

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
190 NORTH MAIN STREET  
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
March 31, 2013



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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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 30	8:00 pm	<b>Easter Vigil Service</b>	
Sunday March 31	10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Easter Sunday Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	
Monday April 1			
Tuesday April 2	9:00 am	<b>Joseph and Francoise Labrecque</b>	By John Labrecque
Wednesday April 3	9:00 am	<b>Celia and Joseph Labrecque</b>	By John Labrecque
Thursday April 4	9:00 am	<b>Joseph and Francoise Labrecque</b>	By the family
Friday April 5	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday April 6	4:00 pm	<b>Rose and Edward Crepeau</b>	By the family
Sunday April 7	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Germain Dufresne Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	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 31

- 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
- 1 **Mon** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- 2 **Tue** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- 3 **Wed** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- 4 **Thu** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- 5 **Fri** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- 6 **Sat** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
- 7 **SUN** Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 20

If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful, and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed.

~Pope Benedict XVI

**Your kind contributions received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 2,588.59</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>314.00</b>
Catholic Relief Services/ Rice Bowl Collection _____	<b>1,354.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,256.59</b>

**thank you**

# Notes from the Pastor

Happy Easter to you! If you are a stranger to our church, we welcome you and hope that you will come every Sunday from now on. If we see you every weekend, we wish you the peace of the risen Savior.

Gathering for Mass each weekend is the bedrock of our faith because our faith is a community adventure. Jesus founded a community. Saint Paul, first an enemy of that community, then became a member and founded many new communities, first in Turkey and then in Macedonia and Greece. He did not stay very long in any of these communities, except the ones in Ephesus and Rome, but he wrote letters to them to encourage them in their faith. And these letters have been preserved and are now part of our New Testament.

Some today claim that they are personally religious but do not feel the need to belong to a community. They may indeed be religious, but they cannot and should not claim to be Christians because there is no Christ independent of the community which he founded. And we Catholics believe that this community, unfortunately divided into many different Christian churches today, nevertheless finds its fullest expression in the Catholic Church, a world-wide community held together through two millennia by its bishops scattered throughout the world but united with each other in and through their communion with the bishop of Rome. And so in our prayer today we will pray for our bishop here in Rhode Island, Thomas Tobin, and for our new pope, Francis, bishop of Rome.

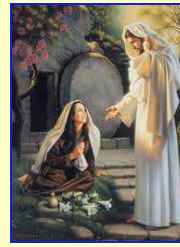
May we who belong to the community here at St. Charles grow in our faith this Easter season! And may you who are visiting us also find a Christian community in which your faith may grow! Who knows, maybe even in our little community here.



## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

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



No fears,

No boulders,

Nothing could stop them.

These women stayed with Jesus to the end

Daybreak brought them

Back to angels

who said to them,

“Why seek the living

among the dead?

He is no longer

in this tomb.”

Christ,

let nothing

stop us either,

seeking you, whom love brought back to life in full.

... especially **Maria Pruyn, 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 **Ernest Lafond, Br. Normand Gaudreau, s.c., 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

This weekend's **Second Collection** is a special **Collection for Easter** used for the works of the diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29.** Our Holy Fathers have made the Holy Land a priority of their pontificates. They are well aware of the challenges facing Christians there and have asked all Catholics to support Christianity in the Holy Land. The Good Friday collection is not an optional collection nor is it a Diocesan collection. It is a Pontifical collection mandated by the Holy Father and one of the oldest customs associated with the support of the Holy Land Catholic shrines. Your help in supporting this collection is greatly appreciated.

**2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL CONTINUES—** If you have not yet made your gift, it's not too late. Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal helps to fund our 39 diocesan ministries that provide comfort to our sisters & brothers in Christ. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY—**April 7 at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul, 30 Fenner Street, Providence celebrates 21st Annual celebration of Divine Mercy. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 2:30PM, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3PM, Rosary at 3:30PM, Adoration/Confession at 2:30—5:45PM, Veneration of Relic of St. Faustina and Benediction at 5:45PM and Holy Mass at 6PM.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY—**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 2PM, Confessions from 2 to 3:15PM, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3PM and Holy Mass at 3:30PM. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

**RESTLESS HEART—**The epic film on the life of St. Augustine, one of the Catholic Church's most beloved and well-known Saints, will be shown on April 12, at 7PM and April 14, at 1PM at the Westerly Middle School Auditorium, 10 Sandy Hill Road, in Westerly, RI Cost \$5, proceeds to support St. Pius X Youth Activities. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to presentation. Light refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the film. Contact person: Eileen@eterranova@yahoo.com or stpiusx@cox.net

**TRADITIONAL LATIN HIGH MASS** will be celebrate on Easter Thursday evening, April 4, at 7PM at Precious Blood Church, 94 Carrington Avenue in Woonsocket. Fr. Michael Woolley, of St. Joseph's Church in Woonsocket will be celebrant. The Schola Sanctae Caeciliae under the direction of Henri St. Louis will sing William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices. For more info, please call Fr. Woolley at (401) 766-0626. See notice on bulletin board.

