

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

March 10, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.

Luke 15: 23-24

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil 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 March 9	4:00 pm	Rose and Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday March 10	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Isabelle Bessette Brazilian Mass	By Theresa Anzelone
Monday March 11			
Tuesday March 12	9:00 am	Isabelle Bessette	By Theresa Anzelone
Wednesday March 13	9:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	By Butch Rich
Thursday March 14	9:00 am	Aldo Rossi & family	By his sisters
Friday March 15	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday March 16	4:00 pm	Mary Flood (Birthday Remembrance)	By Tom & Anne Flood
Sunday March 17	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Germain Dufresne Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass	By Ray & Norm Blanchette

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

For Week of March 10, 2013

- 10 SUN** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 11 Mon** Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- 12 Tue** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- 13 Wed** Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- 14 Thu** Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- 15 Fri** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- 16 Sat** Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- 17 SUN** Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 /Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy graces flow out upon the world....I desire that your heart be an abiding place of My mercy. I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world through your heart.

~ from the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____ \$ 4,314.00
 Loose Money _____ 400.00

Total \$4,714.00

thank you

Notes from the Pastor

Brother Clifford King, CS, is being presented by the Diocese of Providence with the St. Timothy Award for Catholic Youth Ministry. Brother King lives in our parish on Earle St., the former convent of the Sisters of Mercy, with the other Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and is part of our liturgical servers at the weekend Masses. At Mount Saint Charles he is in charge of the religious education department. We congratulate him on his well-deserved award. May the Lord bless him with many more years of service to the religious education of the youth of our city!

Next weekend will be our annual St. Patrick's Dinner. As usual, we will be entertained by Celtic dancers from the Boston area. This year there is an added Italian touch to our Irish Dinner. It is in honor of St. Joseph whose feast day is the 19th of March. Our chef, Richard Angelini, is Italian, but the second Italian touch this year will be the dessert: zeppole. Please come and enjoy our new dessert with us.

All eyes are on Rome. Many talk about a "crisis" in the church, and they may not be exaggerating. There is the crisis within the Vatican offices symbolized by the theft of papers from the pope's desk by the papal butler, and there is the continuing scandal of pedophilia in the clergy. Let us pray for our church and especially for the cardinals as they begin the process of electing a successor to Benedict XVI. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their deliberations, and may there be better days ahead for us all!



THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."



Jesus,
are you a prodigal son?
Did you waste
your life
on us?
Or

God, are you
the prodigal father,
overflowing with love,

who runs to meet us, embraces,

and kisses us, killing the fatted calf for us?

Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father and Prodigal Holy Spirit,
we are filled with awe and wonder at the love you squander on us.

... especially **Charlie Bowers, Charles DiCristoforo, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, 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**, 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 **Second Collection** this weekend is for the flowers that will decorate our sanctuary at Easter.



Our annual **SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER** will be this coming Saturday, March 16 following the 4 PM Mass. Tickets (\$15 Adults \$7 for children under 10) are available after weekend Masses or at rectory during office hours (Mon. Tues. and Thurs.)

2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL CONTINUES—

Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal helps to fund our 39 diocesan ministries that provide comfort to our sisters & brothers in Christ. Please be generous.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED... SAINT JAMES CHURCH, 33 Division Street, Manville will be hosting **GLORIFY: Praise & Worship** on Monday, March 18 at 6:30PM at St. James Church. "Glorify" is centered around Eucharistic Adoration and engaging faith-filled music. Each "Glorify" evening has a unique theme, music, a guest speaker, and culminates with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. March 18th Guest Speaker is Father Michael Najim.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION at St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 13, and 14, from 7 to 8:15PM Fr. Hyacinth Marie Cordell, O.P., Associate Pastor of St. Pius V Church in Providence, will conduct the Mission entitled "God's Vision for Us." Mass will be celebrated each evening. For more info please call (401)766-0626.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES - 7PM followed by collation.

