

Saint Charles Borromeo

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Fifth Sunday
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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 23	4PM - Conrad & Mary Cote by family
Sunday, April 24	9AM - Olga Peters by the family
Tuesday, April 26	9AM - Tom Flood by his wife Anne
Wed., April 27	9AM - Mary Allard by family
Thursday, April 28	9AM - Oliver David by Faye Audette
Friday, April 29	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, April 30	4PM - Jeannette Cournoyer by P. and R. Angelini
Sunday, May 1	9AM - Olga Peters by the family



Finally, the trees are working again. Do you think they deserve an hourly wage of \$15? They are really part-time workers. They have a six month vacation every year. So we may want to think again. But, for everyone else, that is a good wage. No, it is really a minimum wage, because people cannot live on less than that. Anything less than that means that the worker cannot rent an apartment and buy food but will have to choose between one or the other, and that is impossible. People need both food and lodging. So, do not vote for anyone who is against a minimum wage of \$15!

We have been in contact with the pastor-to-be of our parish, Fr. Dennis Reardon, who will replace me on July 1. He plans to keep things just as they are. That is welcome news because those in our parish on salary were afraid that they might lose their jobs. Thank God, that is not the case. Fr. Reardon wants them all to remain in place. We are all breathing a sight of relief.

We are going to see if we can get Fr. Reardon to come over here and celebrate Mass for us before July 1 so that you all will have a chance to meet him. Of course the first matter to be settled is the establishment of a new Mass schedule for our parish. At All Saints he has a Mass at 4 P.M. on Saturday and three Masses on Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and noon. If he added our two Masses, he would be celebrating six Masses in two days. That is obviously too many Masses for him to handle. So he will have to find priestly help or cut down on the number of Masses. Let us hope he can find priests to help him.

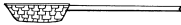
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,158.00
Loose Money	\$ 272.00
	\$ 2,430.00

Thank
you



Scripture for the week of April 24, 2016

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed. :	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

"The most beautiful Credo is the one we pronounce in our hour of darkness."

~ Saint Padre Pio

Announcements



HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday from 1 to 2 PM in the lower church.

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. 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!

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the Father Marot CYO Center.

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.

A MINI-RETREAT *Spirituality for Everyday Living* is being held on Wednesday, May 11th at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Road, Wareham, MA. **"BE NOT AFRAID"** on the theme of death and dying (not loss and grief). Cost is \$20. To register, contact Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. Pre Registration is required.

MAY DAY OF RECOLLECTION with Sister Eugenia Brady, SJC, begins Wednesday, May 11 at 10 AM. The theme is *"Pope Francis and the Works of Mercy"* Where: Enders Island, 1 Enders Island, Mystic, CT 06355. Call to register (860) 536-0565 or visit www.EndersIsland.com

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.

DEATH

When someone we know is diagnosed with serious sickness, we are shocked, and so is he, as we take in the possibility that he might die.

There is something perplexing about this reaction, isn't there? None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

So death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The closer you get to 110, the closer it is; but, of course, we also know that you could get hit by a bus today.

Rats! you might think, this is a truly depressing thought. Why call it to our attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes, this is what it brings:

Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.

And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is dirt, plants, animals, the whole thing that God made when he created in the beginning, as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great sea beasts, as Genesis says (Gn 1:21), but they won't hurt anything; and neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's to stop you?

In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time. Now that is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But in that new earth, you can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease, because the people around you won't hurt anything, you included.

And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" (Song 2:10-12)

True joy begins on the other side. What is there to fear about this?

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. 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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