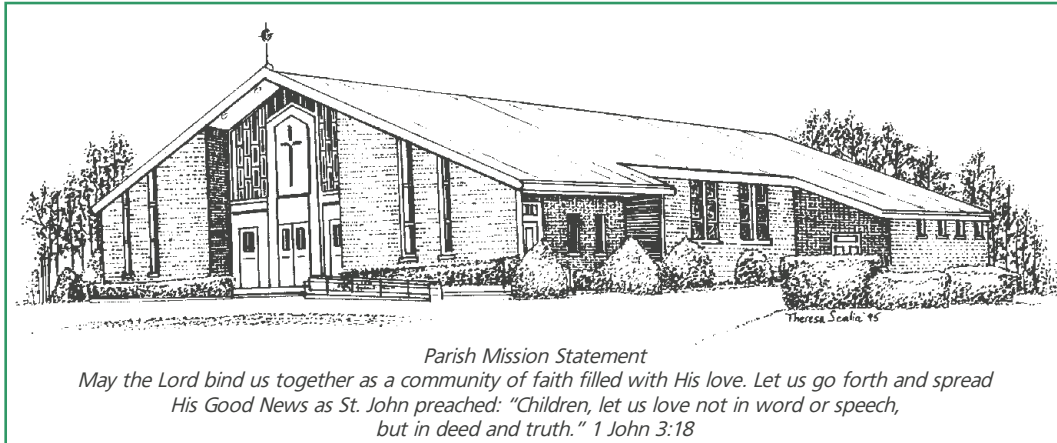


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Parish Mission Statement

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

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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

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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

Derek Menadue 617-653-9404

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, August 3

4:00 PM Thomas Lee.....9th Anniv

SUNDAY, August 4

8:30 AM Seymour Petrillo7th Anniv

10:00 AM Malachy McGrath.....7th Anniv

SATURDAY, August 10

4:00 PM John & Esther Collins Memorial

SUNDAY, August 11

8:30 AM William R. Moore 22nd Anniv

Therese M. Moore..... 14th Anniv

Mark J. Moore..... 15th Anniv

10:00 AM James Toland3rd Anniv

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 11, with regular meetings the first Wednesday of the month resuming in October. We would like to thank all those who have donated to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Your help benefits all who need the comfort of the items that are made. If anyone needs a shawl or pillow over the summer please contact a member of the PSM or Lucille Barton directly at 781-848-0626. Thank you again and see you in the fall and maybe even more of you!

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule through September 1: Saturday 4:00 PM Mass; Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Mass. During the summer there will be no 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. The regular schedule will return on the weekend of September 7/8.

Praise Banners: Three new "Praise" Banners have arrived for placement in the Church. The inscriptions read as follows: "Love your neighbor as yourself" Luke 10:27; "The greatest love letter" with an image of the Bible; "Greater love has no one than this" Jn. 15:13 with an image of Christ's hand nailed to the cross. Anyone wishing to memorialize these exquisite banners for use in the Church is asked to call the business manager, Sandy Sisk, at the Parish House.

Fr. Bill's Place will be visited on Tuesday, August 6. If anyone is interested in baking desserts, please leave them at the Parish House by noontime of that day. We sincerely thank you.

St. Clare Parish volunteers will serve dinner to residents of Pine Street Inn this coming Thursday, August 8. 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!

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

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Offertory (July 27 & 28) \$5,231

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

One Offertory Collection taken this weekend of August 3 & 4 is for the Parish of St. Clare and Catholic Relief Services. We appreciate your generosity.

In Grateful Appreciation: We are grateful to many who have continued to send their offerings for our Church expenses during the weeks while they are away on Summer vacation. Your envelopes are always most appreciated for the ongoing maintenance of our parish property and programs. Please keep in mind that the offertory collection remains in the parish and is the primary means of support for all that takes place here.

Summer Bulletins: As you travel near and far, please be kind enough to return with a Church bulletin and pass it on to Fr. Paul. We learn a lot from the liturgy as celebrated in other parishes and hope that we can incorporate what works elsewhere here as well. Your impressions of the liturgy are welcome as well as a copy of the bulletin. Many thanks!

Don't Be Disappointed...Register Now Before You're Too Late for this year's Vacation Bible School Program, "Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God!" August 19-23. Children ages 5-9 may register for the program which meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Registration forms can be found at the entrances to the church, in the church hall, and at the Parish House. We will be needing many volunteers to help that week (pre-teen, teen and adult helpers are welcome!) If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen McBrine at karensmusickclass@aol.com or call 781-961-3460.

A Book of Readings for Children: This book has been graciously memorialized by Kevin Collins, in loving memory of his parents, John & Esther Collins. We are especially grateful for this donation and pray that John & Esther Collins may always rest in the peace, joy, and friendship of God's eternal presence.

