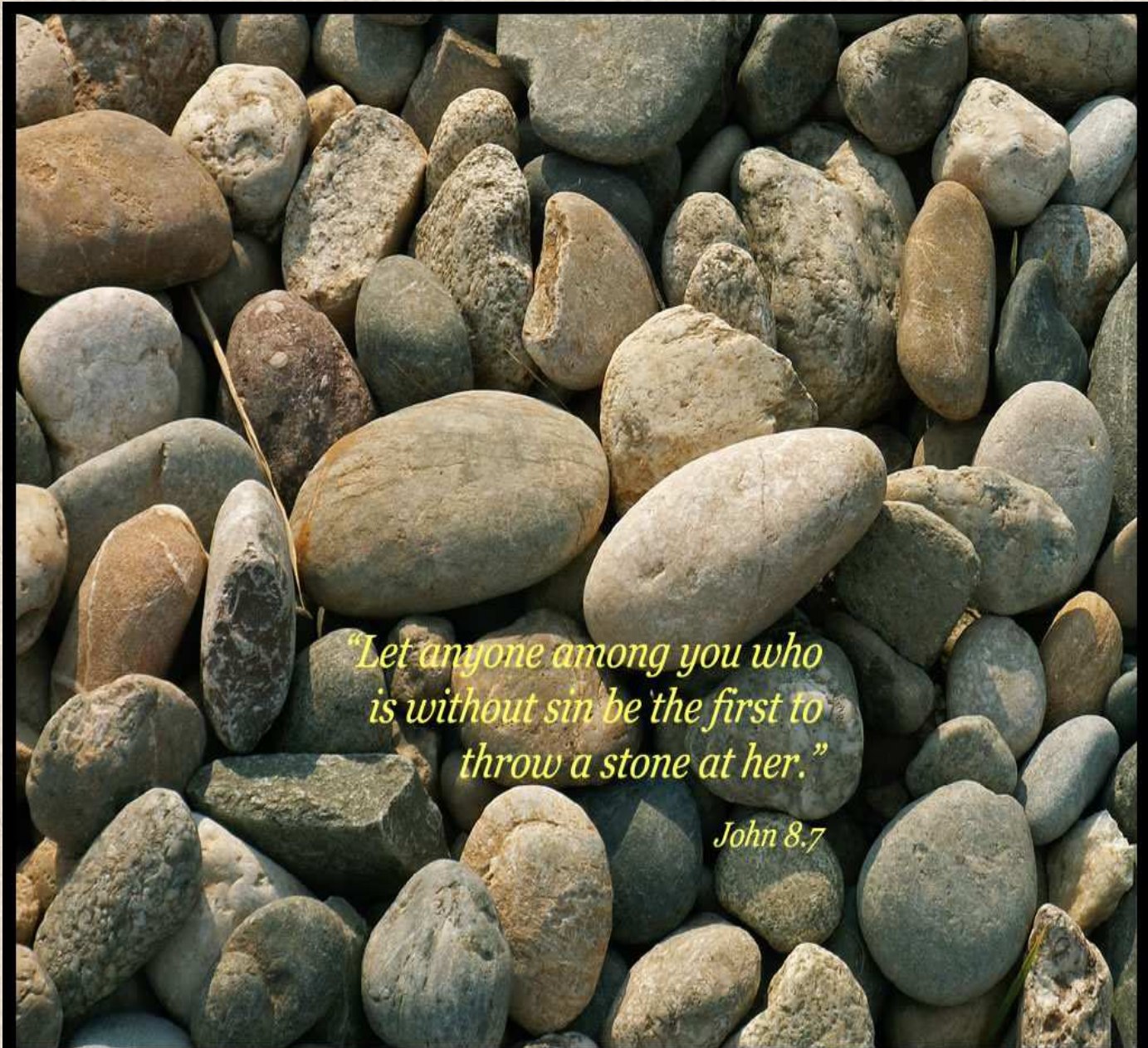


SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH
190 NORTH MAIN STREET
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND
March 17, 2013
Fifth Sunday of Lent



*"Let anyone among you who
is without sin be the first to
throw a stone at her."*

