

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

April 28, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. ~ John 13:34-35



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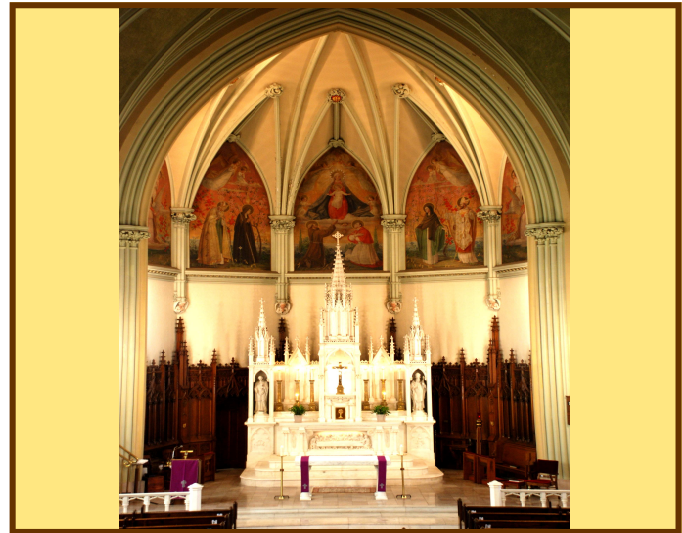
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Mass Schedule

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 27	4:00 pm	J. L. Roger Giguere (7th Anniversary)	By his wife Jean & family
Sunday April 28	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	People of Saint Charles Jeannette Barry Brazilian Mass	By Gail & Bill Kilcline
Monday April 29			
Tuesday April 30	9:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	By Butch Rich
Wednesday May 1	9:00 am	Joseph & Francoise Labreque	By the family
Thursday May 2	9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory	By Lorraine & Carol
Friday May 3	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday May 4	4:00 pm	Robert L. Champagne (24th Anniversary)	By wife Molly & family
Sunday May 5	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	People of Saint Charles Ernest Lafond, Sr. Brazilian Mass	By Lisa Ethier

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 28, 2013

- 28 **SUN** Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
- 29 **Mon** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- 30 **Tue** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- 1 **Wed** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- 2 **Thu** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 22
- 3 **Fri** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- 4 **Sat** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- 5 **SUN** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

"Be human in this most inhuman of ages; guard the image of man for it is the image of God."

~Thomas Merton



Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 2,115.00
Loose Money _____	419.00
Total	\$ 2,534.00



thank you



Notes from the Pastor

The following ideas are taken from an editorial published this year in the February 25th issue of the Jesuit magazine "America."

In 1976 the District of Columbia enacted the nation's toughest gun control laws banning handguns, automatic firearms and high-capacity semiautomatic weapons. They helped to reduce the violence in the District for the next quarter of a century. But in 2008 the Supreme Court declared these laws illegal because they violated the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

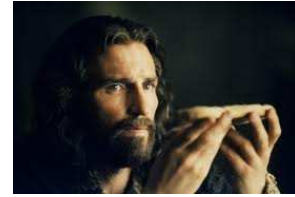
In the wake of the terrible violence our country has experienced in the past three decades this editorial is asking for the repeal of the Second Amendment so that needed laws such as those once enacted in the District of Columbia but then removed to comply with the Second Amendment may be passed to protect people in our country. In our country approximately eighty people die each day from gun violence. That murder rate is 15 times higher than in other first-world countries. Yet we as a nation refuse to consider the fact that a constitutional change may be necessary if we are to deal effectively with the present crisis of violence. Such a repeal would not prevent some people such as hunters and sportsmen, law enforcement officers, and the military from possessing guns, but it would deny the position which claims that every individual has a right to own a gun.

In 1975 the U.S. bishops identified "the easy availability of handguns in our society" as a major threat to human life. More recently, Cardinal Dolan of New York said that the fight for greater gun control in the county is a pro-life position. At first it may seem extreme to call for the removal of the present second amendment, but, given the present situation, this action may be the necessary means for reducing violence in our society.

Today's Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."



Christ,
let us unearth
that "one thing necessary":
the treasure of accepting and giving your love.

Not fair-weather love, not hearts-and-flowers love,
but your own kindness, without limits.

Make us yours,
giving our wealth and our honors,
our bodies and our blood,
our hearts and souls,
hands and feet,
our precious
time.

Make accepting and giving your love
the one thing necessary.

... 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 **Lucienne Marks, Aydan Nyberg, Charles DiCristoforo, Douglas Guilmain, Ernest Lafond,, Br. Normand Gaudreau, s.c., Paul Kogut, Pauline Pirzynski, John Nalewski, Anne Simmons, Margaret Hoad, 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



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS - Time to start planning for our next bazaar. The first meeting will be on Monday, May 6, at 6:30PM in the parish hall.

RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE - Amanda and John Danis and their team - Evelyn's Army, will be holding a bake sale to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, in memory of the late Evelyn Danis. Bakes sales will be held before and after Mass on the weekend of May 18 and 19. For more info about walking or making a donation, please call Amanda at (401) 486-5767 or e-mail her at amandadanis@hotmail.com

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!

MOTHER OF HOPE (Mater Spei) DAY CAMP 2013 for Boys and Girls Grades K-8 - For more than 65

years, thousands of children have experienced camp as a vibrant faith community through a fun-filled week in a safe and supportive setting. Kids have a great time learning new skills, making new friends, and enjoying all that summer offers. We welcome children of all backgrounds and religions. Weekly camp sessions begin week of June 24—28 through August 12-16th. For prices, to register, or for more info, pick up a brochure at the church entrances or visit on-line at www.motherofhopecamp.com or contact Camp Director, Maria Piccirilli at (401) 568-3580.

