

Saint Charles Borromeo

January 25, 2015
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 24	4PM - Rev. Arthur King, OMI by the Egan Family
Sunday, January 25	9AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Tuesday, January 27	9AM - Ernest Trinque by Nel and Lucille
Wednesday, January 28	9PM - Mary Flood by Anne Flood
Thursday, January 29	9AM - Paul O'Donnell by the parish
Friday, January 30	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, January 31	4PM - Pauline Gramolini by the Angelini Family
Sunday, February 1	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles

Very often retired priests help out in parishes on weekends. Indeed, some of them find themselves very busy these days because the number of active priests is diminishing, drastically in some areas of the country. Hence the need for "supply priests." But the other day I heard of an unusual reaction to this situation given by a priest of retirement age. I asked him if he helped out in different parishes on the weekends. No, he said, because in doing so he would be simply allowing the Church to put off questions which should not be put off but faced. The questions are whether or not married men and women should be ordained.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,028.00
Loose Money	\$ 238.00
Catholic University	\$ 667.00
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Total	\$ 2,933.00

Thank You



Scripture for the week of January 25, 2015

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.
 ~Isaiah 43:18

Had you ever thought about this situation in that way? I had not, and my initial reaction to his view was negative. Even if a retired priest's helping out in a parish does put off the answering of these questions, is his doing so not a good thing both for the priest himself and for the community? And won't these questions eventually force themselves upon the Church with even greater force and demand an answer, no matter how many older priests are helping out? In fact, could not the presence of us older priests functioning in parishes even make these questions more pressing as younger parishioners begin to ask themselves why they don't see someone presiding who is not grey-haired and does not have a hard time with a few steps? Maybe I should speak to this priest again and ask what he thinks about my view of this situation. But I doubt that I could get him to help out in a parish. He is pretty sure that his position is the right one, at least for himself.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



This weekend's Second Collection is for the **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** - Today, we will take up the *Collection for the Church in Latin America*. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2015 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.** Your gift to the 2015 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charity Appeal!

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 information, 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.

Have you experienced an Emmaus retreat yet? - Emmaus is a retreat program for men & women (ages

20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. We want to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend on March 20-22, 2015. You'll be welcomed by a loving community of individuals who are committed to helping people from all walks of life experience the unconditional love of Jesus Christ at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more info contact Brittany at publicity@emmausretreats.com. Application deadline is February 20, 2015. Visit website: emmausretreats.com

The following mini-retreats will be held at Sacred Hearts 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. The fee can be paid on arrival.

Mass: When available, Fr. Stan Kolasa, director of Sacred Hearts, will celebrate Mass at 9:00am.

February 11: *Being a Blessing*

One gift we may overlook in our lives is the blessing we ourselves are to others. Each of us has the privilege to heal and strengthen others in both small and extraordinary ways. It is our very own life experiences that serve as a great resource for being a blessing. We must not underestimate the power we have to make a difference to one another.

March 11: *What to Do in the Darkness*

Each of us goes through periods of darkness in our lives – times which can be fraught with fear, confusion, doubt and even anger. Though darkness can overwhelm us, we are not helpless. With loving support, faith in God and our own inner resources, we can find the strength to make it to the other side. Easter assures us that new life will be ours as we go through our personal Good Fridays.

TRUE TO GOD'S WORD

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians. God commands Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh these words: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Now, the people of that city believed that God's words are true, and they repented. And God was pleased with them for believing his words and repenting.

But—God's words seem to be false.

At any rate, forty days after Jonah's telling the people God's words, the city is still standing.

And so here is the puzzle: could God say words that are false, and could God be pleased with the people for believing a falsehood?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God's words call you, God puts your life at a cross-road. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him.

The people to whom Jonah was sent responded to God's call in this second way. They believed God's words and willed to be obedient to God, and that is why they repented their former ways. As a result, they became very different from the people they had been. The whole city became a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, two ways in which the Lord's words to Nineveh can be true. It can be destroyed either because God demolishes the city or because the people cease to be the city that they were. Either way, the old Nineveh will no longer exist.

Therefore, God's words to Nineveh were true. When the people responded to God's words with trust and obedience, they ceased to be what they were—and the old Nineveh was destroyed.

God's words are always true, and God is always true to his word. ~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy

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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