

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH
190 NORTH MAIN STREET
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

January 27, 2013

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4:18

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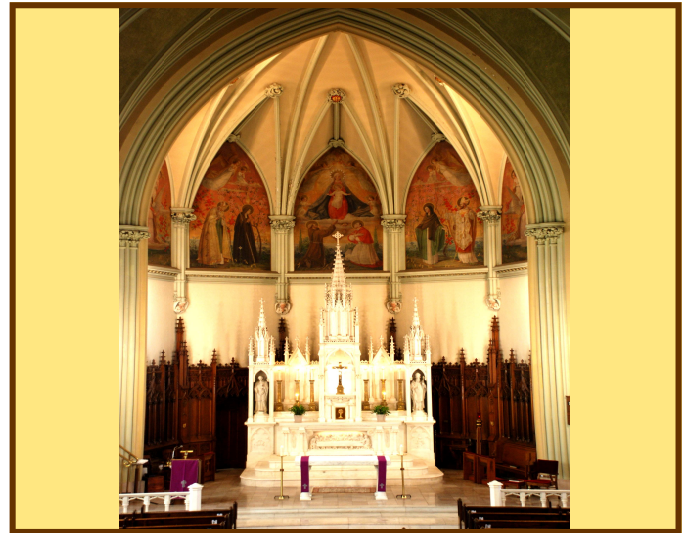
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Mass Schedule

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 26	4:00 pm	Rose and Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday January 27	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Mary Flood (42nd Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By Tom & Anne Flood
Monday January 28			
Tuesday January 29	10:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	Butch Rich
Wednesday January 30	9:00 am	Mary Dailey (Parish Benefactor)	By the parish
Thursday January 31	9:00 am	Mary P. Bowers	By her husband Charles & family
Friday February 1	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday February 2	4:00 pm	Rose & Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday February 3	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Charles 'Chuck' Kennedy Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass	By Bobby Bosco

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

	Week of January 27, 2013
27 SUN	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69)
28 Mon	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 (317)
29 Tue	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35 (318)
30 Wed	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20 (319)
31 Thu	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25 (320)
1 Fri	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 (321)
2 Sat	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524) Pss Prop
3 SUN	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 (72) Pss IV

One solitary God-centered, God-intoxicated man can do more to keep God's love alive and His presence felt in the world than a thousand half-hearted, talkative, busy men living frightened, fragmented "lives of quiet desperation."

~Fr. McNamara

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 2,368.00
Loose Money _____	406.00
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Total	\$2,774.00

thank you



Notes from the Pastor

Well, another month flown by, and those of us who do not like winter are glad about that, although we may still be facing some very cold weather. This past week was marked by two occasions: the inauguration of the president and the fortieth anniversary of Rode vs. Wade. If you watched the presidential ceremonies, you might have noticed how religiously wrapped they are. There are invocations and benedictions, that is, prayers at the beginning and at the end of the ceremonies. In addition to that, the president and vice-president and their families attended church services. So lots of praying. And there was much to pray about. The inaugural ceremonies coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Could King have imagined in 1963 that fifty years later a man whose father was from Africa would be sworn in for the second time as president? It was also the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. Could Lincoln have imagined then that there would one day be a black president? For me these events border on the miraculous.

But the issue of the sanctity of human life in the womb remains as it has been for these past forty years, although it seems to me that more people are beginning to become "pro-life." That is just a feeling on my part. And it saddens me to see and hear politicians who support abortion and yet claim to be Catholic. Can they at least defend some restrictions on when and under what circumstances a woman may terminate her child's life? Vice-president Biden, in my opinion, in the debates before the election with Congressman Paul Ryan, did not seem to do well in this matter. But perhaps his position is more nuanced than I realize. If you know it better than I, please let me know.



THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."



Jesus
stood up,
unrolled the scroll
just as had Ezra, the priest-scribe,
and announced to
the assembly

and to us

that God is in our midst
this day.

Earth is holy now.

Anoint our being and doings,
Touch all our days,
with grace.

Let us honor this world
and its people.

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 **Mary Jane Giberson, 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.



parish news

Thank you for your support to the Church in Latin America in last weekend's Second Collection.

In 2012, the collection awarded 417 grants totaling \$6.5 million. These grants were distributed to 23 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America also provided grant assistance to rebuild churches in countries devastated by natural disasters such as the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the March 2010 earthquake in Chile, and the November 2012 devastation in Cuba and Haiti caused by Hurricane Sandy.

RETRouvaille...A Lifeline

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend.

