

Saint Charles Borromeo

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Fifth 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 12	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette by Paulette & Richard Angelini
Sunday, March 13	9AM - Leo McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin
Tuesday, March 15	9AM - Albina Trinke by Lucille, Nel & Maggie
Wed., March 16	9AM - Jean M. Cremen by friends
Thursday, March 17	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, March 18	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family by his sisters
Saturday March 19	4PM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Sunday, March 20	9AM - Mary Flood by daughter-in-law, Anne



In the quiet life of our parish the little buzz that we had last week is now past. On Tuesday, the first of March, Sr. Janice Farnham, RJM, gave a very interesting talk about the nuns who first came to New England in the middle of the nineteenth century. The Mercies were the first group to come to Rhode Island, arriving in Providence in the 1850s. I am not sure when they came north to St. Charles to staff our parish school. Certainly they were here by the 1870s. These women often met hatred from the Protestant population who resented the coming of Catholics to their Protestant cities. You may remember that a convent in Charlestown, MA, was burnt to the ground. But the sisters were not scared away. They stayed and taught and taught. The result was that Catholics, in two or three generations, became successful in the larger society, culminating in the election of John F. Kennedy as president in 1960. But success does not always mean fidelity to one's religious roots. That is what we see today. Only God knows what we as a church here in the USA will be like in the future. However, one thing is clear. We will not be predominantly an Irish or French or Italian or Polish church. We will be predominantly a Latino church. We have our first pope from South America. Both our church and our country will be more southern in its mores and complexion. So a new day. We from the northern countries must make room for our sisters and brothers from the south. Did you know that a small group of Brazilian Catholics celebrate Mass in our church on Sundays at noon? So the new wave has already hit the shore of our old Irish parish.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,890.00
Loose Money	\$ 262.00
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	\$ 2,152.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of March 13, 2016

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56

"Trust in His timing; Rely on His promises; Wait for his answers; Rejoice in His goodness; Relax in His presence."

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



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

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for Easter Flowers.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl. Envelopes are in the pews. It will also be time to return the Rice Bowls next weekend. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL is still going on. Our parish goal this year is \$26,500. With not quite 14% participation thus far, we have reached \$11,100 - 41.89% of our goal. 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.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the palm procession before the 4 PM Mass Saturday or the 9AM Mass Sunday which will begin in the parish hall, weather permitting. For those unable to begin in the lower church, palms will be available in the church vestibule.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PARISH CENTER 3rd Avenue and Olo Street, Woonsocket is hosting a **CARD PARTY** on Sunday, April 3 from 1 to 3 PM. Tickets \$5 each; bring your cards. Free refreshments and door prizes. Plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. For more info call Deanna at 766-3055 or Pauline at 767-2023.

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.

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, munoz@dioceseofprovidence.org

FAMILY VOCATION DAY on Saturday, April 16th at Ss. John and Paul Church in Coventry.

Join families from around the Diocese for a day of prayer and reflection on vocation. Families will have an opportunity to hear witness stories from priests, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians. Entertainment and free lunch is included. The day will also include the celebration of Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration will begin in the parish hall of Ss. John and Paul parish at 9AM and the day will conclude at 3:30PM. This will be a wonderful day for families to come together for prayer and discernment of God's call in our lives. Please RSVP with Father Murphy, assistant director of vocations by emailing him at FatherCJM@gmail.com or calling the office of vocations at (401)3311-1316.



CAUGHT AND SHAMED

In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to keep it themselves. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her.

And so, by his justice for her and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

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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