John 8.7

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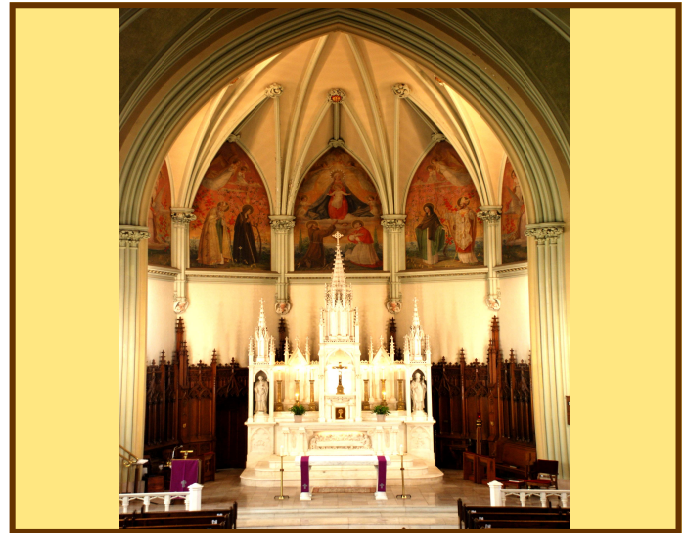
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Mass Schedule

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 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
Monday March 18			
Tuesday March 19	9:00 am	Albina Trinque (5th Anniversary)	By her children, Lucille, Nel and Maggie
Wednesday March 20	9:00 am	Joseph & Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Thursday March 21	9:00 am	Mary P. Bowers	By her husband Charles and family
Friday March 22	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday March 23	4:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners	
Sunday March 24	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	The Kennedy & Shiel families Germain Dufresne Brazilian Mass	By the families 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 the week of March 17

- 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
- 18 **Mon** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
- 19 **Tue** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- 20 **Wed** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- 21 **Thu** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- 22 **Fri** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- 23 **Sat** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- 24 **SUN** Lk 19:28-40 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



“One with a spirit of joy preaches without preaching.”
~Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 3,026.00
Loose Money _____	309.00
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Total	\$3,335.00



thank you



Notes from the Pastor

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Someone asked what the connection is between St. Joseph and our having zeppole for dessert at our dinner this year. Was St. Joseph Italian? The connection is part of my history at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Since the university is named in his honor, there was always a celebration on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, and part of the celebration was the presentation of delicious Italian pastries at a table called St. Joseph's Table. And the celebration was just two days after St. Patrick's Day. So proximity grew into unity, at least in my mind. In any case, it is a definite plus to add a delicious Italian dessert to our corned beef and cabbage dinner.

It is Tuesday as I write this, the first day of the conclave in which a new pope will be elected. On the radio this morning someone asked who, besides Benedict XVI who gave his last address in Latin, still speaks Latin. Many members of the Roman Curia still do, I suspect, and all of us are learning a Latin word these days. It is *murmuratio*, from which we get our English word murmur and other related words such a rumor. In the context of the conclave it means that the cardinals talk with each other about the possible candidates for the papal office. Let us hope that their murmuring produces the right person for the job. Rumor has it that there are two concerns. The first is for someone who can deal with the Roman Curia. The second is for someone who can be a good shepherd. Let us hope that the cardinals find someone who has both these qualities. And so we keep praying as the murmuring continues. But by the time you read these words it will have ceased and we will have a pope. Or, as the Latin has it, *habemus papam*.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

"Remember not the events of the past. See, I am doing something new!"



You are the Father's gift,
always present,
always
new.

You are cool water
for our dried-out,
everyday
lives.
Help us
drink deeply.

... 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



Next weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services/ Operation Rice Bowl. Poor communities often do not have access to clean water, CRS helps communities build water pumps so they can have clean water nearby for use at home and on farms. This week, consider fasting from all beverages except for water, and donate what you saved to your Rice Bowl.

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. "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.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICES - 7PM followed by collation. This Thursday, March 21—St Charles is hosting the prayer service. **Please join us!**

LA SALETTE 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 7:15—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

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.

