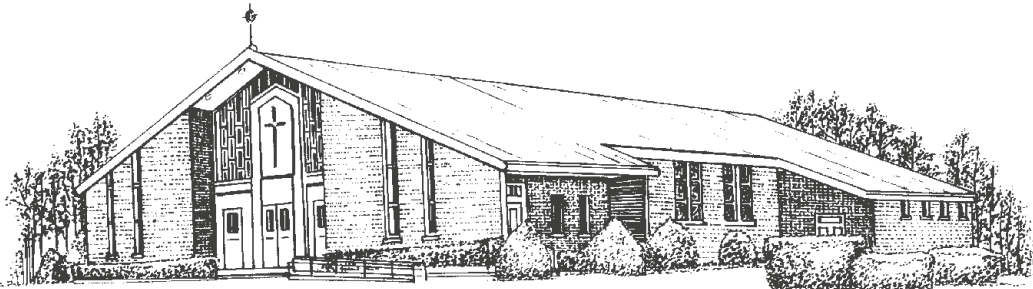


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Parish Mission Statement

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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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 25
4:00 PM Dorothy & Charles Edgerly..... Memorial

SUNDAY, May 26
8:30 AM Kate & Thomas McDonagh..... Memorial
Joseph & Margaret McDonagh..... Memorial
10:00 AM James Swanton..... Memorial
11:30 AM Tommaso Gioioso..... 19th Anniv

SATURDAY, June 1
4:00 PM Noreen & Redmond Carroll..... Anniv

SUNDAY, June 2
8:30 AM Anthony Quercia.....4th Anniv
10:00 AM Mary C. Cronin..... 2nd Anniv
11:30 AM Josephine Ruffini..... Anniv

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.

New Eucharistic Minister: We welcome Carol Moriarty who has joined the ranks of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Clare Church. Carol will help distribute Eucharist at the 10:00 AM Sunday liturgy. Carol lives with her husband, Robert, at 64 Geraldine Lane, and they are parents to Robert, Jr. & Kristen. We congratulate Carol on this occasion and pray that her service to the parish will be filled with special blessings.

The Parish of St. Clare would like to welcome the following parishioners who have recently registered: Sandra Flannery, Melissa Towle, and John T. Kelley.

"Emma's Bake Sale": This Sunday, May 26th from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, a local Braintree family will be hosting Emma's Bake Sale outside the Church (or downstairs if it's raining). They are helping to raise money for their friend, Emma, an 8 year old girl who was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer in April. Please stop by and pick up a goodie or prayer flower.

Scout Awards: We are happy to announce that on May 5th at Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, the following awards were conferred: Ad Altare Dei Emblem went to: Ryan Sullivan, Troop #19 & Gerry Ridge III, Troop #138; & the Pope Pius XII Award to: Kevin Sullivan, Troop #19. We congratulate these new recipients and hope that these achievements will bestow abundant blessings upon them and their Scout Troop; upon their families, their school work and their community involvement. Tom Walsh was the adult facilitator who helped these young men attain their awards. Congratulations!

Our Monthly Food Collection is this weekend of May 25 & 26. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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Table with 3 columns: Item, Date, Amount. Rows: Offertory (May 18 & 19) \$5,999; Seminarians \$1,065

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

The Altar Breads & Wine to be used in all the Masses this week have been donated in loving memory of Tommaso Gioioso.

The Offertory Collection taken this weekend of May 25 & 26 is for the Parish of St. Clare. Please show your usual support.

The Second Collection scheduled for the Clergy Benefit Trust on June 2 has been postponed by the Archdiocese to September 22. Please discard the envelopes you received in your monthly packet.

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. Parish results to date: We have raised 62% of the total goal to date from 130 donors who have pledged \$35,826 of our total goal of \$57,847. 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.

In keeping with St. Clare's long tradition of helping those in need, the Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that we have contributed a total of \$6,000 for the third quarter of the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Donations of equal amounts have been sent to: Angels Voice Orphanage, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Camp Sunshine, Homes for Our Troops, VEMA Project (Maryknoll Sisters), and the Wounded Warriors Project. The continued generosity of our parishioners has made it possible for us to send donations of \$1,000 each from the Poor Box Collections to: The Braintree Food Pantry, Bread for the World, Cor Unum Food Center, Greater Boston Food Bank, The Little Sisters of the Poor and The Pine Street Inn. We are very grateful for the support that our parishioners have provided, both financially and by bringing many of these worthy organizations to our attention. If there are any suggestions or questions regarding this program, please contact Dorothy Irvine at dili223@beld.net or 781-848-6706, or the Parish Office at 781-848-7480.

