

# Saint Charles Borromeo

January 8, 2017  
The Epiphany  
of the Lord



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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, January 7	4PM - Vivian Malo by Al Fernandes
Sunday, January 8	9AM - Richard Schwietzer by Pat and Dennis
Tuesday, January 10	9AM - John Bibeault, Jr. by Paula Klara
Wednesday, January 11	9AM - Rose Kowal by niece Wanda Kowal
Thursday, January 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, January 13	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, January 14	4 PM - John Notarangelo by James & Steve Bodnor
Sunday, January 15	9AM - Michael E. Zannelli by the family

*Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph3:2,6)*

### We Gentiles

It is safe to say that any group of U.S. Catholics gathered to worship on this feast is a congregation of Gentiles expressing the faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah of Israel and our own Lord and savior. If there is ever a time in the Liturgical Year when we should acknowledge our connection with the people of historic Israel and our participation in their faith in a creating and redeeming God, it is on the feast of the Epiphany.

"The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

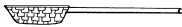
For centuries, we Gentile messianists managed to live comfortably with imagery that pictured the Israelite tradition to be the discarded husk of Christianity, something that could be symbolized in Renaissance paintings as ancient architectural ruins comprising the grey background of the Christian foreground. Fortunately, we now live in a moment of Church history enlightened by the teaching of Vatican II on the matter of our relationship with Judaism. In *Nostra aetate* (The Declaration of the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, 1965), the teaching Church, drawing on the wisdom of the New Testament, spoke fresh words to our contemporary context of religious pluralism. It is an appropriate moment to reflect on some of its words.

Consider, for example, this, from section four, on Judaism: "The Church cannot forget that it received the revelation of the Old Testament by way of that people with whom God in his inexpressible mercy established the ancient covenant. Nor can it forget that it draws nourishment from the good olive tree onto which the wild olive branches of the Gentiles have been grafted (see Rom 11:17-24)." Epiphany is a good time to remember our roots and the covenant never revoked, for as Paul said regarding his fellow Jews, "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (Rom 11:29-30).

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,024.00
Solemnity of Mary Offering	\$ 525.00
Loose Money	\$ 210.00
	\$ 2,570.00

Thank  
you



### *Scripture for the week of January 8, 2017*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 /Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

#### ***A MIGHTY NEW YEAR/A NEW DAWN***

"12 months of holiness; 52 weeks of surrender to the Lord; 365 days of prayer; 8,760 hours of good thoughts; 525,600 minutes of compassion; 31,536,000 seconds full of faith.

So we wish you a mighty New Year, immersed in the presence of God."

~Author unknown

# Announcements



**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** is for CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries.

**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. If interested, please 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 "*A 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.**

**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 IV)

"You cannot legislate morality or force your religious views on others!"

To say that laws cannot make an immoral person moral is correct. To say that we do not legislate morality is nonsense. Virtually every law is based on an idea of what is right or wrong.

Laws are not passed to control thought, but to control behavior. For example, we impose our morality on rapists. We do not care so much why rapists rape, or what their moral and religious views are, or the reason why rapists disrespect women. Rape is evil and when people want to do evil, it is clearly correct for the government to impose its morality on them. Similarly, pro-lifers do not care so much what people think about babies, as long as they do not kill them.

Indeed, if laws should not be based on morality, what on earth should they be based on? The reality is that laws are based on our collective moral values and is the way society decides which activities it will and will not tolerate.

If we are going to reject a law simply because it is supported by religion, then we would have to abolish most laws. A person does not have to be especially religious to say that it is wrong to abort a child, any more than they would say it is wrong to steal money. Certain activities are unacceptable to civilized people regardless of religious beliefs. Abortion is one of those issues. In reality, abortion is a civil rights and a human rights issue.

Let us not forget that the black civil rights movement was dominated by pastors and was often headquartered in churches. That did not make civil rights a religious issue!



## PERFECTED REVELATION

The "epiphany" of Jesus, his revelation to the world, was accompanied by the offering of three gifts, each of which symbolized a different aspect of the divine/human savior.

Frankincense is offered to Jesus, the Son of God, the eternal Word of the Father who is worshiped with the Father and the Spirit.

Gold is offered to Jesus the King of the human race, the summit of creation.

Myrrh is offered to the divine/human savior of the world who suffered and died for the salvation of all.

Jesus is revealed in our own day also. He is revealed as the Word of God speaking to us in the marvelous workings of nature, in the achievements of the human spirit, and in the dialogue between Church and world.

He is revealed to us as King in every victory over ignorance, alienation and powerlessness. He is revealed to us as Suffering Messiah in the heart and face of every poor person, every stranger, every wanderer living in a back alley or under a bridge, every person victimized by others.

"His glory has shone among us." We have only to recognize him and to do what the magi did in his presence: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling and manifesting himself: through his words and deeds, his signs and wonders, but especially through his death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth.

Vatican II, Constitution on Divine Revelation, 1965: 4

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)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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