

Saint Charles Borromeo

January 15, 2017
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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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

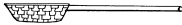
Saturday, January 14	4PM - John Notarangelo by James & Steve Bodnor
Sunday, January 15	9AM - Michael E. Zannelli (14th Ann.) by the family
Tuesday, January 17	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, January 18	9AM - Walter Kowal by godchild Wanda Fandino
Thursday, January 19	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, January 20	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & Deceased family members by the family
Saturday, January 21	4 PM - John Notarangelo by friends from McDonald's
Sunday, January 22	9AM - Zannelli & Norton Families by the Zannelli family

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes
Loose Money

Figures not available
at this time

*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of January 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Openness to God

"Openness to God makes us open towards the marginalized of this world, and gives us the courage to leave the confines of our own security and comfort to become bruised, hurting and dirty as we joyfully approach the suffering other in a spirit of solidarity.

Author Unknown

THE GOSPEL

John 1: 29-34

Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

The gospel is a testimony of what John has come to know about who Jesus is: Lamb of God, One who forgives sins, One who preexists, One who is Spirit-filled, One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, Son of God. But John's testimony does not exhaust the richness of Jesus' identity; there is even more. The mystery of who Jesus is continues to be revealed to us and through us today. What more are we discovering? What more are we revealing?

Connecting the Gospel

To the First Reading:

As God formed Isaiah from his mother's womb to be his prophet and a "light to the nations," so are we called from our baptism to be that same "light to the nations," revealing the Christ in us to all those we meet.

To Experience:

We sometimes hear limited and even trite descriptions of who Jesus is, for example, "Jesus is the answer" or WWJD. But the richness of the mystery of Christ encompasses a breadth and depth that cannot be exhausted in quick answers or pithy statements. Nor can it be exhausted even in a life faithfully lived.

Announcements



THIS 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.

FEBRUARY MINI-RETREAT - "Walking in Faith" will be held on February 8 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA. If interested, please register by February 6. Cost \$20. Each of us goes through "wilderness" experiences that challenge and invite us to walk in faith. In the wilderness, the path may not be clear and sure, but the One we walk with knows the way. Though easier said than done, we simply need to trust and surrender to the power of God.

FEBRUARY DAY OF RECOLLECTION with Kathy Irr on Thursday, February 2 (Candlemas). St 1 Enders Island, Mystic, CT "The Mystery of Encounter" \$50 includes served hot lunch. Call (860) 536-0565 to register.

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 V)

"How can you make a fetus more important than a grown woman?"

Abortion is a human rights issue, but politically speaking, it does involve competing rights. On the one hand, you have the mother's "right" not to be pregnant. On the other hand, you have the baby's right not to be killed. The question that must therefore be answered is which right is more fundamental?

Abortion advocates argue that outlawing abortion would, in essence, elevate the rights of the unborn over and above those of the mother. However, in reality, outlawing abortion would not be giving unborn children more rights: it would simply re-establish for them the most fundamental right that no one can live without, namely the right to life.

If a baby is not to be aborted, then the pregnant mother must remain pregnant. This will also require of her sickness, fatigue, reduced mobility, an enlarged body and some new clothes. Fortunately, it is not a permanent condition. On the flip side, for a pregnant woman not to be pregnant, her child must be killed (unless she is past 22 weeks of pregnancy, in which case the baby may well survive outside the womb). Abortion costs the unborn child his or her very life and it is a thoroughly permanent condition. That is what's at stake, both for the child and for the mother. It is not an issue of who is more important, but rather who has more on the line.

Any time there are competing rights, the government must protect the more fundamental right. For example, the law requires the driver of a car to slow down and stop so a pedestrian may cross the road in front of him. This is not because the pedestrian is more valuable or important than the driver, but rather because, if the driver does not stop, it might cost the pedestrian his life.

Obviously, for a woman to remain pregnant, she gives up far more than a few minutes of drive time, but she gives up far less than her baby who would otherwise be killed. This is what it comes down to. Since the child has far more at stake, the more fundamental right to life must be upheld.

THE SIN OF THE WORLD

In today's Gospel, John sees Jesus and exclaims: "Look there! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He doesn't say "the sins of the world;" he uses the singular: "the sin of the world" (peccatum in Latin, ten hamarten in Greek).

We all sin, and we sin in different ways and at different times. We can speak of "sins" (in the plural), but all our sins are of a piece: they are different manifestations of our sinfulness. The liturgy alternates between these two perspectives, acknowledging that "you take away the sin of the world" (Glory to God) and also that "you take away the sins of the world" (Lamb of God). The recently developed concept of social sin is an attempt to articulate the sinfulness of humankind. It isn't just that we do wrong things: the fact is that we are basically "off center." It is our "original" sin that matters most, our fundamental option for ourselves over and above God. The rest is expression, like coloring the picture or connecting the dots.

The wonder of Jesus is that he takes away not only the sins but also the sin. He fills us with the Spirit of sinlessness, who will "make us one in peace and love."

The disturbances which so frequently occur in the social order result in part from the natural tensions of economic, political, and social forms. But at a deeper level they flow from man's pride and selfishness, which contaminate even the social sphere.

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965: 25

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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