

Saint Charles Borromeo

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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, March 7	4PM - Tommy Rondeau by the Family
Sunday, March 8	9AM - Leo McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin
Tuesday, March 10	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, March 11	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, March 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, March 13	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, March 14	4PM - Mary T. Brown by her children
Sunday, March 15	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles



We began our observance of Lent with an ecumenical prayer service here in our church on Thursday evening, the 26th of February, and by the time you read these words we will have had our second meeting at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Harris Ave. Then on March 12th we will be at St James Baptist Church on South Main St. The last two meetings will be at the Polish National Catholic Church on March 19th and Christ Community Church on the corner of Mendon and School Sts. in Blackstone on the 26th.

This Sunday, March 8th, two sisters, Sr. Elizabeth Conyers FFM, and Sr. Jacqueline Dickey, SSCh, will share their vocation stories with us here in the lower church at 3 PM. This year has been dedicated to "Consecrated Life," that is, to those women and men in the Church who choose to take three vows, those of poverty, chastity and obedience. Both Sr. Conyers and Sr. Dickie have had long and varied careers in their religious communities. You will learn about the Church in India and France when you listen to them because they have worked in these countries. They will also share with you their hopes for the future of religious life.

The Catholic Church in this country was built in great part on the labors of "religious." Think of all the schools (Grammar, High schools, Colleges and Universities) and hospitals women and men religious established in our country. Diocesan priests are the bread of the parish church, but these other kinds of work have been the domain of religious men and women. The question is: "How can we encourage young men and women today to accept this way of life?" Some may say that the great number of religious in our church in the last few centuries was an exception, and now it is time for the lay men and women to step up to the plate. That may be true. But no one can deny the extraordinary contribution religious women and men have made to the Church.

Fr. Finnegan, S. J.

Please read attached letter from our Bishop and let us unite in prayer this Lenten season for our suffering fellow Christians.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,299.00
Loose Money	\$ 283.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of March 8, 2015

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

"It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look".

~St. Francis of Assisi

Announcements



2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL PRAYER

"FAITH AND GOOD WORKS" Our Lady of Providence, Patroness of the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal -

Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and we seek your assistance as we begin our Annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love; help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn to the Church in their time of need. Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve. Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son's command to "Love one another as I have loved you." Now filled with hope and confidence we pray: "Hail Mary, full of grace..."

Case Statement for the Appeal - The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.

VIENNA AND THE PEACE & PLANET MOBILIZATION

Pax Christi R.I. and AFSC-SENE invite you to the St. Anthony Parish Center on Thursday, March 12 at 7PM to gather in support of building a nuclear free, peaceful, just, and sustainable world. Guest Speaker will be Joseph Gerson, delegate to the recent Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons and author of *Empire and the Bomb*. He will share his experience and expertise as a leader and bridge-builder in the world peace and nuclear weapons abolition movements. If you believe a nuclear free world would be a more peaceful world, come and bring friends. **Where:** St. Anthony Parish Center, 1413 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence, RI. **When:** Thursday, March 12, at 7:PM.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT - Fr. Bill Mason, OMI, will offer a Holy Week Retreat - "Sacred Time and Sacred Meaning," beginning on April 1 and concluding on April 4, Holy Saturday, after lunch. The retreat will include the services of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Retreat fee \$250 per person. Call (860) 423-8484 to register.

SENIOR RENEWAL DAY - Fr. Roger Couture, OMI invites all seniors to join him for this year's series on the Parable. The next session - "*Parable of the Tenants*" is on Wednesday, March 18 from 9AM to 1PM. Fee is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Call (860) 423-8484 to register.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT - "*Sacred Movement: Sacred Moment*" is the theme of this wonderful week-end experience to which married couples are invited. From March 13 - 15. The weekend is facilitated by three married couples and Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI. Retreat fee is \$340 per couple. Grace is unlimited but space is limited, so register early at (860) 423-8484.

The above three retreats are held at Immaculata Retreat House, 289 Windham Road, Willimantic, CT 06226.

FISH & CHIPS - St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, will be offering Fish and Chips and/or baked fish every Friday beginning February 20 through March 27 from noon until 7PM. Large Fish & Chips \$10. Small order \$6. Baked Fish \$11.

EVANGELICAL PASTOR BECOMES CATHOLIC

Ken Hensley, former Baptist minister and classmate of Scott Hahn, will be at St. Pius V Church, Providence to give his Catholic conversion story. His talk is called, "Evangelical Pastor Becomes Catholic." Ken Hensley is one of the best Catholic apologists in the country and has recently co-authored a book with Patrick Madrid titled, "The Godless Delusion," a response to Richard Dawkins' book, "The God Delusion." Ken attended Protestant seminary with Scott Hahn and his conversion story started when one of his parishioners asked him to listen to a tape by a Catholic apologist named...Scott Hahn. Please welcome Ken to our Diocese on Thursday, March 19 at 7PM at St. Pius V, 55 Elmhurst Avenue, in Providence. This is a free event and ALL are welcome. Please consider inviting family and friends who may be outside the Church. For more info, contact Tyler Rowley, (401) 290-7201 or email him at t3rowley@gmail.com

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Bishop Ricken offers 10 Things to Remember for Lent

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 Sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him. (See next week's bulletin for more.)

THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

In the **First Reading**, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (**Mt 5-7**), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you interpret the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the **Gospel**, Christ uses a whip to drive the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this, he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives the moneychangers out of the Temple. If he had turned the other cheek to the money changers, he would have been an enabler of their evil. But it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching *for us* (*Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio*). Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself. And so God, who lacks for nothing, is glad to have the gift of our sacrifices, not because he gets something great from them, but because we do.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, 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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