

Saint Charles Borromeo

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Sixth 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 14	4PM - Rev. Arthur King, OMI by the Egan Family
Sunday, February 15	9AM - John Nalewski by Rosamond Nalewski
Tuesday, February 17	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, February 18	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, February 19	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, February 20	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, February 21	4PM - James Egan by the family
Sunday, February 22	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles

A first! Because of all the snow and the inability of many to come to church last week, I am going to repeat the information given in last week's bulletin.

For the past decade or so it has been the custom during Lent to meet with other Christian churches in our city for prayer and a social. We will continue this custom this year, and our parish will host the first meeting in our hall on Thursday, the 26th of February, at 7 P.M. The format will be an opening prayer, readings from Scripture and homily, the praying of the Our Father, an exchange of peace, and a concluding prayer. Then we will socialize. Please come and meet members from other Christian churches in our city.

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 workshop 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.

Please remember to bring in your old shoes which we are collecting for "Soles 4 Souls," an organization in Tennessee which has distributed more than 22 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,453.50
Loose Money	\$ 175.00
Total	\$ 2,628.50

Thank you



Scripture for the week of February 15, 2015

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Love looks to the eternal. Love is indeed "ecstasy," not in the sense of a moment of intoxication, but rather as a journey, an on-going exodus out of the closed inward-looking self toward its liberation through self-giving... toward authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God...~Pope Benedict

Announcements



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 [March 20-22, 2015](#). 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. Visit website: emmausretreats.com

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.

We are now accepting new and gently used shoes for men, women and children through April 15th. All shoes collected will be sent by Deacon John Dowd who is sponsoring this Program through his tax and financial services business, directly to **SOLES4SOULS** for distribution. He is working with other financial professionals in an effort to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes. Soles4Souls has distributed more than 22 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, it is committed to the highest standards of operating and governance, and holds a four-star rating with Charity Navigator. Please visit www.soles4souls.org or www.downdassociates.net for additional information. We thank you in advance for your generous support of this very worthwhile cause.

ONLY SAY THE WORD

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper, and by touching him Jesus heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but even without the law nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed the leper must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every Mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says unkindly about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every Mass?

Well, think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others (Mt 7:1) Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

~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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