Next weekend's **Second Collection** is to support the **Father Marot CYO Center - Youth Ministry**. The Center offers programs and activities to help foster faith development in our youth. The young people of today need us to share our faith and our support. Please be generous.

Let Your Light Shine Youth Retreat: All high school age youth are invited to join in for a one-day retreat on Saturday, May 4, from 10AM to 3PM. The retreat will help youth grow in their faith and challenge them to put their gifts to use in service of others. They will learn group dynamic skills that will help them be effective in leading small group discussions and activities with their peers. Cost: \$10. To register, call the CYO Center (401) 762-3252.

Drop-ins: are free, informal gatherings where youth can play games and socialize in an adult supervised environment. Upcoming Middle School Drop-ins will be held from 7-9pm on May 3 and June 7. Upcoming high school Drop-ins will be held from 7-10pm on May 17 and June 21.

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.

CO-ED ROSARY BREAKFAST - Ladies bring your husbands, sons, brothers, nephews or friends to join us for this month! Men are welcome to our co-ed breakfast on Saturday, May 18, 9 to 11:30 AM at St. Anne's Parish - The Fr. Smith Center, 130 Boston Turnpid Road (Route 9 East), Shrewsbury, MA Special Guest Speaker - Fr. Mike MacInnis. Registration necessary—Marge Oliveri (508) 320-3498. \$30 per person.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."

DIFFERENT KINDS OF GLORY

We all nurse a secret dream of glory. We daydream that in some way we will stand out and be recognized. And so we fantasize about great achievements that will set us apart from others and make us famous. The daydreams vary but, inside them, always we are at the center - the most admired person in the room, the one scoring the winning goal, the ballerina star, the actor picking up the Academy award, the author writing the best-seller, the intellectual winning the Nobel Prize, or even just the one in the circle who tells the best story. What we are chasing in all this is notice, appreciation, uniqueness, and adulation so that we can be duly recognized and loved. We want the light to be shining on us.

And this isn't all bad or unhealthy. We are built to stand in the spotlight. Our own reality is massively (sometimes oppressively) real to us and scientists today tell us that the universe has no single center but that everywhere and every person is its center. And so it is not a big secret that each of us feels ourselves at the center and wants to be recognized as being there. We nurse a secret dream of glory and, partly, this is healthy. What's less healthy in our daydreams is how we envision that glory. In our fantasies, glory almost always consists in being famous, in standing out, in achieving a success that makes others envious, in somehow being the best-looking or the brightest or the most talented person in the room. In our fantasy, glory means having the power to actuate ourselves in ways that set us above others, even if that is for a good motive. For instance, some of our fantasies are daydreams of goodness, of being powerful enough to squash evil. Indeed, that was the messianic fantasy. Before Jesus was born, good-hearted and religious people prayed for a Messiah to come and, in their fantasy, that Messiah was generally envisaged as a worldly superstar, a person with a superior heart and superior muscles, a Messiah who would reveal the superiority of God by out-muscling the bad.

But, as we see from the Gospels, real glory doesn't consist in out-muscling the bad, or anyone else. When Jesus was being crucified, he was offered precisely the challenge to prove that he was special by doing some spectacular gesture that would leave all of his detractors stunned and helpless: "If you are the Son of God, prove it, come down off the cross! Save yourself!"

But, with a subtlety that's easy to miss, the Gospels teach a very different lesson: On the cross, Jesus proves that he is powerful beyond measure, not by doing some spectacular physical act that leaves everyone around him helpless to make any protest, but in a spectacular act of the heart wherein he forgives those who are mocking and killing him. Divine kingship is manifest in forgiveness, not in muscle.

That is real glory, and that is the one thing of which we really should be envious, namely, the compassion and forgiveness that Jesus manifested in the face of jealousy, hatred, and murder.

We see this illustrated in the Gospels in the incident where James and John come to Jesus and ask him to give them the seats of glory at his side. Jesus takes their request seriously and does not, on that occasion, caution them against pride. Rather he asks them: "Can you drink from the cup [of suffering] that I shall drink?" In naïveté, they answer: "We can!" Jesus replies: "The cup that I shall drink you shall drink, but as for the seats [of glory] at my right hand or left, these are not mine to give."

What Jesus is saying, in effect, is this: You will taste suffering, everyone will, and that suffering will make you deep. But, it won't necessarily make you deep in the right way. Suffering can make you deep in compassion and forgiveness, but it can also make you deep in bitterness and anger. However only compassion and forgiveness bring glory into your lives.

Jesus defines glory very differently than we do. Real glory, for him, is not the glory of winning a gold medal, of being a champion, of winning an Oscar, or of being an object of envy because of our looks or our achievements. Glory consists in being deep in compassion, forgiveness, and graciousness—and these are not often spawned by worldly success, by being better-looking, brighter, richer, or better muscled than those around us.

We all nurse the secret dream of glory. Partly this is healthy, a sign that we are emotionally well. However, this is something that needs to grow and mature inside of us. Our secret dream of glory is meant to mature so that eventually we will begin, more and more, to envision ourselves as standing out, not by talent, looks, muscles, and speed, but by the depth of our compassion and the quality of our forgiveness.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser