

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter



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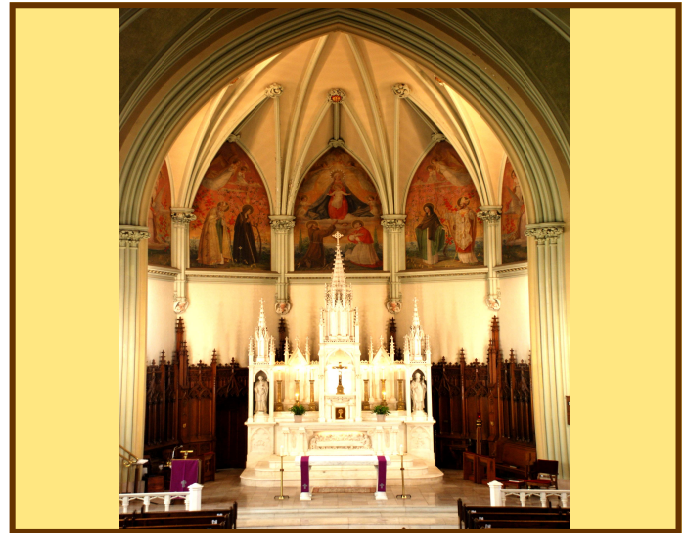
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Mass Schedule

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 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	People of Saint Charles J. Robert Bousquet Brazilian Mass	By the Desilets family
Monday April 15			
Tuesday April 16	9:00 am	Francoise & Joseph Labrecque	By John Labreque
Wednesday April 17	9:00 am	Joseph and Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Thursday April 18	9:00 am	Aldo Rossi & family	By his sisters
Friday April 19	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday April 20	4:00 pm	Yvette M. Paquette (5th Anniversary)	By Paulette & Richard Angelini
Sunday April 21	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Adam Dearborn Mary & Louis Zannelli Brazilian Mass	By the family By the 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 14, 2013

- 14 **SUN** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
- 15 **Mon** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- 16 **Tue** Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- 17 **Wed** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- 18 **Thu** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- 19 **Fri** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- 20 **Sat** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- 21 **SUN** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-3

"The Christian truth is attractive and persuasive because it responds to humanity's deepest needs."

~Pope Francis



Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 2,944.00
Loose Money _____	382.00
Total	\$ 3,326.00



thank you

Notes from the Pastor

This past Monday was the Feast of the Annunciation, a feast which our parishioners had to celebrate in some other parish because the priest at St. Charles takes Mondays off. I apologize to them, though I must confess that I do not like to entertain the idea that in nine months we will be again in winter. It is sufficient for the moment to enjoy the fact that we are moving into spring and summer.

It seems that the supporters of gay marriage are winning more and more support. That will leave our church and many other Christian churches in the position of being opposed to what will become law. We pray that this situation will not then lead to a persecution of our churches because of our refusal to accept a new definition of marriage. What has happened is that the supporters of gay marriage have wrapped their position in the flag of equality, a wrapping which we will not accept. But it is hard for the general populace to reject a position which claims that it is pleading for equality and justice before the law. Our position, on the other hand, is that the union of two people of the same sex is not the basis for the reality of marriage and family life. This is not a question of equality but rather a question of the recognition of the natural distinction between the sexes and the roles in marriage which follow from it. Let us hold fast and hope that in time the wisdom of the traditional position will become apparent.



Today's Gospel



*"So he said to them,
"Cast the net over the right side of the boat
and you will find something"
John 21:6*

Never so many fish,
nets too heavy for muscle now.
Love, you give more gifts than we can ever hold.
John used his eyes of love.

Ah.

The man was Jesus
on the shore.

We
too want
to see with
the eyes of love.

We
want to be
weighed down with
the miraculous catch of care.

"Lord, you know that we love you."
Let us feed your lambs.

PRAY ... especially **Maria Pruyn, Charlie Bowers,**
for the **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey,**
SICK **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 **Charles DiCristoforo, 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.

