

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

February 10, 2013

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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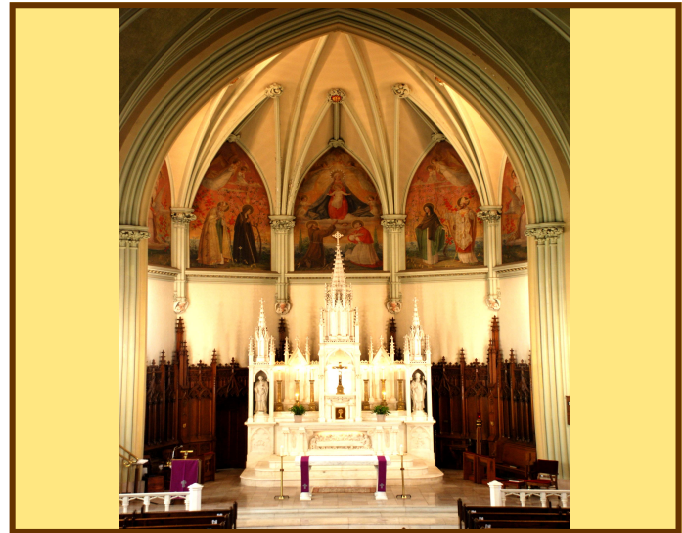
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## Mass Schedule

### 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 February 9	4:00 pm	<b>Augusto &amp; Virginia Almeida and 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 St. Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	By the family
Monday February 11			
Tuesday February 12	9:00 am	<b>Paul "Zeb" Rich</b>	By Butch Rich
Wednesday February 13	9:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>Ralph Belleville</b>	By his wife Marion
Thursday February 14	9:00 am	<b>Mass of the Day</b>	
Friday February 15	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday February 16	4:00 pm	<b>Marguerite &amp; Francis Maney (69th Ann.)</b>	By the family
Sunday February 17	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners Edith Lamberti Brazilian Mass</b>	By James & Terry Lamberti

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 10, 2013

- 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
- 11 Mon** Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56 (329)
- 12 Tue** Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13 (330)
- 13 Wed** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV
- 14 Thu** Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)
- 15 Fri** Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)
- 16 Sat** Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)
- 17 SUN** Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 (24) Pss I

To the family is entrusted the task of striving, first and foremost, to unleash the forces of good...

~ Pope John Paul II

**Your kind contributions  
received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 3,421.00  
Loose Money \_\_\_\_\_ 405.00

**Total \$3,826.00**



**thank you**

# Notes from the Pastor

Lent is upon us. On Ash Wednesday, which is this Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Mass at nine in the morning and seven in the evening, both downstairs. By way of “programs” to mark the Lenten season, let me offer two. The first is the reading of a book entitled Reading the Old Testament.

The original author was Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP. He published his work in 1984. Now Fr. Richard Clifford, S.J., and Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J., have revised and updated Fr. Boadt’s work. We will meet on Wednesday mornings after the 9 A.M. Mass for about forty-five minutes. The book can be ordered through Amazon. It is published by Paulist Press. Fr. Boadt was a Paulist. Please join us if you can. And if you would like to read this book but cannot meet with us on Wednesday mornings, please let me know. Perhaps we could arrange an evening meeting during the week.

The second “program” is an offering of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Please call me if you would like to make these Exercises. The commitment on your part would be pray each day for about half an hour on the material which I would give you from Ignatius’ texts and to meet with me every seven or ten days to discuss your reaction to the texts and your prayer.

In the past we have had the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening at 7. Very few come. Would it be better to have them during the day? Please let me know your own preferences.

Fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices that are vital to the Christian life.

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 5:1-11

*“For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him.”*



Lord,  
we see  
broken nets,  
broken boats of fish.  
“Do not  
be afraid” you say,  
“From now on you’ll be  
catching men and women.”

Miles and miles lie between the task you ask,  
and our power to perform.

Make us larger than  
our unworthiness,  
larger than our  
doubts.

We too  
fall  
on our knees.  
Help us in the catching

and surely in the being caught.

... especially **Charlie Bowers, Jean O’Donnell, 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.



## parish news

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our parish website has been recently overhauled. If you are online please visit [www.stcharlesborromeo.com](http://www.stcharlesborromeo.com). Our parish bulletin is published online every week on the web!

Our observance of the **Lenten Season** begins this Wednesday, February 13. Mass and imposition of ashes will take place at 9 AM and 7 PM. in the lower church.

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*The Spirit of Catholic Living*

**THE WORD AMONG US** publication, with Mass Scripture readings and daily meditation for each day of Lent is available at the church entrances. Please take one

This weekend's **Second Collection is for Fuel**. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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.

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** will be on Saturday, March 16 this year following the 4 PM Mass. Watch the mail for upcoming letter and raffle info.




## 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.

**FISH AND CHIPS** will be served at **St. Theresa's Church Hall, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville** on Ash Wednesday, (2/13) and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. The dinner will be held from 12 Noon to 7PM. Cost is \$8.50, and \$5.25 for a junior portion. Also Baked fish \$10 and Grapenut pudding for an additional \$1.75.

**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.

**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.

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

### AM I WORTHY?

We are now well into Jesus' Galilean ministry, the one he began in Nazareth.

But this Sunday contains a surprise development. The Church's Fifth Sunday finds three of the greatest witnesses in the Bible—Isaiah, Paul and Peter—expressing their own worthlessness. They are worthless.

What is your attitude toward worthiness? Do you agree with today's psychologized sentiment that, "I AM worthy," or "I'M ok, YOU'RE ok," or "I buy this product because I'm WORTH it"?

Let's look at these three witnesses and see if they are worth it.

First, Isaiah receives a vision of heaven itself (First Reading). The Lord is seated on a high and lofty throne. The Seraphim angel choir is crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"\*

Isaiah's reacts with shame, or so it seems. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" In response an angel swoops down with a burning coal to cleanse his lips!!!! He is doomed, alright, but doomed to be made clean through suffering, to be made able to speak of God.

Second, St. Paul says that Christ appeared to him last of all, as to one born abnormally (Second Reading). "For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Unworthy but did the grace of God discard him? No, it appointed him an Apostle even though he had never even met Jesus.

Then there is the famous Gospel story. Jesus tells Peter, James and John to fish in the deep water (where they had been fishing and fishing and fishing all night with no result). Without warning their nets are bloated with fish. Peter cries out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

So we have a problem here. Isn't the experience of God supposed to lead to peace, forgiveness, and joy instead of shame?

Make a distinction. The real reaction of all three figures is not really shame, which means concluding that they are each worthless. Instead we could see that they are finding their real place in reality. They are expressing a kind of humility

How? Each of these men is forced to compare himself directly with the presence of God. But when people meet the holiness of God head-on, they are able to see humanness in themselves. It is as full of holes as a sponge. None of them could pretend that they shone like the stars because they saw the real star bursting with light.

Experience of God let them to understand that they are far, far less than God. This is not bad, it is good. Our own elegance cannot make us holy but God can. We can be proud to be unworthy if reception of God's love is the result.

So at Mass we echo the Roman centurion: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." When we react with shame, God does not say in return, "I reject you," but "I love you dearly. Come be with me, you fine human being."

Fr. John Foley, S. J.