mass is at 9:00 AM Wednesday only! Lenten Confessions will be available on Wednesday morning after Mass through to 10:30 AM. We encourage all to participate in the Lenten discipline.

We welcome Addison Marisa Zahn as our newest member of our faith through Baptism. We pray God will bestow upon her many spiritual blessings throughout her life.

Our Monthly Food Collection is this weekend of **March 23 & 24**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi; 7:30 PM Evening Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday, March 29: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer at St. Francis of Assisi; 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross; 3:00 PM The Lord's Passion. There will be a collection for the Holy Shrines at each of these services. Your contributions guarantee the upkeep of many religious attractions in the Holy Land. 4:15 PM Art and Environment helpers meet to prepare the sanctuary for the Great Vigil and Easter.

Holy Saturday, March 30: 10:00 AM Rehearsal for Deacon Mike, lectors, servers, and Fr. Paul. 7:30 PM The Great Vigil Easter Collection benefits the Clergy: we ask that you be especially generous to help fund the increasing costs associated to the care of sick and retired priests who have served faithfully the Church of Boston.

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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 23 & 24** will be for the **Parish of St. Clare's** and for our **Capital Improvement Fund**. Thank you for your support.

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.

"A Woman's Concern": In January and February St. Clare parishioners participated in supporting "A Woman's Concern", A pregnancy resource center in Dorchester. Many parish members brought back the baby bottles filled with bills and coins. The total revenue was \$1,022.49. We are most grateful to all who contributed to this most worthwhile cause!

CRS Rice Bowl: 25% of contributions to CRS Rice Bowl remain in our diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week, we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. Give to your Rice Bowl to support programs that help the poor in our own community, as well as in communities around the world.

The Braintree Food Pantry would be most appreciative of extra "special" donations before Easter to help fill Easter Food Baskets. Maybe some candy, cake mix, canned frosting, or the usual necessities such as soup, canned goods, peanut butter, pasta, etc. Your items may be left inside the doors of the Church. Thank you in advance for all your support.

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!

Eucharistic Ministers

Palm Sunday – March 23 & 24

4:00 PM.....R. McDonough, D. Hoffman, E. Tausevich,.....
C. McGaffigan

8:30 AM.....B. & M. Welch, D. Picewick, C. Mahoney

10:00 AM.....M. DeSantis, J. & D. Dalton, P. Frazier

11:30 AM.....I. Barone, C. Mahoney, B. & M. Bohannon

Holy Thursday – March 28

7:00 PM.....M. Cahill, C. Mahoney, C. McGaffigan, B. Carr

Good Friday – March 29

3:00 PM.....C. Mahoney, G. Milgroom, I. Supple, M. Smith

Literature and Life

Even at 93, "A Case Too Important to Pass Up" (NYT 3/15/13) describes the efforts of Robert Morgenthau, 93, to take on the case of a man imprisoned in Alabama on death row for 23 years. New facts in the case could convince a new jury of another verdict, i.e., Innocent of All Charges. Clearly Mr. Morgenthau believes it's never too late to see justice served. We might respond and wonder to ourselves whether we use age as an excuse for lack of interest and involvement. We could even be accused of doing so in being non-observant of the Lenten disciplines. It's never too late to change. Just ask Mr. Morgenthau!

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Workshop presented by Sr. Paula Tinlin, SND, Pastoral Center, six Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. \$40 registration fee - please call Karen Farrell at 617-746-5843 or email kfarrell@RCAB.org.

Parish Website: www.stclarebraintree.org has seen a lot of "hits" lately thanks to a "snappy" presentation of news and meditational material. You can register for the Parish, for Baptism, and 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.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile. We have Life in Jesus: John 4:9-11 – "In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through him...Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." Love is a life giving force. It pushes aside isolation and fear, and leads us to connection with others. When we experience the love of God, our life is changed both internally and externally. In Jesus, we experience a new life. Filled with the love of God, our only response is to reach out in love to others. How is the life I have received in Jesus reflected in the way I relate to others? In what way do I feel moved to share that love more freely? Let us pray: Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help me to reflect your love and to care generously more freely for the need of others. Amen.

Lenten Lunch: All are invited to attend the last Lenten lunch at Grove Manor Estates on Friday, **March 29**. Seating is limited so RSVP at 781-843-3700!

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

The last class for all elementary and middle school students will be on **April 4**. Rehearsals for First Communion will be held on the Monday 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.

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

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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.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: The Braintree Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pancake breakfast **on this 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!

Braintree Catholic Women's Club has **two \$1,000 scholarships** available to High School Seniors who are graduating this year, one for a public school and one for a Catholic high school student. The deadline to apply is **April 1**. Please call your guidance department of your school, or call Marie Connelly of the Braintree Catholic Women's Club at 781-843-1965.

Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Joseph McDermott on Tuesday, **April 2**, at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas More Church. All are invited. Sponsored by the STM Charismatic Prayer Group.

"Women Helping Women", Braintree Women's Club **\$1,000 Scholarship** is available to a Braintree woman who has delayed entering college for a specific reason and would like to re-enter the work force. Please contact Marta Googins at 781-848-4768. Applications must be submitted by **April 10**.

Anti-Trafficking Symposium at Fontbonne Academy, Milton, on Saturday, **April 6** from 12:30-4:00 PM. All desiring to raise awareness about human trafficking are invited. There is no cost, but please register by calling 617-746-2028.

"Coping With Loss": The Irish Pastoral Centre is offering a new bereavement support group for members of the community who have had a recent loss. Meetings will be on 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM from **April 9 to May 14** at 15 Rita Road, Dorchester. Pre-registration is required (no charge). Call Fr. John McCarthy at 617-265-5300 or email jmcarthy@ipcoston.org.

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