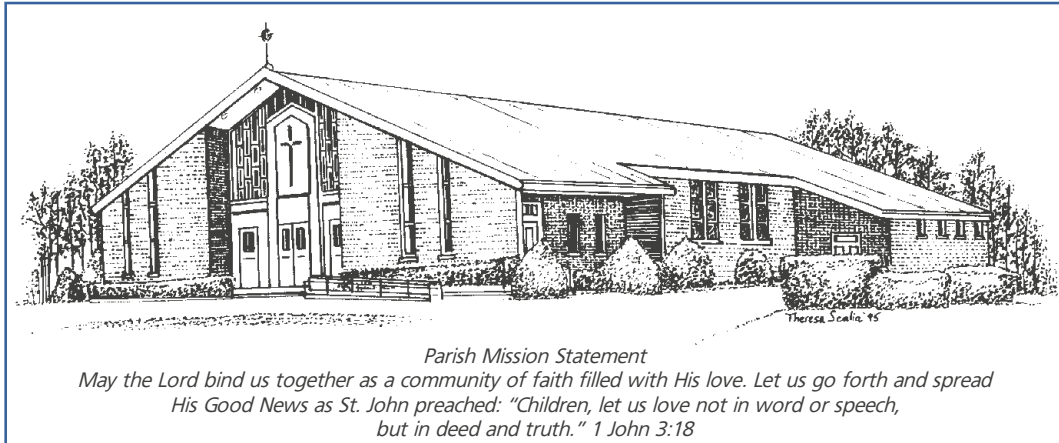


# THE PARISH OF SAINT CLARE

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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, May 4**

4:00 PM Donald P. Higgins & Daniel P. Higgins..Memorial

**SUNDAY, May 5**

8:30 AM For All of our Deceased Parishioners  
 10:00 AM Genevieve Chiulli & Francesca Cicero...Memorial  
 11:30 AM Robert Son ..... Anniv

**THURSDAY, May 9**

9:00 AM Frank & Margaret McManus ..... Memorial

**SATURDAY, May 11**

4:00 PM Frances M. Walsh..... 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Alfred R. Walsh..... 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**SUNDAY, May 12**

10:00 AM Donald Petro ..... 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
 11:30 AM Josephine Ruffini & Logrezia Barone... Memorial

**Please remember in your prayers** the soul of **Roger Alfred Armstead, Sr., Claire Ismelda Moran, Edgar Murray, and Marcella “Teddy” Kirkland.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held this Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Meditation Garden following the 10:00 AM Mass. All are invited to share in the blessings of praying the rosary. Refreshments will be served immediately following in the Parish Hall. We hope many will choose to attend!

**Feast of Ascension: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation.** Holy Day Masses will be Wednesday, **May 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** and Thursday, **May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.** Please make a special effort to attend.

**Ministry to the Homebound:** A meeting is set for Wednesday, **May 8** at the Parish House after the 9:00 AM Liturgy for all who bring the Eucharist to the homebound (private homes, hospitals, and nursing homes). We will discuss any pertinent issues and concerns and up-dates since our last meeting. Anyone who is interested in joining our group is most welcome. ~ Deacon Mike

**Troop 138 Eagle Court of Honor** will be conducted for **Patrick Connelly, Benjamin Fruth, and Cullen Lydon Shay,** Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>,** at 2:00 PM at Emerald Hall, 120 Bay State Drive Braintree. We congratulate the Eagle Scout recipients and their families, and encourage members of Troop 138, their families and friends to make a special effort to attend.

**Fr. Bill’s Place** will be visited on Tuesday, **May 7.** 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, May 9.** 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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Home Missions and Black & Native Americans		\$738
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 The offertory is our primary means of meeting  
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**The Offertory Collection** taken this weekend of **May 4 & 5** is for the **Parish of St. Clare.** Please be as generous as your means allows.

**Next Weekend’s Additional Collection on May 11 & 12** supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).** CCC develops media programming, projects and resources that promote Gospel values. 50% of the collection supports local communications efforts, such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. The other 50% supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. Please visit [www.USCCB.org/ccc](http://www.USCCB.org/ccc) for more information.

**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 total amount reported to us which has been donated to date is \$28,490.50, approximately 50% of the total goal of \$57,847 from 97 donors.** We hope your participation and support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal will help to promote another successful campaign.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** The Parish commemorated 60 Years of Marriage for **Peg & Tom Kelly,** and 50 Years of Marriage for **John & Bridget McKeown.** They have been exemplary Parish members for many years. Our prayers are heartfelt and most sincere in asking God to continue to bless them with health, happiness, and holiness ad multos annos = for many years!

**Award Recipient:** We proudly announce that **James Burke,** Adult Scout leader, Troop #138, has been awarded the bronze Pelican Award from the Office of the New Evangelization. A medal presentation will be presented at Holy Cross Cathedral, Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>,** at 2:00 PM. We express sincere congratulation to Jim Burke on the occasion of this honor.

