

Saint Charles Borromeo

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord



190 North Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Parish office located at
All Saints, 323 Rathbun Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone: (401) 766-0176

www.stcharlesborromeo.com
rectory@stcharlesborromeo.com

Pastor: Rev. Dennis Reardon
fr_reardon@stcharlesborromeo.com

Parish Secretary: Lucille Hannon

Bookkeeper: Christine Daneault
bookkeeper@stcharlesborromeo.com

Music Ministry: Wayne and Becky Kilcline

Religious Education: Pauline Leclerc
(401) 762-1100

Bryan's Pantry: (401) 766-3088

Office of Community Services & Advocacy
Woon. Satellite: Antonio Andreu Galvan
(401) 762-2849

Cemetery Care: Jack Marzini, Superintendent
(508) 883-6838

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 15	8PM - Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 16	9AM - Resurrection of the Lord
Tuesday, April 18	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, April 19	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 20	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, April 21	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & deceased family members
Saturday, April 22	4PM - Almeida & Moreira families by daughter and niece
50th Anniversary Renewing of Marriage Vows - Mr. & Mrs. Roger Blanchette at 4PM Mass	
Sunday, April 23	9AM - Ann & John Zoltek by the family

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 1-9

Focusing the Gospel

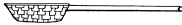
To the point:

Mary arose "early in the morning" to go to Jesus' tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word "tomb" seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus' death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus "had to rise from the dead" (emphasis added). Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,868.00
Loose Money	\$ 269.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 2,107.00

Thank you



Scripture Readings for the week of April 16, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to get to heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist." ~St. Pius X


He is
RISEN

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is the Easter Offering.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL - The Catholic Charity Fund supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year regardless of race, creed or background. The ministries supported by the Fund range from social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration and refugee services, and to emergency rent and medical aid. Additional services include prison ministry, justice and peace education which works to end violence in the inner city, and community advocacy for needs in the community. The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our diocese and the mission of the Church. Our parish goal this year is \$26,500. Actual collected to date is \$12,980 which is almost 49% our goal with 21.37% participation. Amount needed to reach our goal is \$ 13,520. Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Appeal? We need each of you to help us be the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence. Thanks to all who have contributed. No new postings since last week.

The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages, "**TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH**" designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. This free program provides topics/discussions in a sharing group environment for married couples. It will be presented on Wednesdays, May 17 through June 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252 Post Road, Warwick. For registration, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note this program is not for marriage counseling). For more info, please see flyer on bulletin board.

PASTORAL CARE FUNDRAISER The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a fundraiser dinner

on Saturday, April 22 from 6 PM - 10 PM at St. John Paul II Church (St. Cecilia's), Newport Avenue, Pawtucket. The dinner is being held to support the diocesan pastoral care programs: St. Gabriel's Call (pregnancy outreach), Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard (post-abortion ministry) and My Child...My Gift (pre-natal diagnosis ministry). The Italian Buffet Dinner tickets are \$30 per person. The evening will begin with a social hour and include a 50-50 raffle and a penny social. For more information and to purchase your tickets, please call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218 or e-mail: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org

"THE BEAUTY OF BEING REAL" is the May mini-retreat by Peggy Patenaude, being presented on May 3rd 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 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*.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL Join Bishop Thomas Tobin as the Diocese of Providence celebrates "*A Year with Mary our Mother.*" The Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Portugal commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Marian Apparitions at Fatima. The nine day pilgrimage departs Boston on August 10, 2017 and returns August 19th, 2017. For further info, please contact Touring International at (800) 975-1761.

OPEN HOUSE - GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket Grades 3 - 8 on Wednesday, April 16th from 5:30 - 7 PM. For questions or to pre-register please call (401) 762-1095.

EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION



The serpent's bite was a deadly one. The venom had worked its way deep into the heart of the entire human race, doing its gruesome work. The anti-venom was unavailable until He appeared. One drop was all that was needed, so potent was this antidote. Yet it was not like Him to be stingy. He poured out all he had, down to the last drop. The sacrifice of His entire life, poured out at the foot of the cross—this was the Son's answer to the Problem of Sin.

Three days later came the Father's answer to the Problem of Death. It was equally extravagant. For Jesus was not simply brought back to life like Lazarus. That would be resuscitation, the return to normal, human life, with all its limitations. Including death. Yes Lazarus ultimately had to go through it all again . . . the dying, the grieving family, the burial. Jesus did not "come back." He passed over, passed through. His resurrection meant that he would no longer be subject to death. Death, as St. Paul said, would have no more power over him.

You may say that physical death was not the worst consequence of sin, and you'd be right. Separation from God, spiritual death, is much more fearsome. But enough with the talk that physical death is beautiful and natural. It is not. Our bodies are not motor vehicles driven around by our souls. We do not junk them when they wear out and buy another one (that's one problem with the reincarnation idea). Rather, are bodies are an essential dimension of who we are. Our bodies and immortal souls are intimately intertwined, which makes us so different from both angels and animals. Therefore death separates what God has joined. So it is natural that we rebel against it and shudder before it. Even the God-man trembled in the Garden.

So Jesus confronts death head on, for our sake. The Roman Easter sequence, a traditional poem/song stretching back into the first millennium, highlights the drama: "*Mors et vitae duello, confluxere mirando. Dux vitae mortuus regnat vivus.*" ("Death and life dueled in a marvelous conflict; the Dead Ruler of Life reigns Alive!") . . . Gandalf the Grey who sacrificed himself to take out the Balrog, returns as Gandalf the White (Tolkien heard this sung for many Easters before he wrote *The Lord of the Rings*).

"He descended into Hell" of the Apostle's Creed means that Jesus endured the wrenching of body and soul for our sakes and came out the other side endowed with a new, different, glorified humanity. How does the Bible describe it? Well, Mary Magdalene did not recognize the Risen Christ at first, until He called her by name. The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize him either. But doubting Thomas shows us that his wounds were still evident. And though he could pass through locked doors, he proved he was not a ghost by asking for something to eat. Paul describes it as a "spiritual body" in I Corinthians 15, which sounds like an oxymoron to me. But we have to take off our shoes here, realize that we are on holy ground, and that we do not have words adequate to describe the awesome reality of the new humanity he has won for us.

For resurrection is not something that He intends to keep for Himself. All that He has he shares with us: His Father, His mother, His Spirit, His body, blood, soul, and divinity, and even His risen life. And we can begin to share in this Life now, experiencing its regenerating power in our souls and even in our bodies. We have access to it in many wonderful ways, but especially in the Eucharist. For the body of Christ that we receive is his Risen, glorified body, given to us so that we too might live forever (read John 6:40-65).

Each of us will have to pass through physical death, but not alone. He will be with us, just as the Father was with Him as He made his perilous passage. And while we will experience indescribable joy when our souls "see" him face to face, this is not the end of the story. He will return. And the resurrection will have its final and ultimate impact. Joy will be increased still further when he makes our bodies like his own, in glory. "*I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!*"