

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH
190 NORTH MAIN STREET
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January 13, 2013
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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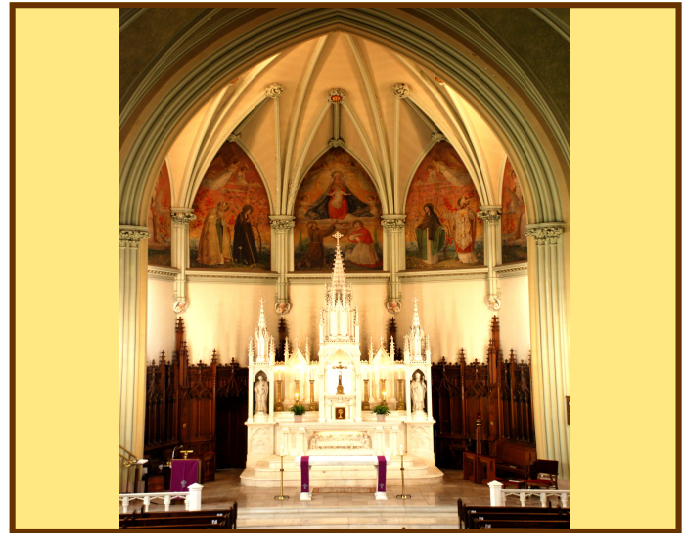
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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Herivelto Pereira, C.SsR.

Weekday Masses (lower level Chapel)

Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am

Wednesday—Bible Study - 9:30—10:15 am

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Confessions are available on Saturdays 3:00 to 3:40 pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory at least six months prior to the date of your wedding.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or at home and unable to get to church, especially those who are homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.

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.



mass intentions

Saturday January 12	4:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Reilly	By the family
Sunday January 13	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Martha McIntyre Robert Bousquet (5th Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By Phyllis Kerry & M/M John Logan By Roland & Susan Desilets
Monday January 14			
Tuesday January 15	10:00 am	William Fessler	By Darlene & Jim Stewart
Wednesday January 16	9:00 am	Deceased Parkview Residents	By Current residents
Thursday January 17	9:00 am	Jeanne d'Arc Fontaine	By Paulette Videau
Friday January 18	9:00 am	Jean Benoît Sepulchre	By Lisa Ethier
Saturday January 19	4:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners	
Sunday January 20	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Adeline Caracuzzo (12th Anniversary) Hazel & Edward Norton Brazilian Mass	By Tom and Anne Flood By the Zannelli Family

If you have requested a Mass Intention and would like to have a family member bring up the gifts, please see the Celebrant or a Eucharistic Minister before the start of the Mass.

scripture readings

For the Week of January 13, 2013

- 13 SUN** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22 (21) Pss Prop
- 14 Mon** Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I
- 15 Tue** Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
- 16 Wed** Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 (307)
- 17 Thu** Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 (308)
- 18 Fri** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 (309)
- 19 Sat** Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 (310)
- 20 SUN** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66) Pss II

If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful, and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes	_____	\$ 3,085.00
Loose Money	_____	342.00
First Offering	_____	576.00
Total		\$4,243.00

thank you

Instead of the Pastor's column this week, please read the following article.

WE MUST FIRST HUMBLE OURSELVES

By William Patenaude

The Christmas season continues for many through Sunday, with the Feast of the Epiphany. This celebrates the revelation in Matthew's Gospel of the adoration of the magi. This account offers an important but often overlooked detail about the scandal of Christmas – how Christ's birth is good news of great joy that comes with a price.

This is foretold in one of the magi's gifts to the Christ child. While gold is a gift for kings as is frankincense for priests, myrrh is an ointment used to embalm the dead. Indeed, John's Gospel tells us that Nicodemus brought "Myrrh and aloes" after Jesus' crucifixion.

This foretelling by the magi of Christ's passion begins to make known a decisive Christian proclamation: God's coming among us is a coming to the entirety of the human condition – including suffering. The crib of Christ is connected to the cross of sacrifice because our conception and birth are the first steps toward death.

