

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 16	4PM - Jeannette Cournoyer by P. & R. Angelini
Sunday, April 17	9AM - Douglas Guilmain by the family
Tuesday, April 19	9AM - Robert Lacourse by his wife Elaine
Wed., April 20	9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends
Thursday, April 21	9AM - Mark Kendrick Rutherford by the family
Friday, April 22	9AM - Adam Dearborn by the family
Saturday, April 23	4PM - Conrad & Mary Cote by the family
Sunday, April 24	9AM - Olga Peters by the family



Someone told me recently that she had not seen anything in the bulletin about the future changes for our parish. So let me give her and you a few details. Our parish and All Saints parish on Rathbun St. will have one pastor as of July 1, 2016. I will be retiring and Fr. Dennis Reardon, the pastor of All Saints, will become the pastor of St. Charles as well. This linking of two parishes under one pastor has already taken place twice before in Woonsocket: Precious Blood and St. Agatha share a pastor, as do St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph's in Central Falls. Let us pray that all may go well with this new arrangement.

Two events are taking place this weekend. On Sunday, the 17th of April, at 3 P.M. in the lower church, Jonathan Piette will take us through the history of our parish as it has been recorded in the local papers over the past century and a half. There will be photos, he promises. I hope you know that our parish is the mother parish of Woonsocket and northern Rhode Island. It was founded in 1846 and our present church was built in 1868.

Alice and John Dabney, members of the Legion of Mary, will speak at the Masses this weekend and will also host an evening of information in the lower church on Tuesday, the 19th, at 7 P.M. Their hope is that some of you will want to become members of the Legion.

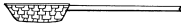
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,896.00
Loose Money	\$ 330.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of April 17, 2016

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wed. :	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12: 44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sun. :	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

"Christ is alive."...He has triumphed over death; he has overcome sorrow, anguish and the power of darkness.

~St. Josemaria Escriva

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 \$15,494. With 63 donors and 45% of parishioner participation, we have now raised \$15,494.

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

This 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 19th 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.

This 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 rubber 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

PASTA SUPPER

Saint Anthony Church, 128 Green Street, Woonsocket is having a Pasta Supper on Saturday, April 30th at 6PM.

MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. This is why Saint Charles is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, on Saturday, May 7th. Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Nearly 800,000 strokes will occur this year, taking a life approximately every four minutes. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men & women. Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70 For more info, or to schedule appointment call 1 888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

WALKING OFF A CLIFF

In the First Reading, Paul is preaching in Antioch, and things are not going well for him. His audience contradicts him and shouts violent abuse at him. They find Paul's Christianity an affront to their own religion, which they do not want to give up.

What response would we expect from Paul to these angry people in his audience? How about this?

Paul: "Oh, gosh! I see that I have offended you! I am so sorry! I want you to know that I do validate your point of view too. Basically, we all believe in the same God! I wasn't for a moment trying to suggest that there is anything wrong about your religion! I do wish that you wouldn't call me names and shout at me when I am trying to talk to you, but it's OK if you feel you need to do so. I appreciate that I upset you, though I really didn't mean to do so."

But, of course, this is not at all what Paul says. "By rejecting my preaching, "he tells the angry people, "you condemn yourselves and show yourselves unworthy of eternal life." This is a stern condemnation of both of their religious views and of their rejection of Paul's preaching. What happened to meekness, to turning the other cheek, to love of your enemies?

Well, if your enemy is determined to walk off a cliff, what would you do? Validate his point of view and tell him that all paths near cliffs are equally good? The only way to love your enemy in this case is to tell him vehemently that he will kill himself if he doesn't alter his path. Meekness and gentleness are not loving when your enemy is about to go over the edge.

In fact, all of us are headed for that cliff because of our post-fall human nature. We are all unworthy of eternal life. But Christ suffered and died to save us—not from a wrathful God, but from ourselves. Our path to God lies through Christ and his cross.

And so Paul's line to his audience is as stern as it is because in their abusive rejection of him they are racing towards destruction. In those circumstances, being stern in condemnation is the most loving thing he can do for them.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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)

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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