

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

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May 5, 2013



Sixth Sunday of Easter

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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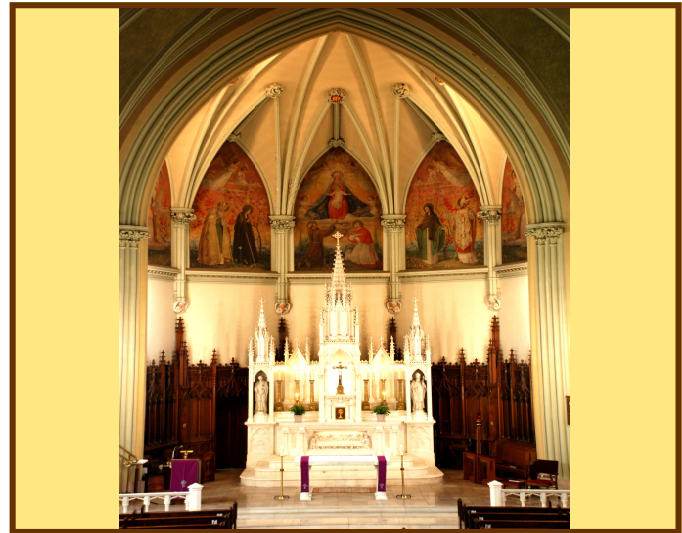
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## Mass Schedule

### 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 May 4	4:00 pm	<b>Robert L. Champagne</b> (24th Anniversary)	By his wife Molly and family
Sunday May 5	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>People of Saint Charles</b> <b>Ernest Lafond, Sr.</b> <b>Brazilian Mass</b>	By Lisa Ethier
Monday May 6			
Tuesday May 7	9:00 am	<b>Paul Goodrich</b>	By the parish
Wednesday May 8	9:00 am	<b>Frank and Madelyn McDonald</b>	By the family
Thursday May 9	9:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>Holy Day Ascension - Mass for parishioners</b> <b>Russell Ethier</b> (10th Anniversary)	By wife and daughter
Friday May 10	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday May 11	4:00 pm	<b>The Champagne Family</b>	By Molly Champagne and family
Sunday May 12	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Kennedy &amp; Shiel Families</b> <b>Evelyn A. Danis</b> <b>Brazilian Mass</b>	By the families By her family

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 May 5, 2013*

- 5 **SUN** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- 6 **Mon** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 7 **Tue** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- 8 **Wed** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- 9 **Thu** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- 10 **Fri** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- 11 **Sat** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- 12 **SUN** Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

*Believe the incredible and you can do the impossible.*

*~Bishop Fulton Sheen*



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**thank you**



## Notes from the Pastor

By the time you read this column the world will have moved on from where it is today, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. I am writing it so early because the secretary is going on vacation and therefore must have this column earlier than what is the normal time frame, which is always Tuesday before the weekend when the bulletin is given out in church.

Last week's column (4/27) was devoted to the subject of gun control in our country. I also preached on that subject the previous Sunday (4/21). No one walked out of the church even though I quoted from a February 19/20 editorial of the Jesuit magazine "America" which called for the repeal of the Second Amendment. Indeed, no one said boo to me afterwards. So I am presuming that either no one heard me because I was speaking too softly (a constant problem, I believe) or no one who heard me took the matter seriously enough to take a position on it. Therefore, let me ask you to tell me what you think about this issue. It is not the only issue of importance at this moment, but it is certainly one of them, and our position on it should be influenced by our faith.

Among the other important issues of the moment is the fate of prisoners held in Guantanamo Bay who are on a hunger strike but are being forced by the guards. According to international law such feeding is illegal. At the root of the problem is the fact that many of these prisoners have never been accused of a particular crime, have never had a trial, and are being held indefinitely without any possibility of a trial in sight. Can you imagine experiencing that? A limbo which turns into hell because of its indefinite character. President Obama, at the beginning of his first term, promised to close this prison, but it hasn't happened. Let's hope he returns to his promise very soon.

