

Saint Charles Borromeo

April 2, 2017
Fifth 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, April 1	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, April 2	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, April 4	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Wednesday, April 5	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 6	9AM - Laval Legare by his wife Therese
Friday, April 7	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, April 8	4PM - Domenic Gizzerelli by the family
Sunday, April 2	9AM - John R. Bibeault by Celeste Fregeau

THE GOSPEL

John 9: 1-41

Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

Both Martha and Mary express great conviction in Jesus' healing power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Their conviction, however, was tied to their human experience of the fragility of sickness and the finality of death. Jesus' action surmounts human experience and reveals something entirely new: "everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die." Belief in Jesus unties us from the limits of human experience and frees us for the eternity of risen Life.

Connecting the Gospel

To the First Reading:

Ezekiel describes God's desire to untie Israel from the grave of their captivity and lead them back to the freedom of their land where they can renew their covenantal relationship with God. In the gospel Jesus commands the bystanders concerning the raised Lazarus to "Untie him and let him go [free]."

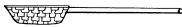
To Experience:

Our experiences of living can sometimes limit us. For example, when a friend has hurt us, we can become leery of deep relationships. In other words, "once bitten, twice shy." But if we never allow Jesus to break open the limits of our human experiences, we can never receive the unexpected gifts of freedom and Life he offers.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,139.00
Loose Money	\$ 275.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture Readings for the week of April 2, 2017

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1- 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6- 11/Mt 26:14--27:66

"Prayer is the world's most powerful wireless connection."

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for Easter Flowers.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is the Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl. Time to bring back your Rice Bowls. Envelopes are in pews.

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. 4/06) will be held at Christ Community Church, corner of Mendon and School Streets in Blackstone. Pastor - Rev. Dr. Ruth Blais

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: catholicomestudy.org

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL - Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's Catholic Charity Appeal either by mail or at the 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! 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. Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 791 youth attended 21 retreats from over 51 parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

"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 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 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 Venda Ravioli. The Men's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and McVinney Auditorium. For more information and to register, please visit discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference or call The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at (401) 278-4646. Deadline to register is April 22nd.

VICTORY OVER DEATH

Today's Gospel recounts one of the most dramatic stories from the life of Jesus: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. John goes to great lengths to make clear that Lazarus had been dead for some time, and he shows Jesus' power to conquer death.

We live in a world that has been caught up in death for a long time. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war, terrorist activities, drunk and reckless driving.

We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect.

We watch calmly as others die from poverty, hunger and malnutrition, homelessness, unemployment, poor education, disease, lack of health coverage, child abuse, arms proliferation, discrimination, pollution, destruction of the environment, unsafe working conditions, and all the laws, policies, practices and attitudes which contribute to these conditions.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is the God who "will put my spirit in you that you may live." Our Lenten celebration must serve to remind us that the paschal mystery represents a victory over death.

The right to life ... is basic and inalienable. It is grievously violated in our day by abortion and euthanasia, by widespread torture, by acts of violence against innocent parties, and by the scourge of war. The arms race is an insanity which burdens the world and creates the conditions for even more massive destruction of life.

Pope Paul VI, Message Issued in Union with the Synod of Bishops (1974)

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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