**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.

**TONS OF HURRICANE SANDY DEBRIS IS CHOKING WINNEPAUG POND WILDLIFE & HABITAT. CLEANUP NEEDED BEFORE NESTING SEASON.**

Hurricane Sandy left over 100 tons of debris on the north shore of Winnepaug Pond in Westerly, RI. **Serve Rhode Island** is teaming up to send crews into the area to haul out debris from the ecologically sensitive wildlife and salt pond shellfishing area. Broken building materials, decking, roof tops, content of storm demolished Atlantic Avenue stores including unknown amounts of household detergents and other chemicals are buried in the debris piles. Clean up is needed before nesting season! Beginning Saturday, March 16 volunteer crews are needed from 9AM to 4PM every Saturday through April. If you and help, sign up today. See **HURRICANE DEBRIS REMOVAL** or call Cyndi or Bernie Beaudreau at (401) 331-2298. Also, if you have a lawn tractor with a light duty trailer, we could really use your help!. All the debris needs to be transported about 200 yards from the pond's edge to Shore Road, down a car-width dirt/grass path. Small pickup trucks would work as well. We Really need many people over the next few weeks to get the job done. Thank you!

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

### EASTER WAITING

*. . . Natural heart's ivy, Patience masks  
Our ruins of wrecked past purpose. There she basks  
Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves all day.\**

The word patience haunts me this Easter. I know, the promise of all ages has now been fulfilled in the Resurrection, and we rejoice. We sing by faith and trust about Jesus rising again. We say to one another what I now say to you. Happy Easter! Happy, happy Easter!

Even so, we have to wait for our slow selves to take it all in. We must bide our time.

As if to illustrate this fact, the very length of the Vigil Service makes us wait and wait. There are ten readings, together with a candle lighting ceremony ("Light of Christ"), and numerous Baptisms and Confirmations and whatnot else. Patience is the name of the game, maybe for the same reason Jesus made Mary and Martha wait and makes our souls wait to believe. So very long, our tired backs say.

But salvation history is long too. The readings tell it in sequence as we hide in the candle-lit dark of Easter Vigil. How God created us and blessed us, how he called on and counted on Abraham, how he rescued the Hebrew people as they ran from their captors in the desert journey (and ran from God too), how for a "brief moment" God lost patience and turned away but then "with enduring love" took his people back, offering water to the thirsty and grain to the poor. Are you able to trust this? How much? "Be my people and I will be your God," he keeps saying.

Finally the Gospel proclamation. Empty tomb! The women in scripture believe immediately, the men don't.

Men have to wait. Maybe each of us, man or woman, has cried out to God, "You could get rid of all this waiting if you wanted to. Why five weeks of Lenten delay? Why the eons of your seeming absence through history? How does an Easter celebration make up for all that?"

Peace. Remember how Jesus was so casual when he heard that his friend Lazarus was dying in a place not far away? He delayed four days, or in other words "forever" in emotional time. Mary and Martha, his close friends, did without him as they buried their brother and grieved. When at last he arrived, each sister cried words of laceration to him, "You could have saved our brother!"

Jesus wept. And then he replied, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Today we concentrate on that statement of his. We give ourselves quiet time, maybe years of it, maybe a lifetime, to let the meaning of Easter Resurrection sink in.

Do you believe Jesus is risen from the dead? If not, how much further do you have to go? Here is some help. The greatest of all Easter truths is that God's love is stronger than life itself, stronger than death. The Resurrection is molded out of love. If you know that, blessed are you as you come to believe.

Happy Easter waiting!

Fr. John Foley, S. J.

\*Verse at top by Gerard Manley Hopkins, from his poem that starts "Patience, hard thing!" He is speaking in metaphor. If you have ever seen a large patch of ivy you will know what he means. Ivy grows over ruins of former buildings and civilizations, just as patience covers over our past plans and dreams, some of which have crashed to the ground and been forgotten.