

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

February 17, 2013

First Sunday of Lent



It is written :

“You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve.”

Luke 4: 8

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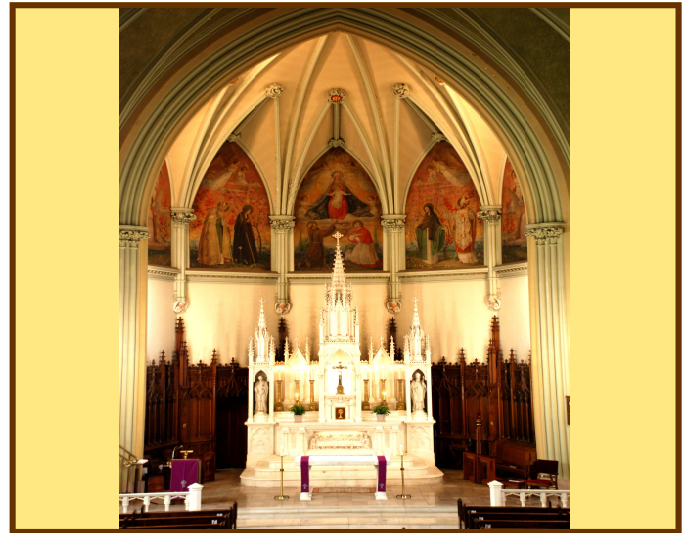
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Mass Schedule

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 16	4:00 pm	Marguerite & Francis Maney (69th Anniversary)	By the family
Sunday February 17	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Edith Lamberti Brazilian Mass	By James & Terry Lamberti
Monday February 18			
Tuesday February 19	9:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Voyer	By John Labrecque
Wednesday February 20	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Joseph & Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Thursday February 21	9:00 am	Aldo Rossi and family	By his sisters
Friday February 22	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday February 23	4:00 pm	Germain Dufresne	By Muriel Blanchette
Sunday February 24	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Edith Lamberti Brazilian Mass	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

Week of February 17, 2013

17 SUN	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 (24) Pss I
18 Mon	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)
19 Tue	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)
20 Wed	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)
21 Thu	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)
22 Fri	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop
23 Sat	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)
24 SUN	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or :20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 (27) Pss II

The Pro-Life cause is the preeminent cause of our time, and this struggle between the gospel of life and the culture of death will determine the destiny of mankind.

Your kind contributions received weekend of February 3rd.



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 3,421.00
Loose Money _____	405.00
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Total	\$3,826.00

thank you

Notes from the Pastor

We were all surprised this past week about the pope's decision to retire. As Bishop Tobin said, it is an act of humility. The pope found himself not up to his job. Therefore, he did the reasonable thing, a humble thing as well because he is freely surrendering his position of power and influence in the world. May we profit from his example! And let us pray for a new pope who will also be humble.

Lent is upon us. 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:

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days only one meal is allowed.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days."



Holy Spirit, take us to the desert.
Speak straight to our hearts.
Help us fast with Jesus.

Smooth out our rough souls.
Give us spiritual quiet, a quick and ready faith.

God, our only nourishment, our energy,
we want to come out, like Jesus,
charged with yourself.

Let this be!

... 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, Fr. Oliver Nickerson, S.J.**, 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. Our parish bulletin is published online every week on the web!

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of Lent is available at the church entrances. Please take one for your Lantern prayer.

Last weekend's Second Collection was for Fuel. Your generosity is much appreciated.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend—February 24. Please be generous.

GREATER WOONSOCKET CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOLS is holding a **SILENT & LIVE AUCTION** on Saturday, March 23 at Fr. Marot CYO Center, 53 Federal Street, Woonsocket. 6PM Hors D'Oeuvres, Cocktails & Silent Auction; 7PM Buffet Dinner and Live Auction to follow. Proceeds to benefit GWCRS Technology & Scholarship Funds. \$28 per person or \$250 for a full table of 10 people. RSVP by 3/13.

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 17, 2013 at 1:00 pm

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.

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 Grape nut 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.

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REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

YOU ARE MY BELOVED

Jesus is swept into the desert by a voice that said "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22).

These were God's words. Notice that they are nearly the same as what God had uttered eight hundred years before:

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42: 1-4).

In Sunday's Gospel God is speaking again to his servant, making it quite clear that Jesus himself is that servant.

Was Jesus surprised to hear this? In some ways, no. He already knew in his deepest soul how close he was to God. Yet he was simultaneously human, and completely so. Therefore, in his explicit, daily mind, he was surprised. He had read and re-read the Isaiah passage since he was at his mother's knee. Only now did it all click into place. He was the chosen one.

Jesus needed to ponder this revelation. He had to listen again, over and over, in silence and with an openness so holy that it would seem almost like emptiness. He went to the desert.

For his part, the devil already knew about Jesus, with a dumb and greedy knowledge. Satan knew that this great servant of God could be used for ulterior motives. His strength, his God-like holiness, the fame that he would acquire, all these could become a tool for subjecting the world to Satan.

He slid up to the desire-filled Jesus. "No point in being empty," he explained. "Just give a Godly command and this stone will turn into bread." In other words, You know you are God, don't you? Take whatever you want. Have a great life!

Note to reader: How do you assuage your hungers?

Jesus answered from the scriptures. "One does not live by bread alone." These words paraphrase Moses' great second speech to the people of Israel:

"Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

The devil, rapacious, scurried on to a second temptation, this time one to glory. Join me, worship me. All the kingdoms in the world will be yours, as they already are mine. (Translation: you can be bigger than this heavenly father of yours.) Jesus answers, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve" (see Deuteronomy 6:13).

Note to the reader: what do you and I worship and serve—instead of God?

Two temptations have failed. We know that "even the devil can quote scripture," so he uses Psalm 91—the part about God commanding angels to guard the beloved one (Ps 91:11-12). Just throw yourself off these heights, the devil proposes smoothly. God's angels will have no choice, they will have to come save you. Take advantage of who you are.

Note to the reader: Don't you want to show off your power sometimes?

Jesus again answers from the same book of scripture (Deuteronomy 6:16), "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." The meaning: God the Father is first and above all. If you can bribe him to save you, then you will seem equal to him!

But you aren't.*

Note to all people: don't we sometimes act like we are God?

*Our lectionary translates, incorrectly, what happened after the temptations: "When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time, it says." But the word they translate as "for a time" is the Greek word, Kairos, which means "a fruitful time, the right time, a favorable time, a definite fixed time, a more favorable time." Thus, Luke was saying that the devil left Jesus until a time when the temptations would be more successful, or in other words, an "opportune time." Strangely, our lectionary translation amends the word chosen in the text by saying in a footnote, "The devil's opportune time will occur before the passion and death of Jesus (Luke 22:3, 31–32,53Z)," thus bringing home the intent of Luke in an addendum rather than the text itself.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.