

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

February 24, 2013

Second Sunday of Lent



Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Luke 9:35

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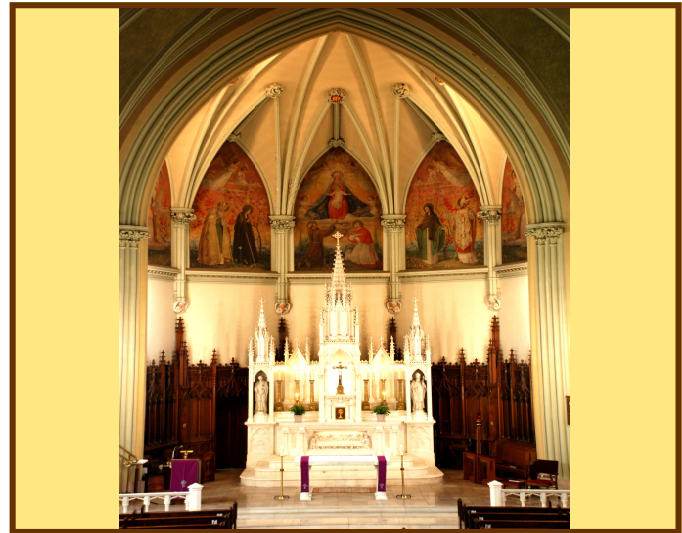
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Mass Schedule

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 23	4:00 pm		By the family
Sunday February 24	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Edith Lamberti Brazilian Mass	By James & Terry Lamberti
Monday February 25			
Tuesday February 26	9:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Voyer	By John Labrecque
Wednesday February 27	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Joseph & Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Thursday February 28	9:00 am	Aldo Rossi and family	By his sisters
Friday March 1	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday March 2	4:00 pm	Germain Dufresne	By Muriel Blanchette
Sunday March 3	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 24, 2013

24 SUN	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 (27) Pss II
25 Mon	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)
26 Tue	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)
27 Wed	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)
28 Thu	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)
1 Fri	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)
2 Sat	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)
3 SUN	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 (30)

Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.
- St. Bede

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 3,004.00
Loose Money _____	457.00
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Total	\$3,461.00

thank you



Notes from the Pastor

The excitement this first week of Lent has been the loss of the railings from the front of the church. I am told they were bronze, and they may date from the time when the church was built. But if not, they were already there by the time a booklet on our church was published in 1928, the centennial of the beginnings of Catholicism here in our city. There is a picture of the church on the very first page of this booklet, and there they are, our railings. So it is a loss for us. Yes, they are simply material objects and can be replaced, but stealing them is a desecration of something sacred to us, a part of our church. Yet we will forgive those who did it because, as the Lord said concerning his executioners, they do not realize what they are doing. They see the material value of the object, but they have no understanding of its spiritual and sentimental meaning. We will replace them, but their replacement will not be of bronze. We do not want to extend an invitation to a second theft.

It is Lent. With the interruptions of the regular weekend Mass schedule, please let me repeat what I have said in the previous bulletin because many of you may not have seen it. During Lent we are reading a book on the Old Testament entitled Reading the Old Testament by the late Fr. Lawrence Boadt, a Paulist. It has been reissued by Fr. Richard Clifford, S.J., and Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J. Please join us if you wish on Wednesday mornings after the nine o'clock Mass. If you cannot make it at that time, I would be more than willing to start another group on a weekday evening. So let me know if you wish to do either of these two things.

I would also like to invite you to make the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It involves a commitment to daily prayer and seeing me about every ten days to talk about your prayer. The process normally takes about two and a half to three months. Again, let me know if you are interested.

Now back to Lent and, Lord, spare us, more snow.

Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. We join in the traditional practice of Lent and **pray** as a community, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, give concrete assistance to those most in need, while we **learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

If you have not yet done so, please take a rice bowl home and return it during Holy Week.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9: 28b - 36

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."



You are God's chosen Son, O Lord.
Please help us listen
to you.
Help us open our hearts to your grace.
Help us believe, help us love.
We are small and
we become
afraid.

Show us
your dazzling glory
hidden in the hum-drum
of our wondrous, everyday lives.

Though
we are sinners,
make us one with you, and let us
bring your life, death and resurrection to all
people.

... especially **Charlie Bowers, Jan Kirby, 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 **John Nalewski, Anne Simmons, 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



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

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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 as a help for your Lantern prayer.

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).

Our annual **SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER** will be on Saturday, March 16 this year following the 4 PM Mass. Watch the mail for upcoming letter and raffle information.

RETRouvaille...a lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. April 5-7, 2013. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (800-470-2230).

FISH AND CHIPS will be served at **St. Theresa's Church Hall, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville** 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

AN OFFER YOU CAN REFUSE

The readings this Sunday will highlight God's covenant with human beings, offered not once but often, and hardly ever heeded.

The great covenant-offer fits into just eleven words. "I will be your God and you will be my people." God promises to love us greatly and in return we promise to love God above all things. Even our first parents had this relationship with God in the Garden of Eden, but God watched with anguish as their free will, the gift he had given them, suddenly rejected his love.

The First Reading shows him toiling to re-establish the covenant much later in history, after many such refusals. He singles out a paltry old nomadic man named Abram and says to him,

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."

An impossible promise. What is Abram's reaction?

Abram put his faith in the Lord.
God credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

This last word, righteousness, means something like "holiness," or, "to be the person you ought to be when you are with God." God is crediting Abram with fulfilling the covenant: receiving the offered love ("I will be your God") and in return putting his faith in the Lord ("you will be my people"). Abram, so to speak, was ratifying the agreement.

An ancient sacrificial cult then took place. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram. A deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. Fire appeared among the animals that Abram had slain. God spoke, promising a homeland—the "promised land"—to Abram and his descendants. This symbolized God's half of the covenant.

The other half was up to Abram and his wife Sara. After a very long time they had a son in their extreme old age (Genesis 18: 10ff), and the son's descendants sometimes kept the covenant and sometimes did not. As time went by the agreements were forgotten and ignored.

So, when the time was right, God thought up a brilliant solution. Instead of speaking from on high, or through prophets, he would himself take shape on earth as Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ.

Jesus was to be the very love that God had offered for so many centuries. But he was also the people's loving response, since he was completely a human being. Think of it: as the God/man, Jesus was able to fulfill both halves of the covenant.

The Transfiguration in Sunday's Gospel can be seen as another covenant ceremony! Jesus is transfigured, his clothes dazzling as fire—a counterpart to the fire in the First Reading. Just as with Abram, terrifying darkness closes in. Within the darkness, God's voice repeats the covenant that is being fulfilled. "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

In the cross and resurrection the covenant was finally fulfilled on both sides, the Godly one and the human one. We do not have to offer more sacrifices in order to fulfill it. But, and listen to this please, we have to let ourselves be joined to Jesus in his loving response to the Father.

In Baptism we begin it. We continue it in each Mass, each communion we receive. We say "Amen" to the covenant so many times broken, but now established forever as the "new and everlasting covenant."

Fr. John Foley, S. J.