From Christianity's earliest days, many resisted this talk of sacrifice and death. Such voices would not (and do not) tolerate the notion that the infinite and transcendent would dwell in and among the anguished finite. Confronted over the centuries with various forms of this resistance, Christianity held true to its core proclamations as it does today within a new age that seeks to wipe out Christianity from the public square – or, as in areas of the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere, from the face of the planet.

And yet the Christmas message of sacrifice survives. Of the many reasons why this is so, one is that – like the magi – a great many find within authentic Christianity a counterintuitive hope that the world cannot offer.

Pope Benedict XVI writes much about this account in his book "Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives." He points out that Matthew – who was writing for a mostly Jewish audience – captured in his passages about the magi from the East an early tradition that underlines the universality of the Christian good news.

The pontiff writes that the magi "represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ...They represent the inner aspiration of the human spirit, the dynamism of religious and human reason towards him."

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.



Jesus,
you came and stood alongside us,
waiting to go under water like everybody else.
It was as though you were a sinner
in need of cleansing.
But you weren't
The Father said in a loud voice:
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well
pleased."
O, Holy God the Trinity,
You stand with us, sinful as we are.
Make us holy through the waters of baptism.

PRAY ... especially **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Lauri Luzzi, Robert Lachance, Paul Kogut, Ralph Descy** and the members of our parish, our families and our loved ones — who may be hospitalized, homebound or otherwise struggling with any form of physical, spiritual or emotional illness.



...For the recently deceased, especially **Pauline Colerick, Paul Iben, Roland Gross**, all the deceased members of our parish, our families and our friends.



... for our military — the brave men and women, who are stationed in troubled spots around the world — especially family members of our parish, the community of Woonsocket and the State of Rhode Island.

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Those who reject Christianity are welcome to read those words and replace Christ with Truth, or Life, or the Way to what lies beyond human suffering. One might call that reality beyond suffering Love – as Christians do.

Ultimately, this search for what lies beyond suffering – this inner aspiration, as Pope Benedict calls it – unites us all. We are all (or should be) like the magi: seekers of truth, of life, and of love. Indeed, what Christianity proposes is that we are all made to be lovers of God and of our neighbors – all of them.

The problem for many is Christianity's presupposition that to be a true lover, one must first die to one's self-centeredness.

This is hard to do. In large part because of our evolution – which requires us to seek our own ends (individually or as tribes) and relish the pleasures of procreation – and because of cultures, like ours, that empower these lingering urges, we moderns find any suggestion that one must “die to oneself” to be the height of folly and a cause for punishment.

But the Christian sense of death to oneself is not a self-hatred or a negation of who we are. It is the way to love those who are not like us. It is what drives us to sacrifice for friends and strangers. It is what propels us to heroism in the midst of danger. It is what transcends the urges of the human beast and brings us to the fullness of the human person.

Hence, from the Feast of the Epiphany come crucial truths about Christmas – scandalous messages of hope that cry out in our day's dark news: Those who seek peace on Earth must be open to the crosses of sacrifice. If love is to triumph over death, then truth must first triumph over desire. And if we are to be truly human – and thus respect and nurture all life then, we must first humble ourselves for the good of others, much like God has revealed himself to us – as a helpless child whose humility and sacrifice defeated death itself.

William Patenaude, of West Warwick, is an author and columnist. He has recently completed his book “Catholic Ecology: its Place in Orthodoxy, a Culture of Life and New Evangelization.”



Calendar of Events

The Diocese of Providence's Office of Religious Education will offer a **YEAR OF FAITH Study Day** on the Second Vatican Dogmatic Constitution on ***Lumen Gentium*** on Thursday, January 17 from 9AM to 3PM at the parish center of SS. John and Paul in Coventry, RI. Dr. Aurelie Hagstrom, Chair of Providence College Undergraduate Theology Department, will present three talks on this document. A time of reflection, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass will also be available. This day, if all other requirements are satisfied, will allow the participant to gain the plenary indulgence for the *Year of Faith*. For more details visit our webpage www.discovercatholicfaith.org or contact the Office of Religious Education at (401) 278-4646.

