

Saint Charles Borromeo

January 31, 2016
Fourth 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 30	4PM - Martin P. Crowley by the family
Sunday, January 31	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, February 2	9AM - Jean M. Cremen by friends
Wed., February 3	9AM - Timothy F. Kelley by the parish
Thursday, February 4	4PM - Mass of the Day
Friday, February 5	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday February 6	4PM - Almeida & Moreria families by daughter & niece
Sunday, February 7	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles



It is almost February and Lent begins on the 10th. Perhaps an energy comes upon us with the beginning of Lent, telling us to do something. And so we have. There are a number of activities planned here which we hope you will find interesting and will support.

Beginning on Tuesday, February 16th, at 9:30 A.M., I will offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Those wishing to make these Exercises commit themselves to a weekly meeting and a half-hour period of private daily prayer. The program will end on the 29th of March. Please contact us if you are interested in making them.

On Wednesday, the 17th of the month, at Campion Center in Weston, MA, forty-five miles from here, Fr. William C. Russell, S.J., will offer a Lenten Day of Prayer. It will begin at 10:30 A.M. and end at 3:00 P.M., and will consist of two talks, two periods of prayer, Mass and lunch. Please contact us at the rectory or by e-mail if you wish to come.

For some years now it has been the custom here in Woonsocket to meet with other Christian communities to pray and gather in fellowship. We will take part in this ecumenical effort again this year on Thursday evenings at 7 P.M., each time at a different church. On Thursday, the 18th of February, at 7 P.M., we will be the hosts. Please come and support this effort to meet and pray with the other Christian churches of our city.

On Tuesday evening, March 1st, at 7 P.M., Sister Janice Farnham, RJM, will be here to talk about the Sisters of Mercy who served in our parish school for almost a century. Sister is a graduate of St. Clare's and taught at Boston College for many years. We can learn much from her scholarship both for the past and for the future. We hope you will come.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 602.00
Loose Money	\$ 104.00
	\$ 1,346.00

Thank
you



Scripture for the week of January 31, 2016

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1Cor 12:31-13:13 /Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

'We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.'

~Pope Francis

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



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

This weekend's **Second Collection** is 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. Envelopes for this Collection are available at entrances where bulletins are located.

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.

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 ac-

tivities, 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.

TRULY SOMETHING

The Second Reading explains that a lot of people who look as if they are truly something are really nothing.

We are accustomed to a disconnection between appearance and reality when it comes to the greatness of people. We know that someone can be very rich and be a complete jerk. Someone can be very famous, a great scientist or a great beauty in the movies, and be a pathetic human being. Someone can be very powerful, in a company, in a nation, and be a totally rotten person. So we know that you can have riches, or fame, or power, and yet be a thorough-going loser.

What we are less accustomed to thinking about is the disconnection between the appearance of greatness and the reality when it comes to spiritual things. And that is what the Second Reading calls to our attention. Someone can be rich in religious experiences, prophesying or speaking in tongues, and yet just be a self-aggrandizing jerk. Someone can be famous for self-sacrificial care of the poor, and still be only a pathetically swollen ego of a person. Someone can have the power even to do miracles, healing the sick or moving mountains, and nonetheless be rotten to the core with arrogance and pride. You might look as if you were truly something, as far as your spiritual life goes. You might have spiritual riches, fame, or power, and still be nothing, as the Second Reading says.

But if even being Donald Trump, Kim Kardashian, or Vladimir Putin isn't enough to make a person great, if even those who speak in tongues or care for the poor or heal the sick can be nothing, then what on earth does it take for a person to be truly something?

The Second Reading explains it: it takes love.

No human person can be anything unless he is in the image of his Creator. But God is a consuming fire of love. And so, without love, no matter what other kind of apparent greatness you may have, in reality you are nothing. You are only something if, like God, you are on fire with love.

True love is not a warm feeling of affection which tries to please everybody and never rock the boat. Rather, it is like God's love: willing to get killed in order to bring true good to those it loves. And, like God's love, it embraces everybody. That kind of love is truly something! And we are nothing unless we have it.

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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