The 2013 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on: January 11-13, April 5-7, and September 20-23, 2013. To register for the weekend or for more information, call (800) 470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

St. Theresa's Church, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, is having its Annual Card Party, Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 1:00 pm (snow date February 17).

Tickets are available by calling 568-8280 and will also be sold at the door. Refreshments are served; fudge is available. Included with this event is a Penny Social, door prizes and special monetary raffle. Admission tickets are \$2.50. Hope to see you there.

St. Theresa's Church is having a Blood Drive on February 4, Monday, from 3PM until 7PM. Pasta dinner served to all donors.



Calendar of Events

BEACON HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Beacon Hospice provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally-ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals to spend time with our patients. Many patients have little to no visitors and really enjoy friendly visits from a volunteer. We are also looking for pet therapy volunteers, veterans, reiki certified or musicians. We will be offering a training that begins on Tuesday, February 5 at 1PM and will run for 4 weeks. For more info, interested volunteers should contact Kristy Corbett, Volunteer Coordinators at (401) 438-0008 or Kristy.corbett@beaconhospice.com If you are interested in volunteering and cannot attend this training, please call above #. See bulletin board notice.

SECOND ANNUAL MARCH BREAKFAST - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 113

will be held at All Saints Church Hall, 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket on Sunday, March 24 from 8 AM to 12 Noon. Breakfast will be Scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, beans and French Toast. Tickets \$8 Age 12 & up, \$5 age 5-11 and under 5 free. \$30 Family ticket for 5 people.

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"

OPEN HOUSE FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be holding an Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 11:30AM- 1:00PM. Parents interested in enrolling their children for the 2013-2014 school year are welcome to visit Msgr. Gadoury Catholic Regional School located at 1371 Park Avenue, Woonsocket (Grades Pre-K 3 year olds through grade 2) and Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School located at 1210 Mendon Road Woonsocket (grades 3 – 8). Please call the Regional Office at 401-762-1095 for more information.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READING

TWO NEW ERAS

Two men unroll parchment scrolls and each reads his to his people. In each case, their proclamations signal the beginning of a vast new era. One man is Ezra the scribe, and the other is Jesus of Nazareth. Four centuries separate their readings. Let's look.

We find Ezra in the First Reading. He is in Jerusalem after the return of the Jewish exiles from captivity in Babylon. What is the "captivity in Babylon," you ask? Perhaps it will help to have more of the story.

Ancient Israel was captured by the Babylonian empire 586 years before Christ. The Babylonians took Jerusalem itself. They demolished the great temple built by Solomon centuries before and deported all productive citizens to Babylon, leaving peasants to run the holy city—if they could.

After fifty years or so of their captivity, Cyrus the Great, king of Persia (now Iran) came into possession of Babylon and he let the captives go. Many had switched their faith by this time in favor of foreign gods and customs, but the remainder, perhaps 5000, made ready to return home. By this time a lot of them had never even seen Jerusalem.

There were great caravans. Ezra—priest, scribe and teacher—led one of them on the four-month journey across the desert.

They arrived to find Jerusalem a ruined city with widespread moral decay.

Reconstruction of an urban center is immensely difficult, as we know from our own day. Ezra worked long and hard to bring back the ecclesiastical and civil fiber of Jerusalem and the nation.

At last a new temple was finished in 516 BC, and the ruined city walls had been rebuilt.

At this point Ezra stood up on a high wooden platform built for the occasion so he could be heard and seen, and he "read plainly" from the scroll that held "the book of the law." He started reading at daybreak and continued until midday!

Not only did they have their city again, but also they had heard the Word of God again, and finally there was again a temple where they could worship. Their new era had begun!

Four centuries later we find Jesus of Nazareth making a similar return. He is going back to Galilee, the region where he grew up (Gospel). He has been baptized and has spent time in the desert. His trip is now "in the power of the Spirit," Luke says, and it takes him to his home town of Nazareth. Like Ezra, he takes up a scroll, this one containing the book of Isaiah—much of which, coincidentally, had been written during the Jewish exile.

He reads the passage, which says that the Spirit of the Lord has sent him to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . , to let the oppressed go free," to proclaim a time of favor from the Lord (Is 61: 1-2). This is what Ezra had done in the First Reading, but Jesus' mission is much, much more. A far greater new era has begun.

He sits down now, at the same level as the people. He says almost casually, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

His mission is to rebuild their hearts, not just their city, to return them to God, their real home. Would they accept this startling new epoch?

Will we?

Stay tuned for more next Sunday.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.