

Saint Charles Borromeo

January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31	4PM - A. Frances Wareener by the family
Sunday, January 1	9AM - Leo & Martha McIntyre by Roger & Barbara Peloquin
Tuesday, January 3	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Wednesday, January 4	9AM - Rose and Walter Kowal by niece Wanda Fandino
Thursday, January 5	9AM - Lorraine Hebert by Parkview Manor Social Club
Friday, January 6	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, January 7	4 PM - Vivien Malo by Al Fernandes
Sunday, January 8	9AM - Richard Schwietzer by Pat and Dennis

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

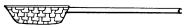


If we take seriously the incarnation, along with the full divine "emptying out" it entails (Phil 2:7), we can wonder at how the child Jesus was nurtured in his Jewish faith. Given the culture of that time and place, where the child was first nurtured in the mother's world and then initiated by the father into the world of men, Jesus most likely learned to pray in Mary's lap.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,574.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,434.00
Loose Money	\$ 656.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of January 1, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

"These days the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer... Realize that the true light is now here and through the rays of the Gospel, is illuminating the whole earth."

~St. Gregory of Nyssa

It is not too great a speculative leap to conjecture that Jesus' striking way of addressing the Creator with the intimate term Abba was also something he learned from his mother. What a powerful testimony to the power of a mother's intimate moments with her child that Paul, decades later, could refer to that Abba-prayer as something the Gentile Christians of Galatia would recognize as their usual way of praying. Thinking of this may enrich our own recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is the Holy Day Collection - The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

JANUARY MINI-RETREAT - "Spirituality for Everyday Living"

A women's retreat: *Seasons of Our Lives* will be held on January 11 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA. Register by January 9. Cost \$20. In the course of a lifetime we go through many seasons of the heart - each season providing challenges, lessons and gifts. We may be tempted to label each as "good" or "bad." What if we re-defined "good?" Perhaps then we would see all of life as a blessing in its own way.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL Join Bishop Thomas Tobin as the Diocese of Providence celebrates *4 Year with Mary our Mother*. The Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Portugal commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Marian Apparitions at Fatima. The nine day pilgrimage departs Boston on August 10, 2017 and returns August 19th, 2017. For further info, please contact Touring International at (800) 975-1761.

PLEASE NOTE that in the upcoming cold months if there is **no school** in Woonsocket due to snow days or inclement weather, there will be **no morning Mass**.

PLEASE NOTE As of January 1st, 2017 the stipends for weekend Masses will be \$25. Weekday Mass stipends will remain at \$10.

BEACON HOSPICE SEEKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS - Beacon Hospice provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally-ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals in your area to spend time with our patients as a volunteer. Volunteers can provide much needed support to patients and their families in a number of ways including: visiting with patients on an ongoing basis, sitting vigils, knitting, crocheting, quilting blankets, creating memory posters, providing music therapy, pet therapy, veterans visiting veterans etc.

There is a free training course that is required on what hospice is and how to interact with hospice patients. The trainings are held locally. For more information, interested volunteers should contact Ashley Toste, Volunteer Coordinator at (401) 438-0008 or Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com

Pro-Life Answers False Pro-Choice Arguments (Part III)

"Every child a wanted child".

Prior to the legalization of abortion over 40 years ago, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of "unwanted children" if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, "Every child a wanted child". Despite the fact that some 57 million "unwanted" babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

In the 1960' and 70's the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion and during the next 40 plus years, child abuse has skyrocketed (from 167,000 cases in 1973 to 1,694,756 cases in 2002). Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse!!! How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work?

We all agree that every child should be wanted. This is an idealistic goal, but sadly we do not live in an idyllic world. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if there were no unwanted wives, no aging unwanted parents, no unwanted Jews, blacks or Catholics or anyone else who is devalued or persecuted?

Moreover, since when doesn't anyone's right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Women rightfully resent that the value of a woman is sometimes determined by whether a man wants her. How can anyone possibly insist that the value of an unborn baby is to be determined by whether a mother wants him or her at any given time? To use being wanted by someone as a measure of whether a human life is allowed to live is a truly frightening concept. Its converse logically awaits us --- that the unwanted can be eliminated. Don't forget that Hitler's Germany was ideal for wanted Aryans.

To make sense, the slogan: "Every child a wanted child" has to be completed "and if not wanted, aborted. To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is!

MARY'S PEACE

The passage from Numbers includes this blessing: *The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

Mary was filled with God because she was at peace, and we too should experience peace from God sending forth *into our hearts the spirit of his Son.*

What could be more peaceful than the image of a baby lying in a manger? The second prayer for this solemnity refers to Jesus as *Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.*

We present to the Blessed Virgin difficult individual situations, so that she may place them before her Son, asking that he alleviate and change them. But we also present to her social situations and the international crisis itself, in their worrying aspects of poverty, unemployment, shortage of food, the arms race, contempt for human rights, and situations or dangers of conflict, partial or total.

Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987:49

Gerald Darring

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

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