

Saint Charles Borromeo



January 24, 2016
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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 23	4PM - Ann O'Hare by her daughter
Sunday, January 24	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Tuesday, January 26	9AM - Ernest Trinqué by son & daughter
Wed., January 27	9AM - Henri Paul by the family
Thursday, January 28	4PM - Mary Flood by daughter-in-law Anne
Friday, January 29	9AM - Manigan family by the family
Saturday January 30	4PM - Martin P. Crowley by the family
Sunday, January 31	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles



We are off and running in our new year. We start with our Volunteer Dinner which has been postponed from this Saturday, the 23rd, until Saturday, the 30th, because of the winter storm forecast.

On Wednesday, February 17th, we are going to have a Retreat Day at Campion Center in Weston, MA. The day will begin at 10:30 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. Fr. William C. Russell, S.J., will give the retreat. There will be two talks, two periods of prayer, and Mass. We hope you can come. The drive up takes just about an hour. Please call the rectory to sign up. We can arrange for car pooling.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, will speak on the history of the Sisters of Mercy who served here at St. Charles. Sr. Farnham grew up in our parish and later taught at St. Charles High School in Providence. She is a professor emerita of Boston College.

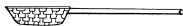
Our CCD students, under the leadership of Jude Angell, one of their teachers and a parishioner, visited our diocese's cathedral in Providence on Sunday, the 17th, prayed the necessary prayers for obtaining the indulgences offered for those who walk through "the door of mercy" this year and then enjoyed a tour of the cathedral itself. As you may know, the man who built the cathedral, Irish architect Patrick James Keely, also built our church. Keeley built about 600 churches in the United States, but only four here in Rhode Island. The other two here in Rhode Island are St. Mary's in Newport and St. Joseph's on Hope St. in Providence, where the Jesuits once served. Now we must have a tour of our own church for our students.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,287.00
Loose Money	\$ 190.00
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	\$ 2,477.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of January 24, 2016

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Announcements



HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday from 1 to 2PM in lower church.

Next weekend's **Second Collection** will be for *The Support of the Church in Latin America*. In 2015, the Collection allocated over \$6.8 million through more than 425 grants distributed to 25 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection supports a broad range of pastoral programs throughout the region aimed at deepening the faith. Programs include evangelization, family ministry, formation of laity, prison ministry, youth ministry, and catechesis.

Mount St. Rita Health Centre is inviting anyone who is ready, willing and able to assist, as a **Volunteer**, with various activities helpful to the Residents during the day. A few examples are:

- Praying with the Residents
- Reading to the Residents who are visually impaired
- Chatting with the Residents
- Playing cards or games
- Taking Residents for a walk
- Knitting or crocheting with Residents etc.
- Sitting with them

These are but a few examples, if you think of other activities, and if you are interested in volunteering, contact: Denise Lafond, Mount St. Rita Health Centre, 15 Sumner Brown Road, Cumberland, RI 02864. Tel. (401) 333-6352. Thank you for considering this service.

2016 Winter Silent Directed Retreat

February 26-28, 2016 Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT. Come, rest and nurture your relationship with God in silence. Offered by: Called By Name Ministry. Fee: \$180.00 which includes meals, and Spiritual Direction. Register by February 15, For more info please call Deb Notarianni at (401) 377-8031 or Rita Pratt at (401) 323-6719

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 Wednesday 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. 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.

This Lent, Dynamic Catholic has a great opportunity for our parish - a free email program called "Best Lent Ever" And guess what? The program is based on Matthew Kelly's new best seller *Rediscover Jesus* - that's the same book you all received as you left Christmas Mass this past year! Each day you'll get an inspirational email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic team. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life. Please consider joining this free program! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Do something life-changing this Lent. Take a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way.

BEING STRONG

As the First Reading describes it, when the Jews, newly returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon, listened to Ezra read God's word, they were minded to weep.

Who can blame them? Everything around them was so far from what it ought to be, from what God planned it to be, from what they themselves wanted it to be. All around them lay the ruins of what Israel and Jerusalem and the Temple and God's people had once been and were meant to be.

And who among us fails to understand their attitude? We look at the mess we have made of the earth, and we are so discouraged. We see the unspeakable suffering of the afflicted, and we groan inwardly for our world. We look at the Church itself, which ought to be the light of the whole broken world; and we are tempted to despair. We turn inward to our own hearts, and what we see there makes us want to be invisible to others. In safe and quiet moments, we are minded to weep too, like the Jews of Ezra's time.

And so the last line of the First Reading is more than a little surprising:
the joy of the Lord is our strength!

It is, of course, not surprising to hear that we must be strong. When everything lies in ruins around you, you can't afford not to be strong.

But being strong is a matter of grim determination and hard work, isn't it? Not according to the First Reading! It tells us that our strength lies in joy.

In fact, joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When a person opens to God and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in him, then that person becomes fruitful; and joy is one of the fruits he bears. Because the God he loves is present in him, he has joy in the presence of his beloved Lord.

But if the Lord himself is with us and for us, what can be against us?

And so the prayer of St. Patrick makes sense: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me. ... I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord.

Who would not rejoice surrounded in this way by the Lord? This is strength indeed.

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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