

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH  
190 NORTH MAIN STREET  
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
February 3, 2013



He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”  
Luke 4:21

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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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 February 2	4:00 pm	<b>Rose and Edward Crepeau</b>	By the family
Sunday February 3	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Charles "Chuck" Kennedy St. Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	
Monday February 4			
Tuesday February 5	9:00 am	<b>Joseph &amp; Francoise Labrecque</b>	By the family
Wednesday February 6	9:00 am	<b>Susan &amp; Joseph McGonigle</b>	By the parish
Thursday February 7	9:00 am	<b>Jeanne d'arc Fontaine</b>	By Paulette Videau
Friday February 8	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday February 9	4:00 pm	<b>Augusto &amp; Virginia Almeida &amp; Manuel &amp; Judith Moreira</b>	By daughter and niece
Sunday February 10	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Constance &amp; Raymond Patras Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	By the family

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**

*For the week of February 3, 2013*

- 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
- 4 Mon** Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20 (323)
- 5 Tue** Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43 (324)
- 6 Wed** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6 (325)
- 7 Thu** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13 (326)
- 8 Fri** Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29 (327)
- 9 Sat** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34 (328)
- 10 SUN** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11 (75) Pss I

*The human person is a unique composite - a unity of spirit and matter, soul and body, fashioned in the image of God and destined to live forever. Every human life is sacred, because every human person is sacred.*  
- Pope John Paul II

**Your kind contributions received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 1,806.50</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>460.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,266.50</b>

**thank you**



## Notes from the Pastor

On the television this past Monday there was a replay of the meeting of the House of Representatives concerning a bill to approve gay marriage in our state. As you may know, we are the only New England state which has not approved of legalizing gay marriage. I did not catch the entire program, but what I saw was not encouraging for those who do not want to approve this bill. Those speaking in defense of gay marriage were well spoken, reasonable and at times passionate because they believe that this is a question of justice and equality, but the one or two representatives I heard speaking against the bill did not offer a powerful presentation of their position. Yet it is not yet clear how this bill, now passed by the House, will fare in the Senate.

But where do we stand as Catholics? First of all, our church is on record as defending the rights of people who are homosexual to be treated with the same consideration and concern and love as those who are heterosexual. Thus it could be argued that our church should favor the acceptance of gay marriage. But that is not the case because the official position of our church is that those who find themselves to be homosexual may not engage in sexual activity because homosexual activity is itself sinful.

I suspect that many Catholics today may question this position. They may not want to equate heterosexual and homosexual sex and may therefore want to continue to limit the word marriage to heterosexual couples, but they are probably not comfortable with saying that homosexual persons must be celibate. If that is their view, then they are in conflict with the Church's traditional position. What to do?

After the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, February 2, the Feast of St. Blaise, we will have the blessing of throats.

Lent begins on February 13 this year. To sum up the Lenten requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

*"They led him to the brow of the hill to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them."*



Jesus,  
when you speak words that are so  
unlike the ones we know,  
or tell us to love  
people in  
places

that make us shudder,

Help us  
overcome smugness,  
throw off our desire for security,  
and welcome the new and unexpected.  
May we greet your prophets with arms wide open.

... especially **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Jean Giguere, 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 **Margaret Hoard, Jeannette Barry, Colleen Monteiro, 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.



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Divorced? Separated? The Office of Life and Family is pleased to offer the **FINDING HOPE SUPPORT GROUP** for those who are separated or divorced at St. Catherine Church, 3252 Post Road, Warwick (upper back entrance). This support group embraces the teachings of our Catholic faith, provides a peaceful environment for healing, provides time to share and discuss topics related to separation/divorce, and is free. Offered each Thursday (except Holy Thursday), from 7 to 8:30PM, March 7 through May 2. For additional information, please contact: Peter Magnotta, Office of Life and Family at (401) 421-7833, ext. 217. (See flyer on bulletin board).

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.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** - a bi-weekly support group for all who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin at the **La Salette Retreat Center, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA** on Wednesday morning, February 20, 2012 from 10 to 11:30AM and will continue at the same time and place every other week. The purpose of the group is to provide a safe space where individuals can share their journey through grief with others who "speak the same language."

The death of a significant person in one's life affects every area of one's being including the spiritual, emotional and social aspects. Dorothy Levesque will facilitate the group; Margaret and Robert McGee, bereaved parents, will co-facilitate. Dottie has been working with individuals and families dealing with loss for many years. She has developed leadership training and various other programs that are widely used. Maggie is the author of *He's Right Here*, a book that traces her journey from despair to hope after the death of her, and Bob's son Brendan in 2003. For more info, call Dottie at (508) 236-9083.



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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### GLORIFY: Praise & Worship for teens and their families!

The Office of Catholic Youth Ministry will be hosting the February Glorify evenings as follows: Monday, February 4 at 7PM Glorify is "Home" @ the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center, Dyer Avenue, Cranston, with Mrs. Amanda Tarantelli of Bishop Stang High. On Monday February 11 at 6:30PM Glorify is "On the Road" to St. Elizabeth's in Bristol with Fr. Narciso, Pastor. Our theme is "The Year of Faith." Live music provided by the GLORIFY Band. Also offered this evening is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning at 6:30PM. Come and take some time to praise and worship our Lord! Everyone welcome!

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

### THE CARPENTER'S SON

This week the other shoe drops. Last week Jesus spoke in a Nazareth synagogue and now we will hear the people's reaction to his message. A hint: they will try to throw him off a cliff.

To see why, look at how bold Jesus was. First he searched out a prediction of the Messiah from the book of Isaiah. Here are the very words he read in the synagogue:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord (Isaiah 61: 1-3)

The people loved him for this.

But then he applied the reading to himself! He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Gospel)! "This scripture passage" was known to all as referring to the Messiah. They saw clearly that Jesus was claiming to be the Messiah!

The synagogue was stunned. He had grown up in their midst. He was the carpenter's son, the one they used to see weekly in this same synagogue. Why in the world would a local man come up with such a bizarre story?

We already know why. At the Jordan river, when he had received baptism, the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens said, "You are my beloved son, and in you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22)!

The Father's voice, out loud! Jesus' public ministry had begun. He was openly the anointed servant of God.

Immediately he fled into the desert to brood and to pray. His divinity formerly had been lodged mainly at the depths of his human awareness. Now it had to be drawn up into consciousness and dealt with.

Not only did he know the answer deeply, but he was human as well and he was attracted to the wrong answers too, ones suggested by the devil. Turn his divinity into self-satisfaction, into power, into reputation. He was authentically tempted, but each time he refused.

Now in the power of the Spirit he came back to Nazareth, as Luke says. It becomes obvious why he selected that passage from Isaiah in the synagogue. Isaiah's words were about him! He had heard it from God at his baptism.

How were the Nazarenes supposed to have any understanding of this? He looked like a mad-man claiming equality with God! To them he was insulting simultaneously his home town, his people, Israel, and God.

"He is out of his mind!" they shouted.

Jesus tells them that neither Elijah nor Elisha, great prophets, could work their miracles in Israel, but went elsewhere to do them. "No prophet is accepted in his own native place," he said.

Suddenly he is one of the prophets!

They pull him out to a cliff, planning to annihilate such a blasphemer. He escaped somehow but now the ball was in motion. This scene—and it is the first one described in his public ministry—forecasts his remaining life. First loved and accepted, then led to his death.

In the coming months we will see him carry out all of this. What will he do? We must find out, because we are to be filled with the same Holy Spirit.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.