

Saint Charles Borromeo

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Sixth 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

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| Saturday, April 30 | 4PM - Jeannette Cournoyer by Richard & Paulette Angelini |
| Sunday, May 1 | 9AM - Loretta & Albert Lamarche by daughter Helen Lamarche |
| Tuesday, May 3 | 9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family |
| Wednesday, May 4 | 9AM - Germaine & Albert Laferte by their daughter |
| Thursday, May 5 | 9AM - Jean M. Cremmen by friends |
| Friday, May 6 | 9AM - Robert Lacourse by his wife Elaine |
| Saturday, May 7 | 4PM - Robert Champagne by wife Molly and family |
| Sunday, May 8 | 9AM - Olivette Godin by Sue, Nel and Sandy |



It is Tuesday, voting day here in Rhode Island, as I write these words. The race for the presidency is narrowing down in both parties. Senator Bernie Sanders is promising to go the distance because of his popularity, but Hillary Clinton's hold on delegates is growing. As for the Republican side, Donald Trump, like Clinton, continues to come closer to the number of delegates needed to gain the Republican candidacy.

Mr. Trump preaches about building a wall between Mexico and the United States. I suppose he would also deport the eleven million people here illegally. Will he and his followers replace them in the fields picking the vegetables that we are going to eat? Some among us find his clarity and harshness attractive, especially since they feel that they are those not getting a fair share of the American economic pie. We should sympathize with them. The system isn't fair. The discrepancy between the rich and the poor in our country continues to grow at a shameful rate. But others among us are afraid of what Mr. Trump would do if he had the power of the presidency. We also remember the words of Pope Francis that those who want to build walls instead of bridges between people cannot claim to be followers of Jesus. I believe that Mr. Trump would claim to be a Christian. Therefore, let us hope that he will reconsider his views on our neighbors to the south.

And may we who claim to be Christian cast our vote for those who build bridges and welcome the stranger among us.

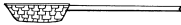
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$ 1,914.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 195.00 |
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of May 1, 2016

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| Sunday: | Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Ps 67 1-4; Rev.21: 10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23 - 29 |
| Monday: | Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26-16:4 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14: 6 - 14; |
| Wednesday: | Acts 17:15, 22 - 118:1; Ps 148; Jn 14:6-14 |
| Thursday: | Acts: 18:1 - 8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20 |
| Friday: | Acts: 18:23-28 9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16: 20 - 23 |
| Saturday | Acts: 18: 23 - 28; Ps 47; Jn 16: 23 B - 28 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 7: 55-60; Rev. 22: 12-14, 16,17,20; Jn 17:20-26 |

"He is waiting for you, He is close to you, He loves you, He is merciful, He forgives you, He gives you the strength to begin again from scratch. Everybody! ~ Pope Francis

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 will be ending in May. If you have not yet 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 67 donors and almost 48% of parishioner participation, we have now raised \$16,454.

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

THIS 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

St. Charles will be hosting **Life Line Screening** this Saturday, May 7th in the church hall.

Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why 9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors (Age 55 +, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke) Five Screenings - Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. All 5 Screenings for \$149. To register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount, please call 888-653-6450 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners. See flyers at church entrances.



MINDLESS MEDDLESOME OFFICIOUS BUSYBODIES FOR THE LORD

The First Reading reports that some Judaeen people came to the Christians at Antioch to tell them they could not be saved unless they were circumcised. The Judaeans were worried that the traditional practices were being altered by the church at Antioch, and they were exercising themselves in behalf of the tradition.

But who are these people? Who empowered them to speak for the Lord? How do they know what the Lord requires for salvation? And what business is it of theirs what the Christians in Antioch are doing? They themselves live and worship in Judea.

To be officious is to push your services on people who neither want nor need them. To be a busybody is to pry into the affairs of other people and try to meddle in them. These people are officious busybodies for the Lord, aren't they?

And they do seem to be mindless in their meddling, don't they? Here is their idea of God: God is the kind of Deity who will not let anybody into heaven who does not have a certain amount of flesh cut off his penis. Spell their thought out this way, and it looks blasphemous, doesn't it? What kind of goodness or love would there be in such a God? What kind of God cares that much about foreskins? And, of course, I am being careful not to say anything about the issue of women, who don't have foreskins to lose.

In fact, these officious busybody defenders of the Mosaic tradition are not being true to the Mosaic tradition either. That tradition mandated circumcision for males as a ritual of initiation into the Jewish people. It said nothing about criteria of salvation.

The apostles rebuke those Judaeans by telling them what the decision of the Holy Spirit is: Circumcision is not required for salvation. And this response is perfect. The decision about what is required for salvation is the Lord's. And the mindless meddlers were actually opposed to the mind of the Lord.

So people who push their way forward to rebuke the Christian practices of others need to be careful how they speak for God and what kind of God they are witnessing to by what they say. Who wants to be a mindless meddlesome officious busybody for the Lord?

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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