

# Saint Charles Borromeo

March 26, 2017  
Fourth 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

Saturday, March 25	4PM - Donna Marie Doherty (40th Ann.) by her parents
Sunday, March 26	9AM - Olivette Godin (2nd Ann.) by Sue, Nel and Sandy Godin
Tuesday, March 28	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, March 29	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, March 30	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, March 31	9AM - In Thanksgiving for favor obtained by Lucienne Cote
Saturday, April 1	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, April 2	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles

## THE GOSPEL

John 9: 1-41

### Focusing the Gospel

*To the point:*

In making clay from his own saliva and smearing it on the blind man's eyes, Jesus re-creates the man by transferring something of his own being to the man. The man is anointed by Jesus as "I am" and comes to be a stalwart, believing disciple. Not even the powerful Pharisees can sway him from his testimony to the work of Jesus in him. In baptism we, too, encounter Jesus and become a new creation in him. Are we as stalwart and believing as the blind man?

### Connecting the Gospel

*To the First and Second Readings:*

By Samuel's anointing, David is re-created from shepherd to king. By Jesus' anointing, the blind man is re-created from unseeing to believing. By our baptism, we are re-created from doing "fruitless works of darkness" to being "children of light."

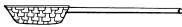
*To Experience:*

When we are young, we flip-flop about who we are. Only time and experience grant us the wisdom of knowing with sureness who we have grown to become. This sureness enables us to be stalwart in our values and beliefs.

## Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,527.00
Loose Money	\$ 231.00
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*Thank  
you*



### Scripture for the week of March 26, 2017

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

*"Let us trust in Him who has placed this burden on us. What we ourselves cannot bear, let us bear with the help of Christ.. For He is all powerful, and He tells us: "My yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

*~St. Boniface*

*Take a moment to gently lift up a prayer of gratitude to the Lord and all those people, that He sends, who help you carry your burdens in life.*

# Announcements



**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** will be for Easter Flowers.

**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. 3/23) will be held at the St. James Baptist Church, 340 South Main Street in Woonsocket. Pastor - Rev. Dr. Sammy Vaughn.

**CATHOLIC HOME STUDY FAITH ENRICHMENT COURSES** are available online. Easy, engaging style, at your own pace, no cost, no obligation. Choose from 9 titles such as, Catholic Catechism, Christ's Mother and Ours, We Pray ... Enroll online at: [catholichomestudy.org](http://catholichomestudy.org)

**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 Ap-

peal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift! If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Catholic Charity Fund.

At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,680 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

**"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](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net) The topic of "aging" is not necessarily one that many want to talk or even think about. However, we are fortunate to keep growing older when we consider the alternative! What if we thought of aging as something good and enjoyable? After all, there are not only challenges, but also gifts that come as we advance in years.

**"THE BEAUTY OF BEING REAL"** is the May mini-retreat by Peggy Patenaude, being presented on May 3rd. Same info as above regarding place, time, fee and registration info. Isn't it a joy to be in the company of people who are real? Their authenticity invites and frees us to be ourselves. Though becoming the person we are meant to be takes time and includes pain, inner beauty is the end result, and "Once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand." *The Velveteen Rabbit*

**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 Yasinnski 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 Venda 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](http://discovecatholicfaith.org/mens-conference) or call The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at (401)

## LOOKING INTO THE HEART

The prophet Samuel comes to Bethlehem to choose a new king from the family of Jesse. He rejects Jesse's oldest son because "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." With this single statement, the Word of God unmasks much of the world's blindness.

We look at poor people and see nothing other than rundown houses and littered streets. We look at the homeless and see nothing other than dirty faces and ragged clothes. We look at people who are different from us and we see nothing other than the color of their skin or the way they manipulate their bodily limbs.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, the light of the world, takes away the man's blindness. This wonderful story challenges us to "live as children of light."

Our Lenten prayer and sacrifice should serve to take away our blindness so that we can look into the hearts of others and love them as brothers and sisters. It "should turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life." It should enable us to say with the blind man: "I can see and I believe in God."

God's word proclaims the oneness of the human family—from the first words of Genesis, to the 'Come, Lord Jesus' of the Book of Revelation. God's word in Genesis announces that all men and women are created in God's image; not just some races and racial types, but all bear the imprint of the Creator and are enlivened by the breath of his one Spirit.

U.S. Bishops, Brothers and Sisters to Us, 1979: 25.

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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