

# Saint Charles Borromeo

February 14, 2016

First Sunday  
of Lent



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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 13	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 14	9AM - Jean M. Cremman by friends
Tuesday, February 16	9AM - Jean M. Cremman by friends
Wed., February 17	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, February 18	4PM - Mary Pecklevs
Friday, February 19	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family by his sisters
Saturday February 20	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 21	9AM - Robert Bousquet by his daughter

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,663.00
Loose Money	\$ 204.00
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	\$ 2,867.00

*Thank  
you*



### Scripture for the week of February 13, 2016

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Jesus encourages us to ask God confidently for what we need.

What do I want to ask God for today?

*Jesus, please...*



Valentine's Day and Lent. Not a very likely combination, is it? One is all about love, and the other is all about penance. But why do we do penance? And what does that word mean? It is not part of our daily vocabulary and not part of our society's vocabulary. Penance means being sorry for something we have done, something which we would like to undo as far as that is possible. The season of Lent (the word refers to spring or the lengthening of daylight) given to us by the Church is a season of penance. We want to undo in our lives the attitudes and actions which prevent us from moving closer to Christ. We want to take stock of our lives and get down to Christian basics, and we do that by praying, fasting and giving alms. It is like spring training for baseball players. We want to get in shape.

Here is a suggestion for Lent. There is such a thing as petitionary prayer, prayer in which we ask for something. What about extending our petitionary prayer to our world? Normally we pray for our families and our own immediate needs. Why not pray for the pope, for the church, for our country, for our world? Oh, you do that already? Congratulations. Now we must imitate you.

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 **Utility Fund** to help with the Fuel costs for the church and rectory.

Nest weekend's **Second Collection** will be the **In-Pew Collection for the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal**.

**The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius** will be offered each Tuesday beginning February 16th, through March 29th, following the 9AM Mass in the lower church. Those who wish to take part in the Exercises commit themselves to a half-hour of private prayer each day and attendance at the Weekly Tuesday meeting.

**The Ecumenical Prayer Meeting** with other congregations in the city which our parish is hosting will take place on Thursday, February 18th in the upper church, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

The **retreat day at the Campion Center** in Weston, MA secluded for February 17th has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Anne Flood is asking for our support as she participates in the Annual Walk to support efforts to **Cure PSP** (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy), the disease which took the life of her husband, Tom two years ago. You can send a check, made out to Cure PSP Foundation to her at 1752 Sanctuary Pointe Court, Naples, FL 34110-4157.

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](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent). Do something life-changing this Lent. Take a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way.

**Lenten Mission** - St. Joseph Church at 1303 Mendon Road in Cumberland will host a Lenten Mission with Fr. John A. Kiley, the noted author of "The Quiet Corner" on March 13-15, 2016 at 7PM. The theme of the Mission is "The Year of Mercy" All are cordially invited. For further info, call (401) 333-4013.

**Rice Bowls** are available at the entrance. Please pick one up

**To ready our hearts for the challenges of Lent, visit resources at the Catholic Relief Services website for Operation Rice Bowl. There are stories of hope, reflections, and recipes for Lenten meals.**

**40 ACTS - DO LENT GENEROUSLY- 40 days of Lent 40 Reflections 40 Simple Acts of Generosity** Join 40 Acts Challenge to take part in forty daily generous acts during Lent 2016. Wed. Feb. 10 to Sat. March 26. Sign up at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk)

**St. James Church**, 33 Division Street, Manville is hosting an **All You Can Eat Pasta & Meatball Supper** on Saturday, February 20th, from 4 to 7 PM. (Snow Date: Sunday, February 21, at the Father Brindamour Hall (GYM). \$8.00 \$5.00(10 years and under) includes beverage, salad, rolls and dessert. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling the parish office at (401)766-1558. Tickets will also be available at the door. The proceeds from this event will benefit the parish's social ministry programs.

Are you a caregiver for a family member over the age of 60? The Diocesan **CareBreaks Program** can help! CareBreaks assists family caregivers in paying for a regular break from caregiving duties. Whether you need a worker to come to your home, help paying for a day of Adult Day Care each week, or even assisting with an occasional overnight stay in a nursing home, a break can help **you** take care of your own needs and maintain your own health. Don't try to do it alone. For more information call Hector at the CareBreaks Program, 421-7833 x 211, [hmunoz@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:hmunoz@dioceseofprovidence.org)

## BREAD AND STONES

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days, and then he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! Satan urges Jesus to turn stones into bread.

Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself commands us to pray for bread daily.

And there is no question about the fact that Jesus has the power to provide bread for himself. He can stop being hungry by using his divine power to turn stones into bread. In fact, Jesus himself tells us that if a son asks his father for bread, no good father will give him a stone (Lk.11:11). So Jesus could get bread from stones just by asking his father, who is God and good, to give him bread.

Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: People do not live by bread alone? If I suggest that you might like some ham, what sense does it make for you to tell me that people do not live by ham alone?

Notice, though, that that line does make sense if what you are telling me is that you are full. In another Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4). Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God (Lk. 4:1). Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full.

Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives. In our suffering, when those things we think we need in order to live are denied us, we do not have to be desperate. When we are hungry for what we do not have because our Father God has not given it, we still have the Word of God, which comes into us and can fill us. Jesus, who is the cornerstone of the Church, is our bread at the same time. And so we can be like him: full—even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too.

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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