There is a place...HELPLINE 1 800 272 3900 where you can ask about Alzheimer's disease 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The Alzheimer's Association provides support and information on Alzheimer's disease with our 24/7 Helpline. Our staff can help you find the information you need. If you or a family member or friend has Alzheimer's disease or dementia, we can help you. We also help health care professionals link to treatment information. See flyer on bulletin board.

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.

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.

Make a 3 day weekend a lifetime memory! Volunteer on Staten Island New Your: help in the rebuilding after Super Storm Sandy, 2 days of volunteering and 1 day of interactive exploring in lower Manhattan!

This April 12 to 15, Friday evening thru Monday we will travel to Staten Island on Friday evening, work Saturday, Sunday and explore Monday taking the Ferry to Lower Manhattan before traveling home. Cost: \$100 plus meals and own travel or \$150 plus meals, this includes group travel from the Boston area. Lodging is in a local retreat center and our meals will be at local eating establishments, you will be provided work "T" shirts, group photo and evening reflection and prayer and a day of interactive sightseeing in Lower Manhattan. Sign-up by calling Vacations That Give at (508) 736-5523 or on-line at www.vacationthatgive.org.

Raffle Tickets available to support local programs— Win \$1,000, \$250, \$50. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Drawing on May 4, at Alzheimer's Association Unforgettable Gala & Auction "Kentucky Derby Day, Wanaquoisett Country Club, 96 Hoyt Ave, Rumford, RI.

1 (800) 272-3900. No need to be present to win.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

CAUGHT!

It is a scene from a nightmare. Yet it turns out well.

Let's pretend that we are the woman in Sunday's Gospel. We have been "caught in adultery." The officials shove us into a mob of people.

They see our hot shame and how it burns. They recite the ancient law of Moses: "The sacred law says you must be stoned to death for your crime."

Stoned to death! Humiliation is bad enough! The sin is bad enough. Oh no!

There was a man everyone called the "Teacher." He had been captivating the crowd just before we were dragged in. Now we (= the woman) have become the center of attention. The nightmare gets worse.

But there is more. By means of our humiliation the accusers want to trap the Teacher and disgrace him. They are using us for this purpose. Now we see that our devastation is a mere tool!

They question the Teacher. Doesn't he agree we should be stoned to death? They have him in the snare, this "teacher," this dreamer who always preaches about forgiveness and love. If he defends you for the sake of his so-called love, he will break the law of Moses! If he does not defend you, he must follow the law, pick up a stone and throw it.

Teacher leans down and scratches absent-mindedly in the dirt. People hold their breath, and the accusers worry. Why is he silent and what will he say? Now they themselves have some nerves of their own.

Let us figure out his answer. It could be that the Teacher is thinking something like this:

For "Father" he uses an Arabic word that expresses both familiarity and respect, "Abba." He prays, "My Abba has loved each of them through all ages, no matter whether they were sinners or not. 'Be my people,' Abba always begged them. 'Love one another. I love you, and I forgive your sins.' But hatred is their motto, not love. They want death to happen."

They shout again. "What is your answer? Shall we follow the law and stone this sinful woman?" Remember, we are that woman, and we stand in humiliation, cheeks hot and tears falling. Our heart says, in terror, "the accusers are right!"

But the teacher lifts his head. He utters a sentence that sums up the Gospel and all of Lent.

"Let the one among you who is without sin throw the first stone."

The crowd creeps away quietly, submerged in their own consciences. Now we stand alone before this quiet Teacher, and our terror has vanished. There is something about him that carries us, brings us out to solid ground.

"Well, where are they," he asks. "Has no one condemned you?" We say, "No one, sir." He also asks, "Do you condemn yourself?"

We, the woman, spend a long time on this answer, because it is so very hard. Finally we whisper, "I do not want to condemn myself, Teacher."

"Neither do I condemn you," answers Jesus. "Go and sin no more."

This scene could refashion the whole earth. If we could each accept our own sinfulness as well as the forgiveness that surrounds it, we would have peace. We would drink in compassion from God, who has been there all along, tracing in the sand.

We stammer at last, "I believe, Lord. Help my unbelief."

Fr. John Foley, S. J.