And then there is the awful story of terrible abortions being performed by a doctor in Philadelphia. May this story bring those who are so focused on the rights of the woman involved in an abortion to look again at what she is carrying in her body. It is not a what but a who, and that's what makes all the difference in considering this situation.

Yet even in the midst of such a world we sing Alleluia because the Lord is risen and promises us life both here and hereafter.

## Today's Gospel

John 14:23-29

*"And we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*



Would he would vanish from their lives?  
He knew they were wondering.  
So very sad they were.  
So sad was  
he.  
Risen,  
he had to  
go away from earth.  
But his love for them was so keen  
that he would place his Spirit deep within them.

And within us.

Spirit of Jesus,  
be our constant guest  
Teacher of all good, remind us  
what Jesus said and did and is and how he  
has loved us.

... 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 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.





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Calendar of Events

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - will be held today, May 5, at 11:15AM in the parish hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9** this week is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses at 9am and 7pm** in lower church. **No Vigil Mass on May 8.**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS** - Time to start planning for our next bazaar. The first meeting will be this 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](mailto: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! We have now reached \$21,172.00

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.

**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.

**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](http://www.motherofhopecamp.com) or contact Camp Director, Maria Piccirilli at (401) 568-3580.

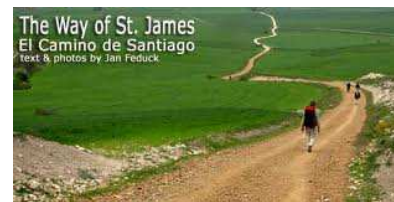
**SUMMER PROGRAM at the COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN**

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](http://www.magdalen.edu). For more information, contact the admissions office at [admissions@magdalen.edu](mailto: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 a 500 mile trail across northern Spain which has been walked by pilgrims for over 1000 years. 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](http://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

### CLOSER THAN EVER

Your best friend is leaving town. There is no way to change things, it is certain. What do you do with your sorrow?

Jesus was leaving the earth, going to the Father, dying. He was to plunge into death and somehow swim to shore. The crucifixion, the ascension. He could not stay on in this world. Mary Magdalene, his mother, and the disciples grieved.

But this Sunday he says, "If you loved me you would rejoice."

Rejoice?

Sounds like what we experience at a funeral. We are truly glad that our beloved no longer has the pains and shortages of this life, but what about us? We do not get our burden lifted, we get more added to it. We live in sorrow for the loved one(s)!

And what if the deceased had said something like this before dying: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away and I will come back to you."

Going away and coming back? What kind of sense does that make?

The answer is hard to express in a few words, but of course the present writer will rush in. It may seem abstract, but let's give it a try.

(1) Start with the pre-Jesus world. God the Father had been with the people for all ages. The First Testament tells about this repeatedly.

But God remained unknowable in very important ways. Moses was not allowed to look directly at God. "I will set you in the hollow of the rock," God says, "and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back [really it says 'so that you may look upon my hindermost quarters']; but my face is not to be seen." To see God directly would destroy a human being (see Exodus 33:18-23).

(2) To close this gap, God decided to show us everything about himself in a way we could withstand. He spoke out his very self using a Word that left nothing unsaid. Jesus was the Word he spoke, and humanity was the language he used. Now God could be known because we could hear, see and follow Jesus.

(3) Jesus dies, resurrects and ascends to the Father from whom he came. But just like the Father had, Jesus speaks out his own very self in a statement that leaves nothing of Jesus unsaid. That Word is the Holy Spirit.

This Spirit is the full reality of the divine/human being called Jesus, who is already the very interior Spirit of God. The Spirit makes us closer to Jesus and to the Father than the apostles were (see also Romans 8:11)!

If you and I say yes to this Spirit, we will know Jesus in just the way sheep knew the voice of their shepherd. We will find Jesus in the Mass, in the Great Eucharistic Sacrament, in prayer, in the people around us. We will be side by side with each other, in the closest possible presence to the God of love.

(4) Was this too abstract? Well, it is the story of our very fleshly life with God on this earth. Let us put it into action.

Fr. John Foley, S. J.

