Saint Charles Borromeo

February 8, 2015 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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 7	4PM - Almeida & Moreira Families by daughter and niece
Sunday, February 8	9AM - James Egan by the Family
Tuesday, February 10	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso, by the family
Wednesday, February 11	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Thursday, February 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, February 13	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, February 14	4PM - Rev. Arthur King, OMI by the Egan Family
Sunday, February 15	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles

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East Weekend's Offertory		
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Total	\$ 3,120	
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## Scripture for the week of February 8, 2015

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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



For the past decade or so it has been the custom during Lent to meet with other Christian churches for prayer and a social. We will continue this program this year, and we will host the program here at our parish on Thursday, the 26th of February, at 7pm downstairs. The format will be an opening prayer, readings from Scripture and a comment on them by a lay member of our community, the praying of the Our Father, an exchange of peace, and a concluding prayer. Then we will socialize. So simple and relaxed. Having it downstairs will be better, given the season of the year and the usual amount of people who attend. Please come if you can. Our meeting will be the second in the series, the first being held the previous week at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Harris Ave.

On Saturday, the 14th of March, the Diocese will be offering its "Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation" at Bryant University. The convocation begins with Mass at 8:30 at the campus chapel. Then, from 9:45 A.M. until 3 P.M., workshops will be offered on different topics. Brother Alan Aubin, SC, a member of our parish, will offer a worship entitled "To Teach as Jesus Did: A Guide to Bring the Love of Jesus to Small Children." Brother Aubin teaches first grade at Mercymount Country Day School in Cumberland. There is also a program called The Men's Conference. Curtis Martin, host on EWTN, will speak on "The Indispensable Role of Men in the New Evangelization." If you wish to attend this program, you must register by March 4th. For more information call the Diocese at 401-278-4645.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J. 🌶

This weekend's Second Collection is for our parish's Annual Fuel Collection.

The Rhode Island Catholic's Annual Subscription Campaign is underway. We live in a society in which many wish to remove God and faith from public life. A newspaper that shares and explains Church teachings is critical to defending and promoting our faith and the wonderful works of charity performed by the Catholic Church each and every day in Rhode Island. If you are interested in receiving your diocesan newspaper in your home mailbox each week, call the newspaper at (401) 272-1010 for more information on how to subscribe. A one year subscription is \$25.

**LENT IS FAST APPROACHING** - Dynamic Catholic is launching a bold new email program for Lent 2015, titled "**Best Lent Ever**," led by America's best-selling Catholic author, Matthew Kelly, who states "When Catholicism is actually lived, it elevates every human activity and every human environment it touches". "That is what this program will inspire. We want Catholics to do more than give up chocolate for Lent. Let's step it up a notch. Instead, let's do something bold."

The program is simple. Each week, participants will receive powerful, short videos and inspiration from Matthew via email.

All you need to do is sign up online at: BestLentEver.com

## 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 <u>March 20-22, 2015.</u> 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. Vsit website: emmausretreats.com

**ANNUAL DYNAMITE BLAST** - to be held at Saint Theresa's Church, 630 Rathbun Street, Blackstone on <u>Friday, February 13, from 6 to</u> <u>9PM</u>. Tickets \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Anne Flood will be taking part in the Marco Island Walk to raise money to help the **PSP** (**Progressive Supernuclear Palsy**) Foundation. Her husband Tom, a most faithful member of our parish, died of this disease. If you would like to support Anne in this effort, please send your contribution to CurePSP, attn: Katleen Speca, 30 E. Padonia Rd, suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093. Please indicate Anne Flood as Walk Participant.

Our parish will be participating in the worthwhile cause "**SOLES 4 SOULS**" from now through Earth Day, April 15, 2015. Please help by donating *New or Gently Used Shoes* to our Shoe Drive now going on. You may drop them into our Drop Box at the back of the lower church and help eradicate poverty. See attached flyer in this bulletin for more information.



## SERVING THE LORD WELL

In he Gospel Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her.

And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and rushes all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital.

He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of morning.

When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say, when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you!" They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

And so maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, 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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