

Saint Charles Borromeo

March 6, 2016
Fourth 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, March 5	4PM - Tommy Rondeau by the Champagne family
Sunday, March 6	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Tuesday, March 8	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Wed., March 9	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, March 10	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Friday, March 11	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday March 12	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette by Paulette & Richard A.
Sunday, March 13	9AM - Leo McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin

As I write these words (Monday, the 29th of February) I am looking forward to the third week of Lent when we will have a number of activities. Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 1st, Sr. Janice Farnahm, RJM, will talk to us about "Immigrant Nuns." On Thursday, March 3rd, we will go to St. James Baptist Church on S. Main St. for prayer and fellowship. Then on Saturday, March 5th, there will be confessions all day at St. Joseph's. But of course as you read my words, all these future events, except the one on Saturday, will have taken place. I can only hope that they will have gone well. I am interested to hear what Sr. Farnahm will tell us about the nuns who worked here in Woonsocket in the 19th and 20th centuries. That should be a fascinating story. Those of us who went to Catholic grammar schools have great nostalgia for the sisters who taught us in our childhood. When we get together, we share good and bad stories about those days. Sometime we might even say something less than complimentary about some of the sisters as well. But what the sisters accomplished more than makes up for one or two bad memories of one or two of them. They were the firm foundation of so many Catholics of those days. We should and do look back on them with great love and gratitude for all that they did for us. Today is a new day. But sometimes some of us think that we would all be better off if our children could have what we had. They cannot, at least not in the same number. So we will have to find other ways of passing on our faith to the next generation.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,709.00
Loose Money	\$ 203.00
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Scripture for the week of March 6, 2016

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

"If I cannot forgive, I cannot ask forgiveness. Jesus teaches us to pray like this to the Father: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'" ~Pope Francis Prayer Help us be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and to keep an open door in our willingness to forgive and act towards others in mercy and love.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



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

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.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL is still going on. If you have not yet pledged your support or given your gift to support the Appeal that helps countless Rhode Islanders, pledge envelopes are available at the entrance. Thank you.

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 Dynamic-

Catholic.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.

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.

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



TRADING PARCHED GRAIN FOR MANNA

In the First Reading, the Israelites are finally at the promised land. The Exodus is over, and the Israelites eat the parched grain from the produce of the land.

In Exodus was a tough time for the Israelites. But, almost from the start, there was one peril in the desert that the Israelites did not suffer from: lack of food.

That is because God himself fed them. A funny kind of food appeared on the ground, and the Israelites gathered it in. When that funny food first showed up on the ground, the Israelites said, "What is that?"—"Mah Na," in their language. (And 'manna' is what it came to be called by them, and by us.)

The Israelites learned fast what the answer to their question was. The stuff on the ground, the manna, was like Tolkien's lembas or Elvenbread. It was unbelievably nourishing. You could go a very long time on just a little of it. And it was delicious. It was light; it had something of the taste of coriander about it; and there was a suspicion of honey in it, too. It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who handed his people in the wilderness.

Who would ever want to give up manna?

When the Exodus ended, the manna did too. One night the Israelites ate the parched grain of the promised land, and the next day there was no more manna.

I don't know what parched grain is, but it doesn't sound worth having by comparison with manna, does it? It doesn't sound delicious. It doesn't come from the hand of God; you have to get it for yourself. And you have to work to grow it. It doesn't just magically appear on the ground in the morning.

Who would ever want to trade manna for parched grain?

But the parched grain was the beginning of life in the promised land, where the Israelites found a home. The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus. Out of the sorrow of trading manna for parched grain there came the consolation of home.

And here is the lesson for us. The Lord's goodness never fails. It just has to be waited for.

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)

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