

# Saint Charles Borromeo

January 10, 2016

The Baptism  
of the Lord



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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3: - 3:30 PM  
or by appointment

## Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

## Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

## 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 9	4PM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Sunday, January 10	9AM - The Manigan Family by the family
Tuesday, January 12	9AM - Deceased of Manigan family by the family
Wed., January 13	9AM - Henri Paul by the family
Thursday, January 14	4PM - Mass of the Day
Friday, January 15	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday January 16	4PM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Sunday, January 17	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles



We are off and running in our New Year. All of us are holding our breath, knowing that the warm weather we have had so far cannot last that much longer. And we remember last year which was also warm until January. Then came the cold. So we have to steel our souls and put on more clothing and get ready for another New England winter.

It would not be inappropriate to talk about new year's resolutions at this time, and I as a pastor might feel I have the right to suggest certain ones for you, the parishioners. After all, it is always easier to correct others than oneself. So let me do this, even though I know it might backfire and you may share a few resolutions which you feel I should make.

With respect to mine for you, they all pertain to the liturgy, to the celebration of our Mass together. Here goes. First of all, please come ten minutes before Mass so that you can say hello to those you know, pick up the missalette and bulletin, and find your seat. Then you can begin to pray. Second, please sit upfront. There is very little sense of community if we are all scattered yards away from each other. I have made this plea since I came here, but many of you continue to sit in the back. So, once more, please move upfront. Third, please sing unless you are really off-key.

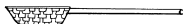
So often people say that they do not get anything out of the Mass. The response from people like me is always the same, "What did you put into it?" So there are my pastoral suggestions for your new year resolutions. Now, yours for me?

Fr. Finnegan, S.J. 

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,827.00
Loose Money	\$ 145.00
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	\$ 2,972.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of January 10, 2016

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

"These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer." ~Pope Francis

# Announcements



If you have not yet done so, please be sure to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "*REDISCOVER JESUS*" at one of the entrances of the church.

**Please Note:** Also, if you have not done so, please pick up a free copy of the January issue of "*Give Us This Day*" Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic, featuring Morning and Evening Prayer, Scripture readings and reflection for each day, and much more. You may then subscribe if you wish to continue receiving this invaluable subscription.

**HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** will resume this Friday, January 8th, from 1 to 2PM in lower church.

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be hosting a **Super Bingo** on Sunday, January 10th at Precious Blood Church Hall. A total of \$6,650. in prizes will be given away! Tickets are \$30 for 18 cards plus specials. (Additional cards will be available for purchase.) Only 275 tickets will be sold. For more details on the event or how to purchase tickets, contact GWCRS Regional Office at (401) 762-1095.

Next weekend's **Second Collection** will be for *The Catholic University of America* - the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1863, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Please be generous.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will begin the Lenten campaign on Wednesday, February 10 through Sunday, March 20. We are asking individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence or the Women's Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad Street,

Cranston during this 40 day period. Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance! If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach and the diocesan pregnancy outreach services, contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 421-7833, ext. 218.

The following **mini-retreat** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat House, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA this winter and spring on the second Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome - men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics.

**Time:** 10:00am to 12:30pm **Cost:** \$20  
**Registration:** In order to prepare seating and materials, please pre-register at least two days in advance by contacting Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). The fee can be paid on arrival. \*A February 10th special flyer with details and a registration form is available. Because of lunch, earlier registration will be required for this retreat.

**\*February 10, Ash Wednesday: *Growing in Compassion ~ A special all-day retreat ~ 9:00am to 3:45pm***

Life provides innumerable opportunities to apply either judgment or compassion. It is often easier to criticize and judge than to try to understand and forgive. Lent challenges us to become more like the all-loving Christ. This retreat day includes Mass, a morning of reflection, lunch, the award winning documentary "Dreamcatcher," (the story of Brenda Myers-Powell, a former teenage prostitute who now is a powerful advocate for change in her community), discussion and prayer. A portion of the day's retreat income will be donated to Sophia's Circle, women in recovery from prostitution and drugs. Brenda is a peer leader in the program, which is co-facilitated by Edwina Gateley and Peggy Patenaude.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

John the Baptist dunked people in water and by that means somehow made their hearts more prepared for the Lord. John explained that Christ himself would not baptize with water, but with the Holy Spirit and with fire. But can you be dunked into the Holy Spirit? And then there is the fact that Christ himself was baptized with water. Why was he baptized in this way, if he himself was going to baptize others with the Spirit and not with water?

And so baptism is confusing, isn't it? How are we to understand it?

The people who came to John to be baptized came confessing their sins (Mt 3:6). They knew that they were in spiritual trouble, and they knew they couldn't save themselves from it; they needed God's help. And so John's immersing a person in water began spiritual regeneration for that person, because by letting John drop his body in water, a person being baptized let go in his heart too and surrendered to God.

That first letting go, with its acknowledgement of sin and its desire for God, opens a person to God. And once such a person has opened himself to God, God can send his Holy Spirit into him. Then, when a person receives the Holy Spirit, his whole self is plunged into God. This is the baptism of the Lord, the baptism of the Spirit, which the baptism of water enables.

Baptism of water, and baptism of the Holy Spirit, are the beginning of spiritual regeneration, because they are a surrender to God. In the openness of that surrender, the Spirit comes into a person, and God's grace begins to flow into him. Unless it is somehow stopped again by sin, that grace flows until, in heaven, a person is united to God in perfect righteousness. So, once a person is baptized, with water and the Holy Spirit, the grace of God, which is given in the Spirit and by the Spirit, begin a spiritual rebirth in that person that leads to new life in the Lord.

Why then does the Lord himself accept baptism, since he needs no spiritual regeneration?

The answer goes to the heart of the whole story. Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. And he is with us at every stage in our journey to him, even in its very beginning, which is the baptism of the Lord.

~Eleanor Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. Louis University

### 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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