**Have You Considered Remembering St. Clare Parish** in your will? It is a wonderful way to pass on the legacy of our faith.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**May 4 & 5**

4:00 PM.....M. Cahill, C. McGaffigan, R. McDonough, F. Mafri  
 8:30 AM.....I. Supple, G. Milgroom, C. Mahoney, C. Vitagliano  
 10:00 AM....J. & D. Dalton, M. DeSantis, M. Smith  
 11:30 AM....I. Barone, M. Rochon, C. Mahoney, P. Manter

**May 8**

4:00 PM.....M. Smith, P. Manter, E. Tausevich, M. Rochon

### Literature and Life

“Peace is Priceless”: Words from Pope Francis (4/4/13) - Peace cannot be bought or sold and we must ask for it. Awe is something that drives us out of ourselves for joy. It is more profound than the enthusiasm of fans at a stadium. It is the wonder that comes when we find ourselves with Jesus. This astonishment is the habitual state of being Christian. Peace is the final step of this spiritual consolation, which begins with a joyful wonder. We should never lose peace.

Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

**Holy Name Mass & Brunch at the Quincy Marriott** will be Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 AM Mass followed by brunch. The concluding gathering will confer the highly esteemed Holy Name Person of the Year Award. Nominations should be submitted to Thomas Matthews ASAP. Brunch Tickets are \$21 and may be purchased at the Parish House. All are welcome.

**Catholic Lifestyle:** Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is entitled, “Love as Jesus Loves”. John 15:12 – “This is my commandment. Love one another as I love you.” How familiar to us are these words of Jesus? Perhaps they are so familiar that they have lost their meaning. Jesus shared with his disciples the same love he received from the Father. What is clear to Jesus can at times be vague to us. We are able to love others because we have first been loved by God. It’s one thing to know that in our heads. It’s quite another to be convinced of it in our hearts. The key is to make time in our busy lives to stop and allow God to love us, to actually feel God’s love for us personally. Loving others will flow naturally from our deep belief in God’s personal love for us. How can I open myself more fully to God’s love today? Is my experience of God based more on knowing than on feeling? How might I begin to merge the two? Let us pray: Loving and gracious God, thank you for the love you poured out on us in giving us your son, Jesus. Help me to deepen my awareness of your love and to share it with those I meet. Amen.

**Marriage Sacramental Celebrations** can be arranged by couples who have been married civilly and wish to receive the sacrament. Some couples are together and have given birth to a child and might wish to receive the marriage sacrament as well. Please contact Fr. Paul at ASAP. The landscape of marriage today has changed significantly. The reality of God’s grace conferred through the sacrament has remained the same. The faith you save might be your own!

**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.

**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.

**The St. Thomas More Prayer Community welcomes everyone** to their **Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 PM** in the Church Chapel at 8 Hawthorn Road in Braintree.

### Religious Education

**Rehearsals for First Communion** will be held this Monday, **May 5** from **3:15-4:45 PM** for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Communion group. The children will meet in the Parish Hall. **The First Communion will be at 11:00 AM.** All children are asked to be in the Parish Hall by 10:30 AM on that day. **If you wish to hire our photographer, Jay Spencer, all orders should be placed on or before the First Communion practice.**

**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 address before registration materials are mailed.**

**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)

Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): [Faithformation4628@Verizon.net](mailto:Faithformation4628@Verizon.net)

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

**Please remember in your prayers** our Parish children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion, and our young adult Parishioners who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the upcoming weeks.

**Parish Website:** [www.stclarebraintree.org](http://www.stclarebraintree.org). The parish web site is always new and different. Come visit to pray, to reflect, and to register in so many ways including: for the Parish, for Baptism, and for Marriage. There is opportunity for general enrichment and update on contemporary issues of faith, prayer, and reflection.

**The NALC is holding their Annual Food Drive on Saturday May 11.** Postal Customers are ask to simply leave non-perishable food items by their mailbox prior to that days' mail delivery and it will be collected by your letter carrier and delivered to a local food pantry later that day. Anything you can donate will be appreciated.

**Walk for ALS:** My family & I will once again be walking for the Angel Fund on **June 8** at Pagent Field in Quincy. The Angel Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting ALS investigations at the Cecil B. Day Laboratory. I believe a cure will happen maybe not to benefit me, but others inflicted with ALS. My family and I walk for all the men and women living with ALS in the hope a cure will be found. All proceeds go to ALS research. If you would like to join us by walking or making a donation, go to [theangelfund.org](http://theangelfund.org) for more information. Checks may be made out to the Angel Fund and sent to me by **May 17:** Tom Matthews, 24 Portland Road, Braintree, 02184. ~ Thank you! Tom

**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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