Eucharistic Ministers
for this weekend of May 25 & 26

- 4:00 PM.....D. Hoffman, M. Cahill, T. English, C. McGaffigan
8:30 AM.....B. St. Jean, G. Milgroom, I. Supple, F. Buonopane
10:00 AM.....M. DeSantis, M. Smith, B. Little, J. Collier
11:30 AM.....B. & M. Bohannon, J. Donovan, M. Rochon
Eucharistic Ministers: Please remember to use the hand sanitizer before distributing Communion

Literature and Life

May & June are filled with Graduations. I hope you are able to enjoy. For me, a highlight is the commencement address. New Eastern Nazarene Grads were urged to treat others as neighbors according to the Ledger (5/6/13). The speaker, Eugenio Duarte, urged the 210 graduates to use the values of compassion, sympathy and caring. If you were to address graduates in this season what three virtues would you encourage them to use? Suppose Jesus was to address the graduates, what three virtues would He encourage them to use? Reflecting on these hypotheticals gives us reason to ponder and thereby helping us to graduate to a higher level of living & learning!
Prayerfully, Fr. Paul

Memorial Day May 27th, 2013: The first observance of Memorial Day was in 1868 to commemorate the memory of those who died in the Civil War. Today the Memorial Day observance honors the memory of all men and women who died in defense of the freedom of the United States of America. The National Memorial Day concert will be aired by PBS this Sunday, **May 26th** at 8:00 PM. Please tune in! Locally, St. Mary's, Randolph celebrated a funeral for Maureen Dunn on Wednesday, May 15th, remembering her lifetime loyalty to her husband and others who were designated as MIA's. Her husband, Navy Cmdr Joseph Dunn was shot down over the South China Sea February 14, 1968 during the Vietnam War. May all deceased veterans rest in peace. Amen.

As the Community of St. Clare's, we are asking if anyone knows of a Parishioner who is homebound and would like the Eucharist. Please give Deacon Mike a call at 781-848-4998. We are all one in Christ and therefore we must share our blessings with those around us. Let us all be aware of our neighbors who are in need. We have Eucharistic Ministers available – just give us a call!

Catholic Lifestyle: Loyola University Press offers the following meditation by way of the internet that is most worthwhile is "Seeing God's Face" – Exodus 3:6: "I am the God of your Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face for he was afraid to look at God. When God speaks to Moses, he is reminding Moses that He has made a covenant with humanity. This covenant binds us to God, and it affirms God's commitment to always love us. It was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, who renewed the covenant and its blessings. There is but one God for all humankind. We exist in relationship with the living God. There is no treasure greater than our relationship with the living God. When am I tempted to turn my face from God? How has the faith of your ancestors sustained you in your spiritual life? Let us pray: Loving God, let us not take our relationship for granted. Help me to be faithful to you and to meet the challenges and tasks of my daily routine. Amen.

Parish House Conference Room Re-decorated: The Parish House Conference Room has been re-decorated. Michael Gordon, painting contractor, removed the old wall paper and hung the new wallpaper. John McDonough, sales representative, supplied 10 new conference room chairs. We are grateful to Ed & Sandy Sisk who coordinated the new look of the room! The room is used for many purposes and continues to provide an attractive and appealing environment.

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 address before registration materials are mailed.**
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

Braintree Interfaith Prayer Service: Thursday, **June 13,** at 7:00 PM at the Thayer Academy Auditorium. Join together as our town offers prayers for our community, and musicians offer inspiring selections.

Scout Troop #138 Special Award: Scout Troop #138 has been named to receive the **SEPAC Award**, Special Education Parents Advisory Council Inclusion Award. This award is in recognition of the adult leaders and scout members who together exhibit the climate of inclusion. The award was conferred on Thursday, May 23rd, at the Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall. The adults named in the award include John Collier, Ed Fruth, Derek Menadue, Gerry Bouley, James Burke, Frank Morrissey and Tom Walsh. Congratulations to one and all!

St. Francis of Assisi School Early Childhood Open House: Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten, Wednesday, **May 29** from 6:30-7:30 PM. Tours and information. Call 781-848-0842.

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: www.bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass to register.

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.

The Pentecost Season: This season urges us to reflect on our desire to share our gifts and talents with St. Clare Parish. Please fill out the following form realizing that the Parish benefits when members volunteer to serve.

Name-----
Address-----
Telephone (home)------(Cell)-----
E Mail-----
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