

Saint Charles Borromeo

February 21, 2016
Second 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 20	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 21	9AM - Robert Bousquet by his daughter
Tuesday, February 23	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wed., February 24	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Thursday, February 25	4PM - Mass of the Day
Friday, February 26	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday February 27	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 28	9AM - Douglas Lamontagne by his friend



Happy Second Sunday in Lent, and congratulations to Arianne and Darragh Guiney whose daughter Poppy Anna will be baptized this Sunday. May her life and her parents' lives be filled with happiness and faith!

The pope is in Mexico. The papers and television give it some mention, but not too much. He has spoken out against the injustices which the indigenous Mexican population suffered at the hands of the first European settlers. We should also keep an ear open to hear what he says about immigration and Mexico's borders with the United States. Here in our country everyone agrees that our immigration policies are broken and need to be repaired, but the reparation is hindered by the different views which different senators and congress men and women take. May reason and justice prevail so that we can do two things at once: Welcome the stranger, especially the children, and protect our fellow citizens. Somehow that can and should be done.

The incivility we hear from those running for the presidential office is offensive to pious ears. How can we elect to our highest office those who call other candidates liars? There must be a kinder and more civil way of pointing out the failures of another candidate than a blatant attack on his honesty. Those who behave in this way do not deserve to sit in the presidential chair.

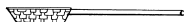
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,879.00
Loose Money	\$ 173.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of February 21, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." ~ Pope Francis

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 the *in-pew collection for the 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 Spiritual Exercises will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for those unable to attend the morning sessions

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.

Our Annual **St. Patrick's Dinner** will take place on Saturday, March 12, after the 4PM Mass. Tickets will be available after the Masses for the next few weeks as well as at the rectory during office hours. Tickets are \$15 and \$7 for children under 12.

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. 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.

Lenten Parish Mission St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket Rhode Island, will be having a Parish Lenten Mission Monday Wednesday and Thursday, February 29th, March 2nd and March 3rd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Father Robert Lacombe will conduct the mission, entitled "Living the Jubilee Year of Mercy." Mass will be celebrated each evening, all are invited to attend. For more information, please call 401-766-0626.

Rice Bowls are available at the entrance. Please pick one up if you have not yet done so.

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

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



RIGHTEOUSNESS

In the First Reading, God promised Abraham that his descendants would be innumerable, and Abraham trusted him and believed the promise. God counted that trust as an act of righteousness on Abraham's part.

Then God promised to give Abraham the land around him. In response, Abraham asked, "How am I to know that I will possess it?"

That doesn't sound like a trusting response, does it? If you promised me that you would give me some CDs, and I said, "How do I know that you will give them to me," you would be insulted, wouldn't you?

If you were actually willing to honor my question, then you might try to allay my skepticism in some way. But here is what God did. He had Abraham sacrifice some animals, and then he sent Abraham a terrifying darkness and a vision of fire over the sacrifice. While Abraham was having that vision, God reiterated his promise to Abraham and developed it: God promised to give Abraham the land and told Abraham that his descendants would live in it.

How is this response supposed to allay Abraham's skepticism? It consists just in a repetition of the original promise together with some fireworks—a fearful darkness and a display of power over Abraham's sacrifice.

It is as if in answer to my skepticism about your promise of CDs, you were to say to me, "I promise you that you will really get them! And I am powerful enough to make things happen." But what was in doubt was my reliability to keep my promises, not my power to do so.

God's response to Abraham's doubt is like this. Even with the fireworks in the vision, it still requires Abraham to trust God in just the way he wasn't willing to do when he asked, "How do I know that you will give them to me?"

What is the point of God's response then? In fact, what is the point of God's making the promise of the land in the first place? If God wants Abraham to have this land, why doesn't God just give it to him now?

The answer to all the questions is implicit in the answer to that last question. God wasn't trying to be Abraham's real estate agent. He was trying to develop a relationship with Abraham. But that relationship required trust in God on Abraham's part.

And trust in God came hard to Abraham. No sooner had he managed it, and gotten credit with God for it, then he lost it again, as the story makes clear.

Notice, though, how precious Abraham's trust was to God when Abraham finally did manage it: God counted it for righteousness. When we lament our sins and long for righteousness, this is a good story to remember.

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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