

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
190 NORTH MAIN STREET  
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

March 24 2013

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and  
glory in the highest.”

Luke 19:38

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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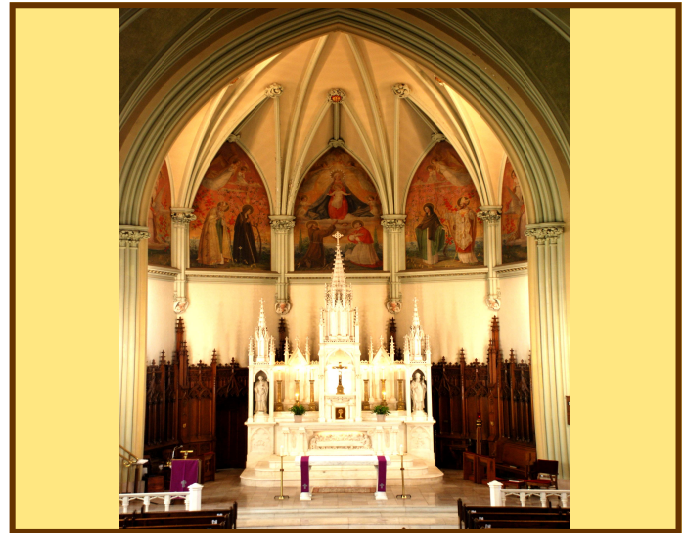
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## Mass Schedule

### 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 23	4:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners</b>	
Sunday March 24	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Kennedy and Shiel Families Germain Dufresne Brazilian Mass</b>	By the families By Ray & Norm Blanchette
Monday March 25			
Tuesday March 26	9:00 am	<b>Paul "Zeb" Rich</b>	By Butch Rich
Wednesday March 27	9:00 am	<b>Mary Dailey - Parish Benefactor</b>	By the parish
Thursday March 28	7:00 pm	<b>Holy Thursday - Chrism Mass</b>	
Friday March 29	3:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	
Saturday March 30	8:00 pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	
Sunday March 31	10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	

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 24

- 24 SUN** Lk 19:28-40 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49
- 25 Mon** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 26 Tue** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 27 Wed** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 28 Thu** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- 29 Fri** Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- 30 Sat** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
- 31 SUN** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b- 8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

*"The Church is a perpetual construction site."*

~Cardinal Henri de Lubac

**Your kind contributions received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2,432.00  
Loose Money \_\_\_\_\_ 389.00

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**Total** **\$2,821.00**

**thank you**

# Notes from the Pastor

We have celebrated St. Patrick once again with an especially delicious dinner and dessert. Thanks to all of you who came to celebrate with us. Thanks too for those who did all the work. At one point it seemed as though the men, Richard Angelini and Richard Monteiro, were the main chefs (and that may be the truth) but their wives Paulette and Debbie, and the Monteiro daughters Arianne and Allyson, were very much part of the effort as well. Then there were those who bought and prepared the food (Jackie Hill prepared the onions) and those who set up the tables and served the dinner. Nor can we forget Leo Shiel who helped in the kitchen and once again made sure that our Irish dancers appeared. Many, many thanks to all of you.

We have a new pope. May God bless him in his new position! As Bishop Tobin said, it is spring in the church because there are so many new beginnings at this moment: the first pope from America, the first Jesuit pope, and the first pope to take the name Francis in honor of Francis of Assisi. It seems that the Pope chose this name because he sees Francis of Assisi as one who embodied in his life a simple life-style, a care for the poor and a care for nature. Thus we can hope that Pope Francis will embody these same values in his pontificate. We, of course, should follow his example by embodying these same values and virtues in our own lives.



## THE GOSPEL

Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or 23:1-49

*“Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit.”*



Christ,  
we have seen  
how much you love us,  
setting your face like flint toward Jerusalem,  
giving your body up to the whips,  
your face to the  
slaps.

With your last breath  
you showed us  
how to  
live.

