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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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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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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, July 6

4:00 PM Antonette Mafrici.....6th Anniv

SUNDAY, July 7

8:30 AM For all the sick in our Parish of St. Clare

10:00 AM Francis X. Mahar8th Anniv

Marion L. Gould3rd Anniv

SATURDAY, July 13

4:00 PM Eleanor MacEachern.....11th Anniv

Brother Xavier MacEachern3rd Anniv

SUNDAY, July 14

8:30 AM Henry Picewick..... Anniv

10:00 AM Maryann Marotta Memorial

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

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule: July 1 - 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.

Memorial Opportunity: A book of Readings for Children has just been purchased. It is presented in a striking red binding and will be of use for many children’s services, especially the Family Liturgy from September through April. Anyone wishing to dedicate this liturgical book is asked to call the Parish Office and talk to the business manager, Sandy Sisk.

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!

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.

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.

St. Clare Parish volunteers will serve dinner to residents of Pine Street Inn this coming Thursday, July 11. 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.

WE ARE THE STEWARDS ... and this is how we live our stewardship

Due to an early transmittal of the bulletin for the July 4th holiday, an Offertory Total will not be available until the next bulletin.

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

The Offertory Collection taken this weekend of July 6 & 7 is for the Parish of St. Clare. We appreciate your continued 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 of sacrificial offerings 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.

Books for Charity: “Hands Across the Water” is affiliated with Reading Tree which makes an environmental impact in our world. Please donate all unused books to the bright blue receptacle in the rear parking lot.

Family & Tots Program Concludes: On Wednesday, June 19th, Families and Tots celebrated their final meeting with each child receiving a small bucket loaded with everything needed for a good summer including eyeglasses, sand shovel, and assorted toys. Over 50 families from Abington, Braintree, Quincy, Randolph & Weymouth enjoyed the program coordinated by Karen McBrine. One parent and child combination stated that we are sad because, “we have attended for the last seven years”. This program is so beneficial for all participants, both young and old alike!

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”.

Vacation: As you begin to plan your summer vacation or have the opportunity to sneak away for a weekend, here is something to pack in your suitcase along with your sunscreen or into your smart phone...to find the Mass closest to your location, visit www.masstimes.org. So when you are making your various reservations, please remember to reserve some time for our Lord!

Eucharistic Ministers for this weekend of July 6 & 7

4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, R. McDonough, M. Ryan, C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....C. Vitagliano, B. St. Jean, I. Supple, G. Milgroom
10:00 AM....M. DeSantis, J. Collier, B. Little, C. Moriarty

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

Literature and Life

“The Difficult Science of Love”: Osservatore Romano (June 12, '13) Pope Francis – The “Science of embrace manifests the two pillars of love: closeness and tenderness. The Shepherd, God, is close to his flock which he knows one by one. God loves us tenderly as well. God approaches us and in being close to us gives us his love with the deepest possible tenderness. However, more difficult than loving God is letting ourselves be loved by Him. Lord, I want to love you but teach me the difficult science of letting myself be loved by you!” This thought is well worth our undivided attention.
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Steve’s Dairy Delivery: Steve’s Dairy Delivery provides St. Clare with weekly delivery of fresh milk, cream, & drinks featured at Sunday hospitality in the Parish Hall. His delivery occurs each Thursday. Those who might wish to engage his services are encouraged to call 781-447-1324 or to send an e mail message to stevesdairydelivery@verizon.net.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is “Faith, Hope, & Love” – I Cor.13:13- “So faith, hope and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians that of the three spiritual gifts bestowed by God, the greatest of them is love. To see the truth of Paul’s words, we need only to look to Jesus. His entire life is an example of the kind of love that is in harmony with God’s purposes and the kingdom of God that He proclaimed. When we grow distracted by the world’s passing pleasures, we can recall these virtues that last forever. How have I experienced the kind of harmony that comes from God’s shared love? In what ways am I being invited by God to love others and myself, according to God’s plan? Let us pray: Loving God, my faith, my hope, and my love finds its wellspring in you. I pray that they may ever increase in me and be offered as a gift to others to give glory to your name.

Patriot Ledger Editorial (6/23/'13): “Jesus Had a Divine Sense of Humor” by Rev. Tim Schenck contained reflections and insights worth repeating in case you missed it. The following is a brief synopsis of what he wrote. Hopefully it contains the gist of his article. “Too many of us have encountered humorless Christianity over the years. You know the type-tight lipped, judgmental, unsmiling, puritanical; people who view frivolity as sacrilege and humor as heresy. The point here is not to place Jesus in the Comedy Hall of Fame. Rather it is to encourage us to see and hear the message of our Lord with fresh eyes and ears, to discover a new aspect of his divine brilliance and to meet him with renewed joy and laughter in our hearts. Above all, Jesus encourages us to take our faith, but not ourselves, too seriously.”

Tree Work: We are pleased with tree removal performed by Bogantree Service removing 5 overgrown “umbrella” like trees from the devotional area, 3 overgrown rose of Sharon bushes, overgrown evergreen near the garage, 2 small birches in front of Church, a 10” birch on the left side of Church, and 16 arborvitae in the rear of the Church grounds. Groleau’s Landscape from Quincy will complete the landscaping of our parish grounds and replanting where needed. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your generosity to the Parish which allows us to keep our grounds reflecting the beauty of God’s grandeur.

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 before registration materials are mailed this month.** 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:

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Summer “Music Together”: Registration for the upcoming summer 6-week session of “Music Together” classes is currently taking place. “Music Together” is a music and movement program for parents and caregivers with children from age birth to five. Class activities include singing, creative movement and instrument play, all presented in a fun, playful way where parents, (grandparents and nannies, too!) and children can participate together responding spontaneously to the musical environment. For registration information please contact Karen McBrine at 781-961-3460 or email karensmusicclass@aol.com.

Save these Dates! August 19-23 for this year's **Vacation Bible School** program, "**Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God!**" Any child ages 5-9 may register for the program which meets from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday. 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 karensmusicclass@aol.com or call 781-961-3460.

LIFT (Live In Faith Together): Summer 2013 includes Tuesday, **July 16th**, featuring the guest speaker, Jimmy Mitchell, “Beauty, Art, & the New Evangelization”; Tuesday, **August 13th**, Mass at 6:00 PM celebrating 7 years; Lift 7:00 PM at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our Military Personnel Prayer Board depicts the names, addresses, and pictures of military personnel for whom we pray at every Mass that God will protect them from harm’s way. Please check the board to make sure all information is current. Those presently listed are: Brain Fitzgerald, Kurt Tom, Lt. Patrick McBride, Michael Sullivan, Joshua O’Brien, Josh Thompson, Kevin Antonellis, Michael Dietz, Jonathan Staid, Brendan Duffy, Joshua Zahn, Spc. Edward Diggin, Ryan Plummer, Paul Osis, Stephen Hogan, Mark Gillen, Matthew Crane, Lt Ian Dwyer, Kyle Cushing, Matthew Simmons, Staff Sgt. Chad Campbell, William Walsh, Lt. Steven Brightman, Pvt. Jarrod McIvor, Matthew Linskey, Pvt. Matthew Ruscio, and John Sayers. Along with these men, please keep in your prayers, Active Duty Chaplains: Rev. Timothy A. Butler, Rev. Robert J. Cordery, Rev. Paul K. Hurley, Rev. William M. Kennedy, Rev. Robert J. Monagle, Rev. Redmond M. Raux, and Rev. Henry M. Yanju. If you would like to add the name of a person serving our country in military service please contact Paula Jansen at 781-843-6843 or Gerry Miller at 781-848-4372.

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