

Saint Charles Borromeo

February 7, 2016
Fifth 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.

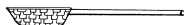
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6	4PM - The Almeida & Moreria families by daughter & niece
Sunday, February 7	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, February 9	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Wed., February 10	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Thursday, February 11	4PM - Mass of the Day
Friday, February 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday February 13	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 14	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,663.00
Loose Money	\$ 204.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of February 7, 2016

Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them".

~Saint Therese of Lisieux



As I write these words, it is Tuesday, the 2nd of February, the sun is shining and the weather is unseasonably warm. After all, it is winter. But it feels like spring. Thank God for little things. Thank God it is now February and February is a short month, and once March comes, we can begin to think of spring.

Lent will begin on Wednesday, the 10th of February. We have scheduled three activities for Lent. The first is a Lenten retreat day on Wednesday, the 17th, at Campion Center in Weston, MA. If you would like to take part in this day, please let us know by Tuesday, the 9th. The second is an Ecumenical Prayer Meeting with other congregations in our city on the Thursdays of Lent. We will host this meeting on Thursday, the 18th. Please help us to do this. We will have the prayer meeting upstairs so that our visitors can see our beautiful church. Then we will go downstairs for a reception. Third, on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7 P.M. in the lower church, Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, will be here to talk about the history of Sisters working in Catholic Schools in the last century, especially the Sisters of Mercy here at St. Charles. Sr. Farnham taught history at Boston College. I am sure we will learn much from her lecture.

The above are all one-day events, but beginning on Tuesday, the 16th of February, we will offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius each Tuesday morning after the 9 A.M. Mass in the lower church. Those who wish to take part in these Exercises commit themselves to a half-hour of private prayer each day and attendance at the weekly Tuesday meeting.

May some or all of these offerings help you to grow in faith, hope and love this Lent!

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 our Diocesan newspaper '*The Rhode Island Catholic*'. Inspiring articles, news from throughout the diocese and more. If you want to subscribe, the price is \$30 for a year.

Next weekend's **Second Collection** will be for Utility Fund to help with the Fuel costs for the church and rectory. Thank you.

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 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.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: " ... in the year that King Uzziah died."

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: "in the year my son died." A hard death of this sort divides a whole life into before and after: there is the life you had before your child died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your hopes and dreams for that child.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the center doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying "Woe is me! I am doomed!"

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal. And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, "whom shall I send?" Isaiah said, "Here I am. Send me." All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor, St. 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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