While the day is open to all, an invitation to the newly retired individuals of the parish is cordially extended. With this particular theme and Dr. Hagstrom's informative and prayerful presentation style, retired parishioners will hear an invitation to deepen their service and life within the parish community as they begin their retirement years.

NO SONG LIKE YOUR OWN: A WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA January 27-29, 2013. For more info, contact Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149 or e-mail her at timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more info, visit www.timeoutretreats.com

THE CATHOLIC TOUR LLC, a 33 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce the 4 'at cost' pilgrimages called "Specials" for travel March 6-12, 2013 for each pilgrimage.

Fatima, Portugal from Newark Airport - \$1,399.00
Lourdes, France from JFK Airport - \$ 1,859.00
Krakow, Poland from Newark Airport - \$1,349.00
Rome, Italy from JFK Airport - \$, 799.00

All prices include superior tourist class hotels with private bath, most meals, airfare from gateway listed, motorcoach, full time escort, fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and daily Mass. Deadline for sign up is January 15, 2013. “First Come—First Served”

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READING

STAYING WITH

Sunday marks the formal end of the Church's Christmas season. Jesus' Christmas life has now been sufficiently celebrated. His public life comes next and his baptism begins it.

I know, I know, Christmas has been over for ages and we are making ready for Easter eggs or whatever else. But the Church has sense and gives us a Christmas season of weeks instead of just ripping down decorations and going on to the next thing. Good for the Church.

So, what about Jesus' public life, beginning with Baptism? In the Gospel we hear the voice of God the Father speaking to him. This only happens twice in the Gospels, though Jesus talks to his Abba often. Both times it is the same message from God.

"You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased" (Gospel).

Who would not want to hear these words over and over? I would. The beloved of God! It is like having candy and circuses and ice cream and all your favorite things. God has settled upon you as his special one. Everything will be fine.

Except that "being fine" is not the real meaning of beloved.

Let me show you with a story.

I was visiting a Jesuit friend of mine in Washington D. C., Pete, who is a prankster. He was in the kitchen cooking up homemade spaghetti. Lcky mess.

I asked him what time something or other was going to happen and he said "I don't know, but we can ask Joe." Joe was another Jesuit who on that Saturday was working at his job at the Jesuit Conference building. My friend put the kitchen phone on its speaker and floured in the phone number.

Joe answered and Pete said, "hi, how are you doing, Joseph?"

Joe said, "just great."

Pete said, "how wonderful, since you are spending your weekend working."

Joe came back semi-humorously and said, "No it is ok. God told me everything was going to be fine."

Without skipping a beat Pete said, "Yeah that's what he told his Son."

I was on the floor laughing at such a funny, quick, piercing reply, delivered seemingly with no forethought at all.

But notice what is behind that joke. God does in fact tolerate pain and suffering in his beloved son, on the cross. This is the other side of being the beloved of God.

Suffering, temptation.

Jesus heard and went to the desert to ponder. But maybe now he saw the implications. The devil gave him huge, slick temptations to help: build up your earthly power and honor, use your now public status as "Beloved." Be big. Directly and deeply contrary to his mission, of course, but God lets them happen.

Why? Well, God is like a parent watching a teenager's growing pains. Help all you can, but definitely do not stop the growing. Temptation and suffering create an urgent need for a person to open up, to broaden scope, to understand better what love is, to see that love does not mean God taking charge and making everything alright but rather it means him staying with the beloved, continuing to love and admire him (or her), since love at its root means sharing another's life, not taking it over.

To paraphrase the Father's words at the Jordan: Receive my love that never runs away, never lets go, even in the desert, even on the cross.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.