

Saint Charles Borromeo

February 28, 2016
Third 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 27	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 28	9AM - Douglas Lamontagne by his friend
Tuesday, March 1	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wed., March 2	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Thursday, March 3	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, March 4	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday March 5	4PM - Tommy Rondeau by the Champagne family
Sunday, March 6	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends

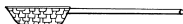


Please come to a talk given by Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, on this Tuesday, the 1st of March, at 7 P.M. in the lower church. Sr. Janice grew up here in Woonsocket and attended St. Clare High, and then became a member of the community of Sisters who taught there, the Religious of Jesus and Mary. Maybe some of you knew her. She became an historian, teaching at Boston College. The subject of her talk will be "Immigrant Nuns." We will have to see what she understands by that title. So a welcome home to Sr. Janice!

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,392.00
Loose Money	\$ 218.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of February 28, 2016

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
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

"Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that He alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history". ~Pope Francis

I hope you are reading the inserts in the bulletins these past two weeks. They are encouraging us to adopt what someone, attempting to be witty, might call a "crunchy" or "tree-hugging" spirituality. It was the subject of Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si which we studied here this past fall in our parish. It is asking us to be wise custodians of our planet, preserving its gifts for future generations.

However, at the moment we here in the USA are not doing a very good job of guarding our planet's resources. The resources of the planet would have to be multiplied many times over if everyone living on it adopted the lifestyle which we enjoy. Two statistics given by this insert tell us that we in the USA are five percent of the world's population but use up thirty percent of its resources and produce thirty percent of its waste. So things have to change if the planet and we are going to survive, and it will have to start with us.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday from 1 to 2PM in lower church.

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.

SISTER JANICE FARNHAM'S TALK will be held in the lower church on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7PM. The theme of her talk is "Immigrant Nuns."

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 in the parish hall. 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, 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.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket on Saturday, March 5th, from 8AM to 3:30PM.

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



HOW ABOUT BREAD?

In the First Reading, God promises Moses and the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. We are so used to the description of the land in God's promise to Moses that it doesn't mean anything to us anymore. We just hear "land flowing with milk and honey".

But if we stop to think about it, the land promised is funny.

Milk and honey are no doubt very good things, but the first thing to see about them is that neither one of them is a product of agriculture. You don't grow milk or honey.

Milk comes from animals, who eat grass, which doesn't grow as fast as they eat it. So if you are getting milk, you are on the move constantly, getting fresh pasture for the animals. And that means that the honey doesn't come from bee farms. You can't both move with the cattle and stay put with the bee hives. The honey of the promised land must then come from wild bee hives. When you find one, you get honey. When you don't, you don't.

So the good things of this promised land are not things you get for yourself, by farming. You are dependent on the animals for the milk, which they produce for their offspring, when the offspring can't feed themselves. And the honey comes to you by chance, when you happen to find it. The milk and honey of the promised land, then, are things that bring home to people their dependence and vulnerability.

And here's the other thing to notice: you can't live on milk and honey. Honey is more nearly dessert than dinner. And milk may be the perfect food, in some nutritionist sense; but only babies can live just on milk. Adults need more than milk.

What kind of promised land is this then? You get the good things of it by dependence and chance; and even when you are lucky, you are still missing the main part of what you need to live. What is missing in this promised land is bread.

And so here's the point. The promised land is worth yearning for. But what we most need to live God reserves to himself to provide. Ultimately, our bread comes from him. In Christ, God himself is our bread.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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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