

Saint Charles Borromeo

March 19, 2017
Third Sunday
of Lent



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

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

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| Saturday, March 18 | 4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles |
| Sunday, March 19 | 9AM - Fritz Page by John and Sharon O'Hearne |
| Tuesday, March 21 | 9AM - Mass of the Day |
| Wednesday, March 22 | 9AM - Mass of the Day |
| Thursday, March 23 | 9AM - Mass of the Day |
| Friday, March 24 | 9AM - Lucille Blake |
| Saturday, March 25 | 4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles |
| Sunday, March 26 | 9AM - Olivette Godin (2nd Anniversary) by Sue, Nel and Sandy |

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 1-11

Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, she completely misunderstood what Jesus was really asking: to understand the "gift of God" already given to her. What he was offering her was the gift of his very Self: the living water that would lead her from chance meeting to divine encounter, from being a woman who attempts to deceive Jesus to becoming one who gives true testimony to "the Christ," from her expectation of the Messiah to her belief that the "savior of the world" has come. True encounters with Jesus never leave anyone the same.

Connecting the Gospel

To the Second Reading:

The Second Reading spells out explicitly what the "gift of God" is: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." The Holy Spirit empowers us to recognize Jesus for who he is and be changed by him.

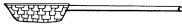
To Experience:

How often in daily life do we simply "talk at" one another! Genuine conversation is harder work, but it opens up encounter with the other and brings life-giving transformation. In fact, transforming encounters with others are encounters with Jesus.

Last Weekend's Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$ 1,247.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 209.00 |
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*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of March 19, 2017

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| Sunday: | Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 |
| Monday: | 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 |
| Tuesday: | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday: | Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday: | Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34 |
| Saturday: | Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Next Sunday: | 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 |

"Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn't do it by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.

~Pope Francis

Announcements



SAINT PATRICK'S DINNER Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to organize our St. Patrick's dinner, and to all the guests who joined us in the celebration. Special thanks to the great clean-up crew who stayed to clear tables, stow them away and leave the hall ready for the next Mass. Your work is truly appreciated!

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS - on Saturday, March 25th from 8AM to 3:30PM at St. Joseph's Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. There will be written instruction provided; signs showing you where to wait; both screen and face-to-face options available; two to four priests at all times; volunteers available to answer your questions. *Pope Francis on Confession "It is important, when we feel the weight of our sin to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Someone might say: "But I'm afraid that the priest will chastise me". No, the priest will not chastise you. Do you know who you will encounter in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? You will encounter Jesus who pardons you" Jesus is waiting for you there; and this is a Sacrament that makes the whole Church grow."*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2017 LENTEN CAMPAIGN - The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning Wednesday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, April 9. We are requesting parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for prayer at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence or the Women's Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad Street, Cranston during this 40 day period. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and post-abortion ministries, contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 421-7833 Ext. 218.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES 2017 - The Christian Churches of Woonsocket area will again offer Ecumenical Lenten Services on Thursday evenings at 7PM. Local residents are invited to gather for song, Scripture, sermon, and prayer. This week's service (Thurs. 3/16) will be held at the Slatersville Congregational Church, 25 Greene Street, North Smithfield. The Guest Preacher will be Pastor Ed Sproul from St. Mark Lutheran Church

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CATHEDRAL LENTEN MISSION - "*The Last Words of Christ from the Cross*" at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Fenner Street, Providence, on Monday, March 27th

through Wednesday, March 29th at 7 PM each evening. Mission Preachers are Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini and Rev. Peter Mongeon. Holy Mass will be celebrated each evening and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 6PM. For further information please call the Cathedral Office at (401) 331-2434.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL - Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's Catholic Charity Appeal either by mail or at last weekend's in-pew collection. Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift!

THEOLOGICAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND JEWS *NOSTRA AETATE 50 YEARS LATER*

The Future of Jewish - Catholic Dialogue: How Global, Internal, and Interfaith Dynamics will Shape the Road Ahead **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, D.D and Rev. Dennis McManus, Ph.D.** on Wednesday, March 22 at 7PM at '64 Hall, Providence College RSVP online at prov.ly/pc-exchange Questions? Call (401) 865-2274 or email mmcneil4.ga@providence.edu

"AGING WITH GRACE" a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held Wednesday, April 5th, at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA, from 10AM - 12:30PM. (Coffee at 9:30AM) Cost \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net

MEN'S CONFERENCE - Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence "Are You in a Battle? Draw Your Strength from the Lord" on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 8:30AM to 3PM. Keynote Speakers: Ken Yasinski and Fr. Matthew Williams. The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin and will include inspiring talks, live music, prayer, morning coffee, and lunch catered by Vanda Ravioli. The Men's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and McVinney Auditorium. For more info and to register, please visit discovecatholicfaith.org/mens-conference or call The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at (401) 278-4646. Deadline to register is April 22nd.

One of our parishioners, Jonathan Piette, will be robed as a Benedictine monk on Monday, March 20th. If you would like to send him a note of support, his address is:

Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

SOFTENING THE HEART

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Samaritan woman "living water which shall become a fountain within her, leaping up to provide eternal life." The liturgy on this Lenten Sunday places Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock of Horeb.

The Responsorial Psalm 95 refers both to the "Rock of our salvation" and also to hardened hearts. On the one hand, there is the Rock from which the water of eternal life flows (God). On the other hand, there are rocks (our hearts) which we seek to soften in Lent by "prayer, fasting and works of mercy."

We believe, with Paul, that "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit." That love of God should make us a forgiving people, one that enables the world to "be brought together in unity and peace."

Our goal is to "harden not our hearts:" to be concerned for the poor and suffering, to forgive the criminal, to welcome the stranger, to love our enemies.

"If only you recognized God's gift ... "

By becoming for people a model of merciful love for others, Christ proclaims by his actions even more than by his words that call to mercy which is one of the essential elements of the gospel ethos.

In this instance it is not just a case of fulfilling a commandment or an obligation of an ethical nature: it is also a case of satisfying a condition of major importance for God to reveal himself in his mercy to man: "The merciful ... shall obtain mercy."

Pope John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia, 1980: 3

Gerald Darring

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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