

# Saint Charles Borromeo



March 5, 2017  
First Sunday  
of Lent

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

## Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

## Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

## 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, March 4	4PM - Tommy Rondeau (7th Ann.) by Molly & Don Burke
Sunday, March 5	9AM - Ann Zoltek (Birthday Rem.) by her family
Tuesday, March 7	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Annibal Afonso by the family
Wednesday, March 8	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, March 9	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, March 10	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, March 11	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, March 12	9AM - Leo McIntyre by Roger & Barbara Peloquin

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 1-11

### Focusing the Gospel

*To the point:*

Jesus spent forty days alone in the desert and was vulnerable, so the devil tried to allure him with tantalizing temptations. Temptation is essentially an enticement to put our own desires and needs first. Resisting temptation, then, is really resisting self-centeredness. Like Jesus, we must choose instead to surrender ourselves to God who alone should be the center of our lives. To make any other choice is to choose a false god. This First Sunday of Lent poses this question: Do we serve god or God?

### Connecting the Gospel

*To the Second Reading:*

The Second Reading contrasts Adam, who did not resist temptation with its consequences for humanity, and Christ, who did resist temptation and so gave humanity the promise of new Life. How frequently we are like Adam; how continuously grace calls us to be like Christ!

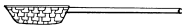
*To Experience:*

We use the word "temptation" rather lightly in all kinds of contexts; for example, we say we are "tempted" to abandon our diet for a sumptuous dessert. But the nature of temptation described in this Sunday's readings is much more serious, for its consequences involve our very Life and salvation.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,636.00
Loose Money	\$ 170.00
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*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of March 5, 2017

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

*"The patient and humble endurance of the cross—whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do."*

~St. Katharine Drexel

# Announcements



**GUIDELINES FOR LENT** - Lent is our time of preparation. During these 40 days, we ponder what it means to “give up, take up, and lift up”. Using the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we deepen our relationship with Christ and discern where God is working in our lives.

**RICE BOWLS** are in the pews. The leaflet enclosed in the rice bowls is loaded with information for Lent - prayers, meditations on the Stations of the Cross, Lenten recipes and more. Please pick one up and bring home. They are to be returned on Palm Sunday (4/9/17)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2017 LENTEN CAMPAIGN** - The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning Wednesday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, April 9. We are requesting parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for prayer at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence or the Women’s Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad Street, Cranston during this 40 day period. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and post-abortion ministries, contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 421-7833 Ext. 218.

**OUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER** will be held on Saturday, March 11 after the 4PM Mass. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase after Masses the next few weekends. Tickets are also available at the rectory during office hours (Mon. & Tues. 10: AM – 2: PM

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES 2017** - The Christian Churches of Woonsocket area will again offer Ecumenical Lenten Services on Thursday evenings at 7PM. Local residents are invited to gather for song, Scripture, sermon, and prayer at the following locations: March 9th, here at Saint Charles, March 16th, at the Slatersville Congregational Church (jointly with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church) at 25 Greene Street, North Smithfield, March 23rd, at St. James Baptist Church, 340 South Main Street, March 30th at St. James Episcopal Church, 24 Hamlet Avenue, April 6th, at Christ Community Church at the corner of Mendon and School Street in Blackstone, MA, and on April 14th (Good Friday) St. Mark’s Lutheran Church will be joining St. Paul’s Catholic Church in the annual Good Friday Walk. The Service begins at St. Mark’s, 871 Harris Avenue at 11AM then walk to St.

Paul’s Church at 48 St. Paul Street, Blackstone, carrying the Cross to conclude the service. Lunch will be offered following the service. Light refreshments will be served following the Thursday evening services at the various churches.

**CATHOLIC HOME STUDY FAITH ENRICHMENT COURSES** are available online. Easy, engaging style, at your own pace, no cost, no obligation. Choose from 9 titles such as, Catholic Catechism, Christ’s Mother and Ours, We Pray ... Enroll online at: [catholicomestudy.org](http://catholicomestudy.org)

**LENTEN MISSION** - Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared 2017 as a year dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. Fr. Robert E. Lacombe’s Mission Topic will be *“Mary at the Foot of the Cross—A Timely Lenten Paradigm in this Marian Year.”* Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 12, 13, and 14 at 7PM at Historic Saint Joseph Church, 1302 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI (401) 333-4013

**CHOWDER & CLAMCAKE FUNDRAISER** - St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Rd. Woonsocket, will have Mickey G’s Clam Shack from 4:30 - 7PM, Saturday, March 11th in the Fr. Blain Hall (eat in or take out). \$10 Chowder, Clam cakes and soda or water, or \$10 Chicken Fingers, Fries, soda or water. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the St. Joseph Rectory Office, 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Thursday. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Church. For more info please call (401) 766-0626.

**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL** - *FAITH and GOOD WORKS* Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won’t you help us by being the “Hands of Christ” in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence? Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. If you have not made a gift to this year’s Appeal, you will be able to do so thorough out in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekend of March 11/12. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation - a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

## DEMONS

Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today's Gospel. In the course of our lives, we are all "led into the desert by the Spirit," and we must struggle with the demons.

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. Ignoring our interdependence, we imagine that we can 'go it alone,' and end up dividing ourselves into isolated units of races, classes, and genders, living as though we do not need the other. We may even reach the point of living as though we do not need the Other.

We struggle with the demon of power. We begin by setting ourselves above others, and often end with oppressing them, using our power in a cruel or unjust manner to keep others down.

We struggle with the demon of pride, imagining ourselves to be better than others, or the 'top dog' in our little world, or number one in the world.

Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, "to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil."

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

As the kernel and center of his good news, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the evil one, in the joy of knowing God and being known by him, of seeing him, and of being given over to him.

Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975: 9.

Gerald Darring

### 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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