George O'Brien has left Mass General Hospital and is recuperating at his sister's home on the Cape. He continues to make wonderful progress in his treatments. For those that would care to contact him, you may do so by mail. His address on the Cape is: George O'Brien, % Pat Rowell, P.O. Box 236, E. Orleans, Ma. 02643.

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend of August 3 & 4

4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, C. McGaffigan, T. English, R. McDonough
8:30 AM....G. Milgroom, I. Supple, F. Buonopane
10:00 AM...M. Rochon, B.Little, C. Mahoney, P. Manter

Eucharistic Ministers: Please remember to use the hand sanitizer before distributing Communion

Literature and Life

(NYT 7/27/13) "A New Bible App" was the topic of a front page story which held my interest and demonstrates the power of technology in relation to worship and prayer. Life Church.tv sponsors a free Bible App powered by YouVersion with over 600 Bible translations in more than 400 languages. The Church's annual income grosses 60 million while expending \$20 million annually to maintain internet proficiency! The site has received this month 100 million downloads. Bobby Grunewald is the app's founder. The internet is clearly penetrating the way we live our faith. Has it made a difference in your life? Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Used Books & Clothing: "GotBooks?" Has agreed to collect Books, Clothes, CD's, DVD's, Shoes, Belts, and Purses. The 2 new containers should be on our property soon. Keep an eye out for them! St. Clare Parish will be reimbursed a percentage of all donations.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is "God's Rules for Life" – Mt. 4:3-4: "The tempter approached and said to him, 'if you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread'". He said in reply, "It is written, 'one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God'". Children often see rules as little more than a limit on being free to do as they please. Many adults, too, live under this illusion. In the same way he tempted Jesus, the devil wants us to make our own rules. In his response, Jesus sets out the truth that following the word of God is a source of life. In the Commandments we find God's rules for life. By following these rules, we will remain connected to him and to each other. Our faithfulness is made evident by our choices, not only in what we avoid, but also in what we choose to do. When am I most tempted to make my own rules? How do the choices I make each day show my fidelity to God? Let us pray: Jesus, thank you for your example of faithfulness to God. Grant me the grace to listen attentively and live by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Amen.

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.

All Are Welcome & Invited: The Poor Clare Nuns (930 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, Tel. 617-524-1760) invite all friends and members of St. Clare Parish to a **Triduum of Masses** in preparation of **The Feast of St. Clare** on August 11th. The Masses will be at 7:00 PM in the monastery chapel **August 8, 9, & 10**. The community of nuns will remember your intentions especially at this Triduum.

Norfolk County Volunteer Program: The Norfolk County RSVP Volunteer Program is seeking non-shelter volunteers for a wide range of tasks which include the administration and donations. In-shelter volunteers are needed to help serve meals, answer phones, computer assistance, and help in job resumes and application process. Please call Elisabeth Larkin, Norfolk County RSVP coordinator, at 781-329-5728 or by email at elarkin@norfolkcounty.org.

Religious Education

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. **Also, please be certain that we have your up to date mailing address. If you did not receive a Fall registration packet, please notify us!** If you have a child attending Kindergarten this coming Fall, or a child who will be new to our Program, please let us know.

You may call 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

Registration for our Religious Education Program which begins September 16 will be on-going, but please keep in mind there is an "early bird special" if you would like to save \$25.00, and also, that all our classes are filled on a "first come – first served" basis in accordance with the number of teachers we have. You may return your paperwork by mail, or drop it off at the Religious Education Office or Parish House. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to help us out by teaching a class, please call one of the directors. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Teaching Religious Education is a wonderful way to share your faith and assist your Parish. And please help us by inviting another new family to our Parish Program!

"What is a Catechist?"

- ❖ A catechist is an ordinary person who is extraordinary because he or she teaches as Jesus did.
- ❖ A Catechist is the busiest person in the Parish who somehow finds the time to do those important things which everyone else is too busy to do.
- ❖ A Catechist is a teacher of faith and hope, a teacher of the Word of God in such a way as to make it real and understandable for the young people in the Parish.
- ❖ A Catechist is open and willing to learn and to grow with children on their faith journey that will affect the Catechist's own growth in a way nothing else can.

Our upcoming Religious Education Program is soon to begin. Classes are now being assigned. We cannot accommodate all of our students who would like to attend if we do not have a sufficient number of teachers. Please prayerfully consider helping us by teaching 1 hour a week or sharing a class with a friend!

LIFT (Live In Faith Together): Summer attraction - Tuesday, **August 13th**, Mass at 6:00 PM, celebrating 7 years, Lift at 7:00 PM at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Religious medals, prayer books, cards: Please leave any religious items at Church which can be re-cycled and used by folks who enjoy them. Please know that Fr. Paul is especially grateful for your donations.

Bulletin Contribution: Anyone who has read a passage, wrote inspiring words, reflected on a meaningful prayer or poem, is welcome to submit such passages for inclusion in future bulletins. Please include your name and mark the envelope "Bulletin Contribution: attn: Fr. Paul".

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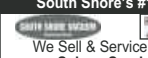

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