

# Saint Charles Borromeo

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Third Sunday of Easter



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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3: - 3:30 PM  
or by appointment

## Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

## Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

## 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 9	4PM - The Almeida, Moreira families by daughter & niece
Sunday, April 10	9AM - Jean M. Cremmens by friends
Tuesday, April 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wed., April 13	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 14	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, April 15	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi and family by his sisters
Saturday, April 16	4PM - Jeannette Cournoyer by P. & R. Angelini
Sunday, April 17	9AM - Douglas Guilmain by the parish



It is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, as I write these words and outside my office window there is nothing but whiteness. This morning's Providence Journal's front page has a picture of daffodils covered with snow and the caption, "Really?!" That is how I feel too. Come on! Let's go! Where? To spring.

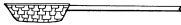
But to console and distract ourselves, let us concentrate on what is going on in our parish. On the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Alice and John Dabney, a couple devoted to the Legion of Mary, will come to speak at our Masses in the hope of interesting you in becoming a member. They will also host an evening of information in the lower church on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M.

On the same weekend, on Sunday afternoon, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3 P.M. in the lower church, Jonathan Piette will share with us what he has found by investigating the local papers' coverage of our parish over the past 170 years. The parish began in 1846. I asked Jonathan to take on this project because I believe we should know something about the history of our parish, the oldest Catholic parish in Woonsocket and Northern Rhode Island. I hope you can come.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,662.00
Loose Money	\$ 342.00
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	\$ 2,004.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of April 10, 2016

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

"To forgive is the grace that is given by the Resurrection."

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



# Announcements



## THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

**"FAITH AND GOOD WORKS"** is fast approaching its close for this year. If you have not made your gift, please prayerfully consider helping. This year the needs are greater than ever as many people turn to the Church in their time of need. At the same time you will be helping our parish reach our goal of \$26,500. Amount raised to date is \$15,694. With 45% of parishioner participation, we have now raised \$15,694.

Pledge envelopes are at the entrances if you wish to help. Thank you!

The following people also donated funds towards our Easter flowers:

Mrs. Rachel Kennedy, Miss Jean Mahon, Mr. & Mrs. Michel Martineau, and Mr. & Mrs. James McCann. Thank you kindly.

Next weekend on April 16th & 17th our Blessed Mother will invite you to join her **LEGION OF MARY**.

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of men and women who sanctify themselves through prayer & apostolic work. The Legion performs various types of apostolic work such as visiting the sick in the hospitals, the elderly in the nursing homes, etc. Members of the Legion from several parishes will be at the entrances of the church to talk with us about the Legion. The Information evening will be held on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come to see if the Lord is calling you to support our parish with your talents, prayers and presence through the Legion of Mary.

Next Sunday, April 17 at 3 PM in the parish hall, Jonathan Piette will discuss noteworthy events of our parish from newspapers throughout the years. St. Charles Parish has been a part of Woonsocket's history since 1846. It was deeply involved in the disputes between Joseph Bannigan, Rhode Island's first Irish Catholic millionaire and the owner of rub-

ber mills here and in the area, and the Labor Unions in the 1880s.

## THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE OFFICE OF LIFE & FAMILY is offering *Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program*

The support program provides a healing group environment for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. This Bereavement Support Group is a place for Catholics to learn about grief, share their experiences and feelings with others, and a place to receive the faith-filled support and comfort offered through our Catholic faith. The meetings are most appropriate for adults who are at least three months beyond their loss.

Where: St. John Paul II Parish (formerly St. Cecilia) Church Hall (lower level) 1253 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket (corner of Newport and Central Avenue). Program is free and offered over eight consecutive weeks, each meeting lasts 1 1/2 hours. Program dates: Wednesdays 5/4/16 through 6/22/16 from 7 to 8:30PM. To register please call Peter Magnotta at Office of Life & Family (401) 421-7833 ext 217

## FAMILY VOCATION DAY on Saturday, April 16th at Ss. John and Paul Church in Coventry.

Join families from around the Diocese for a day of prayer and reflection on vocation. Families will have an opportunity to hear witness stories from priests, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians. Entertainment and free lunch is included. The day will also include the celebration of Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration will begin in the parish hall of Ss. John and Paul parish, 341 South Main Street, Coventry, at 9AM and the day will conclude at 3:30PM. This will be a wonderful day for families to come together for prayer and discernment of God's call in our lives. Please RSVP with Father Murphy, assistant director of vocations by emailing him at [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com) or calling the office of vocations at (401)331-1316. See flyers at entrances.

## PETER AND JUDAS

The Gospel Reading describes the meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection. In the previous recorded exchange between Peter and Jesus, Peter betrayed Jesus three times.

In his betrayal of Jesus, Peter is no different from Judas. But Peter is the rock on which Jesus founded his church, and Judas is the villain of the Christian story. How does Peter differ from Judas?

You might suppose that the difference lies in the fact that Peter repented his betrayal of Jesus and Judas didn't. But the Gospel of Matthew says that Judas confessed his sin and repented. (Mt 27:3-4) So what exactly is the difference between Judas and Peter?

The answer is shown beautifully in this Gospel Reading.

If you had been writing the story of this meeting between Peter and Jesus after the resurrection, what would you have had Jesus say to Peter? Maybe something like this? Jesus: "Peter, you know, don't you, that I love you anyway, even though you betrayed me? Nothing you do, however sinful, can stop my love for you, which is boundless." Peter: "Yes, Lord, and I am so grateful that you can somehow still love me, when I am as much a traitor as Judas was."

But that is not at all the way the Gospel Reading goes. What Jesus actually asks Peter—and asks him three times—is this: "Peter, do you love me?"

If you had been in Peter's shoes, what would you have said? Maybe something like this? Peter: "Lord, I don't know what to say. You know that I want to love you, or else maybe I should say that I want to want to love you. I don't know, I don't know. What I did is so terrible! How could I have the shamelessness to say I love you after what I did?"

But what Peter actually says is "Yes, Lord, I do love you"—and he says it three times, once for each betrayal of his.

Finding himself sinful, Judas killed himself. Finding himself similarly sinful, Peter cleaved to Christ. Peter let nothing, not even his own sins, introduce any distance between him and the Lord he loved.

That is the difference between Peter and Judas. And that is why Peter is the rock on which the church is founded.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. Louis University

### 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)

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