*“into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit.”*

Help us be truly present  
at your cross  
all our  
days.

... especially **Charlie Bowers, Charles DiCristoforo, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Lauri Luzzi, Robert Lachance, 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 **Paul Kogut, Pauline Pirzynski, 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.



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Calendar of Events



*Holy Week Schedule*

Palm Sunday Procession from lower church to main church preceding 10AM Mass

Holy Thursday 7:00PM Service  
Adoration following the service in lower church until 10PM

Good Friday Church doors open at 12 Noon  
Service 3:00PM  
Stations 7:00PM

Easter Vigil 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 10:AM Mass  
(Please note: No 7:30 AM Mass on Easter).

**This weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services/ Operation Rice Bowl.** The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection supports and strives to protect women, children, and families. The Collection funds six Catholic agencies that help women and children by providing basic humanitarian aid and life skills training to those in need, protect victims of human trafficking all over the world, advocate for policies that strengthen families abroad, and resettle and welcome refugees forced from their homes.

**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.

**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

**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.vacationsthatgive.org](http://www.vacationsthatgive.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, Wannamoisett Country Club, 96 Hoyt Ave, Rumford, RI.

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

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

### WHAT KIND OF KING?

In history there were two kinds of kings. One kind enjoyed power, wealth, pride and especially war, leaving little room for the people's welfare. At the other end of the spectrum was a king or queen who had empathetic care for each person, for the well-being of the populace.

Early on, King Arthur of England was slated to be the good kind of ruler, not the power monger. As you may know, Merlin the magician\* had actually kidnapped the baby Arthur from his father's great castle and had taken him far away to a bedraggled court, a place where Merlin could train him to know the small and modest beings of the world around him.

The rest of that story remains for another day, but it is interesting to note that nearly the same thing happened to Jesus. He wasn't kidnapped of course, but he was brought up in quite unpretentious circumstances, and he loved the small and beautiful parts of his dusty childhood.

Startling fact: this Sunday Jesus enters Jerusalem in a proud and kingly manner! He receives the pomp and glory of power. Has he changed into the bad kind of king?

The liturgy shows the answer, but we need some history first. The custom in Jesus' day was for royalty to ride a colt, or as it is often translated, donkey. This was not supposed to be a sign of humility but of royal status. To honor the kingly person, people lined up on the sides of the roadway, strewing the tall palm fronds they had picked, and also their own cloaks, onto the roadway, to shield the King from the dirty road.

Jesus did not shy away from these mighty honors; in fact he caused them to happen. He sent disciples to get the colt. He chose to ride it. He entered Jerusalem as a Savior King. The Palm branches distributed to us on Palm/Passion Sunday are a reminder of this.

Jesus had always been very wary of this kind of treatment. He had warned the disciples not to tell anyone about the miracles he was doing, so that he would not become a celebrity. So, why the exception in this case?

Look at the liturgy. We have a special opening procession in Sunday's Mass to act out the above story. But very soon we hear, not homage, but horrors, in Christ's Passion from the Gospel of Luke. Suddenly this honored, great king is betrayed. Peter the Rock, who promised never to deny him, does exactly that, three times. Jesus says out loud that he, Jesus, must be "counted among the wicked" (Luke 22:37, quoting Isaiah 53:12).

He sweats blood in the garden and then gives himself over into the devil's hands, saying, in effect, "This is your hour, time for your darkness." A mock trial follows, and the alleged king joins simple thieves in a bloody death. Those strewn palms had been a mistake. There was no king here after all.

Or was there? All leadership has service at its root. The reason for kingship is not dominance, riches, honor or power. These are siren calls to entice the leader into betrayal. Kingship and all leadership exist in order to secure the welfare of the kingdom and especially the welfare of those who are in it.

Jesus came to bring this kind of kingdom, one of service and humility, not of pride and competition. The way of the cross was the greatest fulfillment of his kingship, as opposed to cheering and accolades.

A new kind of king.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.