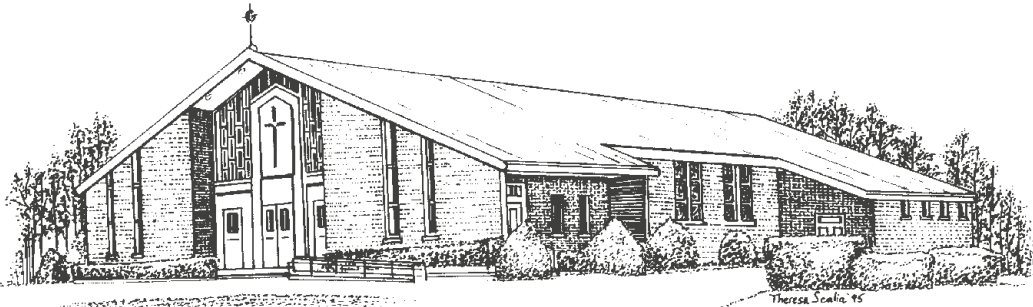


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Parish Mission Statement

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

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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 11

4:00 PM Frances M. Walsh..... 1st Anniv
 Alfred R. Walsh..... 10th Anniv

SUNDAY, May 12

8:30 AM Mary G. Lorizio Memorial
 10:00 AM Donald Petro 10th Anniv
 11:30 AM Josephine Ruffini & Logrezza Barone... Memorial

WEDNESDAY, May 15

9:00 AM Stanley Budrick..... Month's Mind

SUNDAY, May 19

8:30 AM Mary G. Lorizio 1st Anniv
 10:00 AM Lawrence Rochon 1st Anniv
 11:30 AM Mary E. O'Brien..... Memorial

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

Please remember in your prayers the young adults of our Parish of St.Clare's who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **June 1** at 11:00 AM.

Holy Name Mass & Brunch at the Quincy Marriott will be Sunday, **May 19th**, 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.

25th, 50th & 60th Wedding Anniversary Mass: Cardinal Sean invites all couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th Wedding Anniversary during this year to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **June 2nd** at 11:30 AM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. To register, please go online at www.bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass

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

The One Offertory Collection taken this weekend of **May 11 & 12** is for the **Parish of St. Clare and the Catholic Communication Campaign**. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Next Weekend's Additional Collection on **May 18 & 19** supports the formation and training of **Seminarians** in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous to support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

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 \$33,445.50 from 122 donors.** We hope your participation and support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal will help to promote another successful campaign. Everyone should do their fair share! The address for a pledge and/or donation is 2013 Catholic Appeal, PO Box 9226, Chelsea, MA 02150-9226 or online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

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

Parish Website: 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. A featured focus is on Mother's Day. It's worth a visit!

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!

Eucharistic Ministers
for this weekend of May 11 & 12

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

Literature and Life

“Is That God Talking?” by T.M.Luhrmann (NYT 5/2/13). The author wrote “When God Talks Back: Understanding the American Evangelical Experience”. Most auditory experiences of God are rare in one’s life time, a few words, mostly pleasant which do not convey a sense of command. These respondents, “prayer warriors” said that as they became immersed in prayer, their senses became more acute. Responses provide an interesting lesson is what it tells us about the mind and prayer suggesting that prayer is a “pretty powerful” instrument. We often imagine prayer as a practice that affects the content of what we think about our moral aspirations, or our contrition. It’s probably more accurate to understand prayer as a skill that changes how we use our minds. Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

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.

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is “Gifted for Service”: I Cor.12:27 – “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.” The Holy Spirit calls each of us to holiness. We have a mission, collectively as the people of God, and individually as disciples of Jesus. The Virgin Mary is a model for us. Called by God to be the Mother of Jesus, she said “yes”, becoming the first to accept Jesus, and to cooperate in the mystery of salvation. As Christians we are called to accept Jesus and to respond to the special gifts we are given by the Holy Spirit. Vocational call and spiritual gifts vary from one person to another, but all of them are given for service. What does it mean for me to be part of Christ’s body? How do I use my gifts to build up the body of Christ? Let us pray: Generous God, thank you for the abundant gifts you pour out on us. Help me to recognize my gifts and live my vocation so that I can serve the Kingdom of God. Amen.

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 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!

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____
 E-Mail _____
 Parish Envelopes YES _____

Religious Education

Rehearsal for Confirmation will be on Friday, May 17 at 7:00 PM.

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
 Anne Marie Tranfaglia (Gr 6-8): Faithformation4628@Verizon.net
 Mike Panciotti (Gr 9 & 10): Faithformation4910@Verizon.net

We congratulate and warmly welcome to the Table of the Lord the following children who received their First Communion on May 4, 2013

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| Jacob Allen | Ellen Losordo |
| Benjamin Bairos | Kara Madeiras |
| Mia Capaccioli | Kyle Mahar |
| Camden Carter | John Mc Donald |
| Michael Clancy | Ella Munroe |
| Cassidy Cole | Georgia Murray |
| Sophia De Angelis | Cassandra Naughton |
| Ava Di Bona | Olivia Needham |
| Jonathan Dow | Mia Pellegrino |
| Leanna Eskander | Greyson Prado |
| Nicholas Fasano | Dylan Rakes |
| Charles Grecco | Megan Sass |
| Cameron Grieve | Kaitlyn Seibert |
| Alejandra Herrera | Ava Siracusa |
| Ryan Jaehnig | Liam Tanguay |
| Colleen Joyce | Maria Zraizaa |
| Dalia Keefe | Nora Zraizaa |

Ride for Habitat: “Ride your bike, build a home!” **June 8** starting from Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. 50 mile circuit begins at 7:30 AM; 25 mile circuit begins at 9:00 AM. To register or for more information, please call 781-337-7744x12 or visit www.sshabitat.org.

Mother’s Day Prayer

God, our Creator, we pray:
 For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility
 For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting
 For those who are tired, stressed, or depressed
 For those who struggle to balance the task of work and family
 For those who are unable to feed their children properly because of poverty
 For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities
 For those who have children they do not want
 For those who raise children on their own
 For those who have lost a child
 For those who care for the children of others
 For those whose children have left home
 For those who desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled
 Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender
 And that they may lead their children to know and do what is good
 Living not for themselves alone, but for God and others.
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