

Saint Charles Borromeo

January 11, 2015
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 10	4PM - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Reilly by Betty, Al and family
Sunday, January 11	9AM - Michael Zannelli by the family
Tuesday, January 13	9AM - Antonio Pieroni by the parish
Wednesday, January 14	9PM - Mary, Eleanor & Elizabeth Winn by M/M James Winn
Thursday, January 15	9AM - Jeanne Fontaine by husband Bernard
Friday, January 16	9AM - No Mass
Saturday, January 17	4PM - James Egan by the family
Sunday, January 18	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles



Today, Tuesday, the 6th of January, is the inauguration day for our new governor Gina Raimondo. In the Providence Journal this morning the headline is: "Tobin rejects invite to Raimondo inauguration." That should come as no surprise to a Catholic. How could Bishop Tobin possibly attend an inauguration of a person who identifies herself as Catholic and yet accepted the endorsement of Planned Parenthood, a major provider of abortions in our country? Indeed, it would appear she even accepted its approval of partial birth abortions. But Bishop Tobin had already announced, even before receiving the invitation, that he would be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral, asking God's blessing on our state's and nation's public servant. He did the same thing four years ago when Lincoln Chafee did not invite him to his inauguration. Therefore, one could argue that the new governor's invitation was really "pro forma." However, the new governor obviously feels that she is still Catholic. She is beginning the day with Mass, and the pastor of the parish where she will attend Mass is listed as one of the religious leaders who will attend her inauguration.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,824.50
Loose Money	\$ 239.00
Christmas Day & New Year's Day	\$ 1,011.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,074.50

*Thank
You*



Scripture for the week of January 11, 2015

Sunday:	Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

"Mere administration" can no longer be enough. Throughout the world, let us be "permanently in a state of mission".
~Pope Francis, Gospel of Joy,

Governor Raimondo is not the first person to identify himself or herself as Catholic and yet also support a woman's right to have an abortion. Mario Cuomo, the former governor of New York, who has just died, did the same thing in a famous speech which he gave at Notre Dame. I guess I will have to read this speech again in order to understand where he and our new governor are coming from. What do you think?

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



Next Weekend's Second Collection is for **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY** - The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE - at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence in conjunction with local faith leaders, RI State Council of Churches, the RI Board of Rabbis, RI Council for Muslim Advancement, the RI Police and the RI Police Chiefs Association on Tuesday, January 13 at 7PM. We have all been concerned by the recent acts of violence across the nation and recognize that the most sincere efforts of reconciliation must be inspired by God's presence and grace. With that desire, we will gather for community prayer, sober reflection and renewed hope for the peace only God can give. We will pray for all members of the law enforcement community, the community at large and all who long for and work for peace, justice and harmony in our beloved state. We invite you to join in this prayerful effort toward peace in our community, our nation and our world.

Women's Retreat: "On the Way" will be held January 16-18, 2015 at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. For more information, contact Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GREATER WOONSOCKET CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM includes two schools: Monsignor Gadoury Catholic Regional School located at 1371 Park Avenue in Woonsocket hosting students in Pre-K through 2nd grade and Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School located at 1210 Mendon Road in Woonsocket, hosting students in grades 3 through 8. An Open House event will take place for families interested in visiting and learning more about these two schools on Sunday, January 25th from 11:30AM to 1PM. For more infor-

mation, please call the Regional Office at (401) 762-1095. Come share with us the joy of discovering God's gifts, and grow with us in faith and excellence. Free before school care—professional, dedicated and compassionate faculty and staff—small, faith-filled Catholic atmosphere—extensive after-school activities, are just a few of the unique characteristics of our schools.

SACRED HEART TO HOST HOLY HOUR

Sacred Heart Church, 415 Olo Street, will offer a Holy Hour for peace and an end to all racism and discrimination, and the protection of all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death. The Holy Hour will be held on Monday, January 19, at 6:30PM. There will be a Scripture reading, short reflection, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, and Confessions will also be available. For more information, contact Sacred Heart Rectory at 766-3150.

BEACON HOSPICE SEEKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS - Beacon Hospice provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally-ill patients out of its East Providence office and relies on volunteers to ensure the delivery of extraordinary care to these patients. 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 blankets/crocheting afghans
- Organizing craft projects, and
- Providing music therapy, reiki or pet therapy
- Veterans to provide one-on-one companionship to other veterans.

For more information, interested volunteers should contact Kristy Corbett, Volunteer Coordinator, at (401) 438-0008 or [Kristy at Corbett@amedisys.com](mailto:Kristy@amedisys.com)



HERE AND NOW

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased". There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are there then. What about everybody else? Surely, it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were there then. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But you stand out as the particular person you are, where the Lord is concerned. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals, one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but you—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, here and now.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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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