

Saint Charles Borromeo

April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



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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.

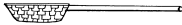
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22	8PM - Almeida & Moreira Families by daughter and niece
Sunday, April 23	9AM - Ann & John Zoltek by the family
Tuesday, April 25	9AM - Mary Allard by her family
Wednesday, April 26	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, April 27	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, April 28	9AM - Olga Peters by the family
Saturday, April 29	4PM - Conrad and Mary Cote by the family
Sunday, April 30	9AM - Elizabeth Heroux by Roger & Barbara Peloquin

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,336.00
Loose Money	\$ 349.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture Readings for the week of April 23, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

"Everything is a grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father's love - difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, her burdens, her needs - everything, because through them, she learns humility, realizes her weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events - to the heart that loves, all is well."

~Saint Therese of Lisieux

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 19-31

Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

The basic issue in this gospel story is coming to believe that Jesus is risen and alive. What is made clear is that believing is not dependent on physical contact with Jesus (Thomas makes his profession of faith without touching Jesus), but coming to believe does depend on personal encounter. Authentic encounter between persons only happens through mutual self-giving: Jesus' self-giving is shown through his gift of the Holy Spirit to us; our self-giving is shown when we open ourselves to receive that Spirit. Coming to believe more deeply that Jesus is risen and alive is the work of the Spirit within and among us. What a Gift!

Connecting the Gospel

To the Second Reading:

In the Gospel Jesus extols those who come to believe that he has risen even though they have not seen him. In the first reading Peter also extols those who have not seen, yet still love and believe in Jesus. Belief in Jesus' risen Life elicits "incredible and glorious joy." So who would not want to believe?

To Experience:

We don't come to belief through proofs; we come to belief through the attestation of others whom we trust. The same is true of our belief in the risen Jesus. We have not seen him, but we do encounter him and come to believe in him through the words and actions of others.

Announcements



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 \$15,847 which is almost 60% of our goal with 47.33% participation. Amount needed to reach our goal is \$ 10,653. 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. Heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed!

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 her at 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & MEDJUGORJE - Come join us on this spiritual journey! September 11 - 20, 2017 \$3,499. from Boston. Spiritual Director, Fr. Paco Anzoategui. To register, contact Marge @The Angel Connection—(508) 320-3498. email: Faithful1111@aol.com — www.pilgrimages.com/angelconnection.

OVERCOMING FEAR

Jesus had been abandoned by his disciples at the time of his death. One of them had turned him over to the authorities. Another had denied he even knew Jesus. The others ran away, apparently in fear and horror.

That same fear still gripped the disciples as they stayed behind locked doors. The risen Jesus suddenly appears among them, and there is not a word about their betrayal, denial, and abandonment.

"Peace be with you," he says, as though nothing had ever happened. They look at his wounds, and he repeats his remarkable greeting: "Peace be with you."

If only we could follow in the footsteps of Christ and wish peace to everyone! If only we could forgive as he forgave! Where would be the wars? the discrimination? the hatred? the death penalty? They would go the way of death itself, conquered by the resurrection.

Jesus assures us that we have received the Holy Spirit. We have the power to release others of their wrongs against us, just as we have the power to keep them and ourselves bound. Our Easter faith that we have "become a new creation" should strengthen our resolve to forgive as Christ forgave.

We urge our brothers and sisters in Christ to remember the teaching of Jesus, who called us to be reconciled with those who have injured us and to pray for forgiveness for our sins "as we forgive those who have sinned against us."

We call on you to contemplate the crucified Christ, who set us the supreme example of forgiveness and of the triumph of compassionate love.

U.S. Bishops, Statement on Capital Punishment, 1980:23.

Gerald Darring

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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