

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

April 7, 2013

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy



*Blessed are those
who have not seen
& have believed.*

John 20:29

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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 April 6	4:00 pm	Rose and Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday April 7	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Germain Dufresne Parishioners of Saint Charles Brazilian Mass	By Ray & Norm Blanchette
Monday April 8			
Tuesday April 9	9:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	By Butch Rich
Wednesday April 10	9:00 am	Evelyn Desrochers	By Ann Martel
Thursday April 11	9:00 am	Joseph and Francoise Labrecque	By John Labrecque
Friday April 12	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday April 13	4:00 pm	Virginia & Augusto Almeida Judith & Manuel Moreira	By daughter and niece
Sunday April 14	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Charles J. Robert Bousquet (15th Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By the Desilets family

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 April 7, 2013

- 7 **SUN** Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 20
- 8 **Mon** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- 9 **Tue** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- 10 **Wed** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- 11 **Thu** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- 12 **Fri** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- 13 **Sat** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- 14 **SUN** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

Mankind so needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy," Lord Jesus, help us to believe in the promise You made about Mercy Sunday and turn to Your mercy with trust. ~Blessed John Paul II

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____ \$ 2,114.00
 Loose Money _____ 576.00

Total _____ **\$ 2,690.00**

thank you

Notes from the Pastor

May the peace of the risen Lord Jesus be with you! It is Tuesday of the Octave of Easter as I write these words and the weather outside is still very cold, much too cold to make us believe that spring is here. Officially it is here, of course, but when does it come so that we can feel it? In New England that can happen on one day and then the next day we will be returned to winter. So we learn to cope with the weather. And we all also learn to cope with life, because, like New England weather, some days it is good and other days not so good. Yet in all this we cling to the hope that we are made for perfect weather in a Kingdom still to come, though we already live in it through faith and hope and love.

A parishioner was buried this morning, a Douglas Guilmain. Please remember his widow Teresa and their four adult children and grandchildren in your prayers. Regular occurrences in life like births and deaths are just that, but they are never just regular for those who experience them personally. They are earth-shaking. So we pray for Terry as she begins a life alone after sixty-three years of marriage. We also pray for Allen and Lauren Patras, Jr., whose second child, Blake, was baptized in our church on Easter Sunday. Blake's grandparents are members of our parish. May the Lord be with them as they rejoice at Blake's welcome into our community of faith.



Jesus I trust in you!

Divine mercy is the very essence of our being. We were created in mercy, redeemed in mercy and get eternal salvation in mercy. Divine Love and mercy never fails.

In his homily on Mercy Sunday in 2001, Pope John Paul II called the mercy message given to St. Faustina "The appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. ... Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

... 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 **Douglas Guilmain, 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.

parish news



Our **ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST** will be on Sunday, April 28!

Biggest Breakfast in Town! Tickets \$11 adults—\$5 children under 12. Family tickets \$23 No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets

available after weekend Masses or at rectory during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays).

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

CAN YOU USE HELP WITH HOUSECLEANING? If so, the rectory housekeeper is looking for new clients. If interested, please call the rectory and we will put you in touch with her. She does fantastic work!

“PEACE BE WITH YOU” - On this, Divine Mercy Sunday, remember what the Catechism teaches: That Jesus gave to his Church the “authority to reconcile sinners”, In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you hold bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head.” To learn more, please go to www.relevantradio.com, keyword: **cat**

SPRING VISITOR WEEKEND at the **College of Saint Mary Magdalen** - april 11-14. All high school students and recent graduates are invited to attend our Spring Visitor Weekend . Visitors will have the opportunity to attend classes, meet one-on-one with faculty and admissions representatives, stay in the student residences, attend Mass and participate in the spiritual life on campus, and tour our campus. Reserve your place today! Contact the Admissions Office at admissions@magdalen.edu or call toll free: (877) 498-1723. Lauri Connolly, Executive Assistant, The College of Saint Mary Magdalen, 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, NH 03278

SUMMER PROGRAM at the COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

Once again, the College of Saint Mary Magdalen in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2013. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 28 - Saturday, August 10. Register today at www.magdalen.edu. For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@magdalen.edu or call (603) 456-2656, Ext. 119

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

GOLD TO AIRY THINNESS BEAT

The Easter Vigil, if it worked as intended, was incomparable liturgy. A single, tiny light inched its way up the pitch-black aisle. All at once it spread, absurdly, into more and more glowing dots, evenly sparsed throughout the pews. A glowing, humble enchantment. It was the light of Christ.

Now, only one week later, we find “doubting Thomas” in the Gospel. “Show me the nail marks in his hands, let me put my finger into his side and then I will believe,” Thomas says.

Well, neither he nor the other disciples were exemplars of faith and conviction. Hunched in a tiny room with all the doors locked double tight, because of their fear of the authorities, gripping tight their fear, self-protection and doubt.

Maybe that is why, in each of the New Testament accounts, Jesus appeared first to women, not to men. In each case the women believed. Usually he then sent the women to the males, who in each case accomplished a failure to believe.

Peter and John actually ran to the empty tomb, says the Gospel of John, and Peter went inside. But “they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead” (John 20), and so they went home.

Mary Magdalene stayed. In a heart-burst she knew her beloved. Christ told her not to hang on but to go to his brothers and try to explain the good news.

He was hoping for a “leap of faith,” as we now call it, wasn't he?

What is a leap of faith?

Let me tell you a story. I once knew a man whose doubts were based in deep fear. For a long time he nearly drowned in fear and doubt. He knew, in his mind anyway, that the Holy Spirit was never absent. But in his soul he was walking the edge of the void.

Karl Rahner said somewhere that when you come to the void there is no proof either way. There can be no certainty as to whether the void is absolute emptiness or whether it is the sheer openness of love. You have to make a choice.

This man's dear, impoverished self had known only empty echoes for such a long time, but suddenly he remembered Rahner's dictum. Through grace and circumstance and through being loved, he saw that a choice was possible. Not a bravado choice, not even a very clear one, but still a choice.

So he asked himself what he did believe. Did he think that a radical deep emptiness and indifference was producing the foundations of the universe, the heart of the world, of everyone and everything he had ever known and loved?

Or that imperceptible love was nestling gently throughout every particle that exists? Was there to be a speck of dawning light, or was gloom the final word?

He told me that his choice was surprisingly simple. It was taken in the absence of any proof, since proofs emerge from choice, they do not precede it. His choosing was quiet, like still small spring rain, in spite of his immersion in darkness. He chose light, which is love, which is “like gold to airy thinness beat.”* He made the leap of faith.

In the present day, the man I knew repeats what doubting Thomas will finally say this Sunday. I hope you will be saying it too.

“My Lord and my God.”

Fr. John Foley, S.J.