

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

April 21, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Easter

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.



John 10:27-28

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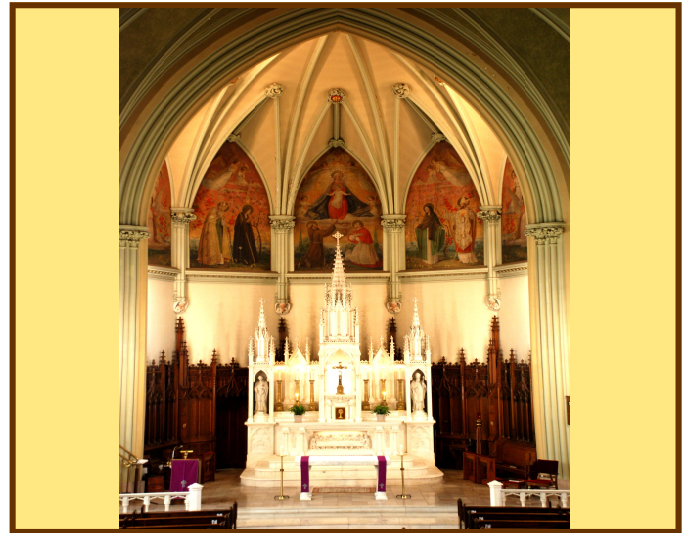
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Mass Schedule

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 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
Monday April 22			
Tuesday April 23	9:00 am	Francis Maney (Birthday Remembrance)	By the family
Wednesday April 24	9:00 am	Mary (Mathieu) Allard (38th Anniversary)	By the family
Thursday April 25	9:00 am	Mary P. Bowers	By husband Charles & family
Friday April 26	9:00 am	Mary Dailey (Parish Benefactor)	By the parish
Saturday April 27	4:00 pm	J. L. Roger Giguere (7th Anniversary)	By wife Jean and family
Sunday April 28	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	People of Saint Charles Jeannette Barry Brazilian Mass	By Bill & Gail Kilcline

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 21, 2013

- 21 **SUN** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- 22 **Mon** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
- 23 **Tue** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- 24 **Wed** Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- 25 **Thu** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- 26 **Fri** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- 27 **Sat** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- 28 **SUN** Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Everything is a gift from God: it is only by recognizing this crucial dependence on the Creator that we will find freedom and peace.

~ Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus



Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 3,294.00
Loose Money _____	422.00
Total	\$ 3,716.00



thank you



Notes from the Pastor

It is Tuesday, the day after the Boston Marathon and the horrible event which took place at the finish line. Our prayers and sympathy go out to those who have lost dear ones in this tragedy and to those who have been injured. Imagine the shock of those who went out with family and friends to see the runners and now find that they are missing their legs. We await the day when the sick people who planned this event will be brought to justice. May God forgive them and bring them to a change of heart!

This is an occasion to question ourselves and our society about the phenomenon of violence in our society. It is not directly related to what happened in Boston, since this action may have been the work of people living in other parts of the world, but it is not far from it. The editors of the Jesuit magazine "America" have called for the repeal of the second amendment. That may seem an extreme response to this problem, but, on the other hand, the lost lives of children ought to bring us to listen to their argument. If you wish to know more about their position, please contact me and I will make it available to you.

Our parish faces an uncertain future. We must do what we can to prepare for it. I urge those of you who are members of our Parish Council to attend our next meeting on Sunday, May 5th, at 11:15 A.M., in the lower church.

Violence against even one human being is violence against all.

~Benedict XVI
Pope Emeritus

Today's Gospel

"No one can take them out of my hand."
John 10: 28



Good Shepherd,

**you know
that our paths
are rocky and rough.**

Find us.

We trip and fall.

Please bear us up

when we are too weak to walk.

Pull us from the brambles that snarl us.

**O Shepherd, hold us, in your arms, close to
your heart.**

PRAY ... especially **Maria Pruyn, 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 **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



Calendar of Events

Our **ANNUAL SPRING BREAKFAST** will be next 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. Help us reach our goal of \$25,000!

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!

This weekend's second reading, from the Book of Revelation, reveals the "universal sacrament of Salvation," as the Catechism tells us:775 "The Church, in Christ, is like a sacrament — a sign and instrument, that is, of communion with God and of unity among all men." The Church's first purpose is to be the sacrament of the inner union of men with God. Because men's communion with one another is rooted in that union with God, the Church is also the sacrament of the unity of the human race. In her, this unity is already begun, since she gathers men "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues"; at the same time, the Church is the "sign and instrument" of the full realization of the unity yet to come. To learn more, please go to www.relevantradio.com, keyword: **cat**.

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

Tailor-made tours to CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

The Camino de Santiago or Way of St. James, is the pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in north-western Spain. Here, legend has it that the remains of the apostle, Saint James the Great, are buried.

This route runs through exceptional landscapes and magnificent architectural monuments you will be able to admire - like Las Médulas and Sil canyons. For more info, see bulletin board, www.caminosyrutas.com/caminoinviernoingles.htm

It is a magical journey among Romanesque temples that melt between the lush green of the landscape of this sacred land. Price is 640 Euros/person.



REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

GREET HIM

Think of the endearing way domestic beasts recognize their owners. Dogs collapse into a frenzy when you come home, even if you have been gone for only a half hour. The new heaven has arrived in their midst, and hysterics are the least they can do.

Somewhere there may be a cat like this, but many of them have an opposite reaction from the heartsick dogs. "Oh it's you again," they seem to say.

Of course there are exceptions. My cousin's cat used to model indifference with strangers, but when I walked into the house it made a quiet bee-line to where I sat, making no secret of how it enjoyed being petted by me. I have never been sure whether to be complimented or not, nor can I explain it. There might have been months between visits and still this cat made its way to the petting machine, with both dignity and craving.

Sunday's Gospel shows that Jesus too was affected by the behavior of animals, especially the relationship of sheep with their shepherd. The shepherd was there to make the sheep safe, to guard them, to lead them to food and drink. They responded by "belonging" to him, a very important element for their survival. Jesus even compared an aimless crowd of people to "sheep without a shepherd."

In the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, I have been told, various flocks would arrive under the tutelage their respective shepherds. Rather than let them run wild, each shepherd would send his sheep, as did all the other shepherds, into one combined sheepfold reserved for the purpose. This made for a rather large herd, and there wasn't any branding or marking in order to distinguish one from the other. Sheep, unlike dogs, do not run to their owner, rejoicing themselves into knots.

How then could a shepherd reclaim his own sheep from the mob when it was time?

Two ways. One, the shepherd knew them by heart. Sometimes he had a special name for each character in the flock. And second, the sheep of his flock recognized their master's voice immediately. When he called out, they simply got to their feet and came to him, following him out through the sheep-gate. Jesus refers to this familiarity in Sunday's short Gospel. "My sheep hear my voice; I know mine, and mine know me," he says.

Have you ever longed to hear the voice of someone who knows you by name and loves you, who can make things alright, who can guard you and show the way? Jesus says he is that someone.

You "shall never perish," he adds, as he holds you in his arms. The Father has given you to him. Who could revoke such a gift?

I have a hunch that you sometimes do recognize Jesus' voice when you hear it. Your feelings move when you hear trustingly a certain Gospel, for instance. Or when you receive the bread of everlasting life and the cup of everlasting salvation—not as a stranger might, but as a member of the well-fed and greatly cared for flock.

What about trying, this Sunday, to notice whether your spirit inclines to Jesus? Maybe you settle into his arms for safety. Maybe you have run away and are waiting for him to find you.

In other words maybe you are waiting for your shepherd.

Fr. John Foley, S.J.