Thurs. March 7 St. James Baptist Church, 340 South Main Street

Thurs. March 14 Polish National Catholic Church, 500 Smithfield Road, Woonsocket

Thurs. March 21 here at St. Charles. **Please join us!**

HOLY WEEK RETREAT: "LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR YOU." *Hosea 14:1-9 Anna Rae-Kelly, OCDS.* The 3 sessions will begin Palm Sunday, 3/24 4—5PM, Mon. 3/25, 7:15—8:15PM, Tues. 3/26 7—8:15PM. The Holy Spirit will be our Guide as we walk with Our Blessed Mother toward the Passion of the Savior. We will be instructed in our faith through the documents of Vatican II: Lumen Genium, Veritas Splendor as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church

AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, MUSIC, PRAISE AND WORSHIP - with Fr. Francis Hoffman on Sunday, March 17 at 7:15PM at St. Brendan Church, 55 Turner Avenue, East Providence. Celebrating the 1st birthday of new Providence station, 550AM. Bring your heart. Jesus will be there.

DONATIONS NEEDED - Diapers, Baby Wipes, non-perishable food items. Boy Scouts of America in conjunction with Family Resources Community Action empowers families and individuals to achieve their potential to become productive citizens. Through its programs, advocacy and collaborative initiatives, families and individuals will have their basic needs met and develop the capacity to become fully functioning human beings and members of society. Please deposit your donations in marked box on the bench in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

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, 2013 from 10 to 11:30 AM **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.

LENTEN MINI-SERIES at LaSalette in Attleboro - Saturdays at 10:30 AM in the Welcome Center. Join us to enhance your faith and bring you closer to our Savior.

"He was lost, and has been found."

We all know the story of the Prodigal Son, this weekend's Gospel reading from Luke. Consider what the Catechism tells us about God's mercy and forgiveness: Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life "for the forgiveness of sins."

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

COWERING

Dogs hang their heads and grovel when they are scolded, wheedling their way back into good graces. Instinct is wonderful. To us humans it looks as if they are saying, "I'm really, really sorry for what I did and please, please, please forgive me. To make up for it, I will do any base thing you want."

Poor dog.

And poor prodigal son in this week's Gospel. Happy as your pet dog up on the Easter table, he spent his father's money on riotous living in a far away country. Obviously he would run out of wealth but was having too much fun to notice. Worse, terrible famine hit the country. This once pampered youth now had to feed somebody's herd of pigs. Now he would be happy to gobble those swine husks.

It took a while for the truth to get through to him, what he had done to himself and to his family. He did notice that he was starving. He made a forced but perhaps humble decision to go back to his father and ask for mercy. He was hanging his head just like dogs do. "Please, please, please forgive me."

Imagine him dragging down the dusty road to his father's estate, practicing his speech over and over.

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

I no longer deserve to be called your son;

treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

He would "grovel and do any base thing needed". He would start by admitting the sins he was so embarrassed about.

You and I have fear too. Often we are terrified for anyone to know our faults. We think God will respond with rage against us if he finds our sins. So we make Lenten "firm purposes of amendment," New Year's promises or whatever else. We want to be "worthy" before God, with our sins hidden.

But pay very close attention to the young man's father in the parable. He spots his prodigal son still memorizing his lines, far down the road. Does the father fold his arms and put on an angry face? Not at all. He sets out running. See them meet, enveloped by the thirsty road-dust. The father embraces and kisses his son. The boy tries to blunder out his lines.

"I have sinned terribly! I am no longer worthy of . . ."

His father drowns him out calling for the finest robe in the house, a ring for the young man's finger, sandals for his feet, and a huge banquet of celebration. He understands. He is ecstatic that his son came home.

Apply that now to you and me. Our own shame says, "Father, I am a no good. I am totally unworthy." We assume God is angry.

"I know what you have done, child," says God. "You needn't cower. You are precious to me, and not because you never sin. Come, come, have back your brothers, sisters, neighbors and, most of all, your Father. Let me hug you."

Because he holds us so close to his heart, God is most willing to absorb the losses we inflict. Even if we were to join forces with evil in the world, God would wait and pray and welcome us back, sins and all, with open arms.

By the way, notice that Jesus' arms are wide open on the cross.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.