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!

"IT IS THE LORD." " This weekend's Gospel reading tells the story of one of the Risen Lord's appearances to his apostles. Here's what the Catechism says about the importance of these "witnesses to his Resurrection" No. 642 Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of his Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary 'witnesses to his Resurrection,' but they are not the only ones—Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion. To learn more, please go to: www.relevantradio.com, keyword: cat

Get an early start to summer with some tasty **CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER** from Mickey G's! on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 7PM at St. Patrick Church Hall, 45 Harrisville, RI. Chicken tenders and fries available too. Only \$8.50 per meal. Eat in or take out.

THE GREATER WOONSOCKET CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM will be holding a **Spring Open House** for registrations for the 2013-2014 school year on Sunday, April 28 from 12-2PM Msgr. Gadoury Catholic Regional School, 1371 Park Avenue, Woonsocket (Grades Pre-K (3 year olds through grade 2), and Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School, 1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket (grades 3-8.) Please call the Regional Office at (401) 762-1095 for more information.

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

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO EXOTIC EASTERN CARIBBEAN

- Come and sail away on an 8-night Catholic Exotic Eastern Carribean Cruise with Father Martin Jones from September 14-22. on Carnival Splendor out of New York, NY. Points of call: Grand Turk, Half Moon Cay (Bahamas) and Nassau (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1,540 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For more info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at (860) 399-1785 or dpaytte@aol.com

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Peter is a stand-in for you and me in Sunday's Gospel. The question Jesus asks repeatedly is directed to us as well as to Peter.

Here is the story. Jesus was gone, crucified. The disciples were milling around on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius. They had not yet received the Holy Spirit and were therefore left at loose ends.

Peter got tired of doing nothing, so he said, I'm going fishing, let's all go. They all got in the boat and they fished all night. This is unreasonable from our point of view, but maybe not from theirs. Maybe it was a way to handle the most severe stress they had ever known.

Dawn revealed a man standing on shore.

John whispered hoarsely, "It is the Lord!!" Peter hurled himself into the sea and slogged through the hundred or so yards to shore—leaving to someone else the job of bringing in the boat. It seems Peter, the denier, actually loved Jesus very much,.

And, since we are treating Peter as a stand-in for us, listen to Jesus' question.

He looks at your face and addresses you by name. "Do you love me more than these?"

What will you say? Give the answer to the Lord when you are ready, even if it isn't perfect. Put it into words. Don't read further till you have done this.

... Ok. When he hears you answer, listen to him say to you, "Feed my lambs."

Phew. Thank God the trial is over and we don't have to deal with such an embarrassing question again.

But he asks you still another time, again by name. " _____, do you love me?"

What does the repeated question do to you? Peter came unglued emotionally and said loudly, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Our hearts go out to him, especially since we are being asked the same question! What is your answer? Take your time.

... After you answer, Jesus replies, "Tend my sheep."

But one more time, a third time, the gentle but unnerving question comes, while you or I or Peter are still settling our minds and hearts.

He says, " _____, Do you love me?" Let it echo inside you. Hear your name pronounced by him.

Does he really think that you and I do not love him? Well, consider your own daily attitude toward him and toward God. Do not say your answer lightly. Give it quietly in prayer to Jesus, or out loud if you wish. Take your time. Pay attention to how it feels to say it, whatever it is.

... Maybe you said, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you!" Peter's words.

Or do you have another answer? Something like, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I want to love you, but also I want to have a good life. I live by fear and running away and distraction—do you condemn me for them? I want to love you ... but maybe I have not done it yet."

Jesus answers, "Feed my lambs."

Stay with it. Think about it. Pray about it.

We sinful people are part of Jesus' mission. Even if we are not perfect. If we have not yet retracted our sins. So let us act as the Body of Christ always does.

Feed his lambs.

Fr. John Foley, S.J.