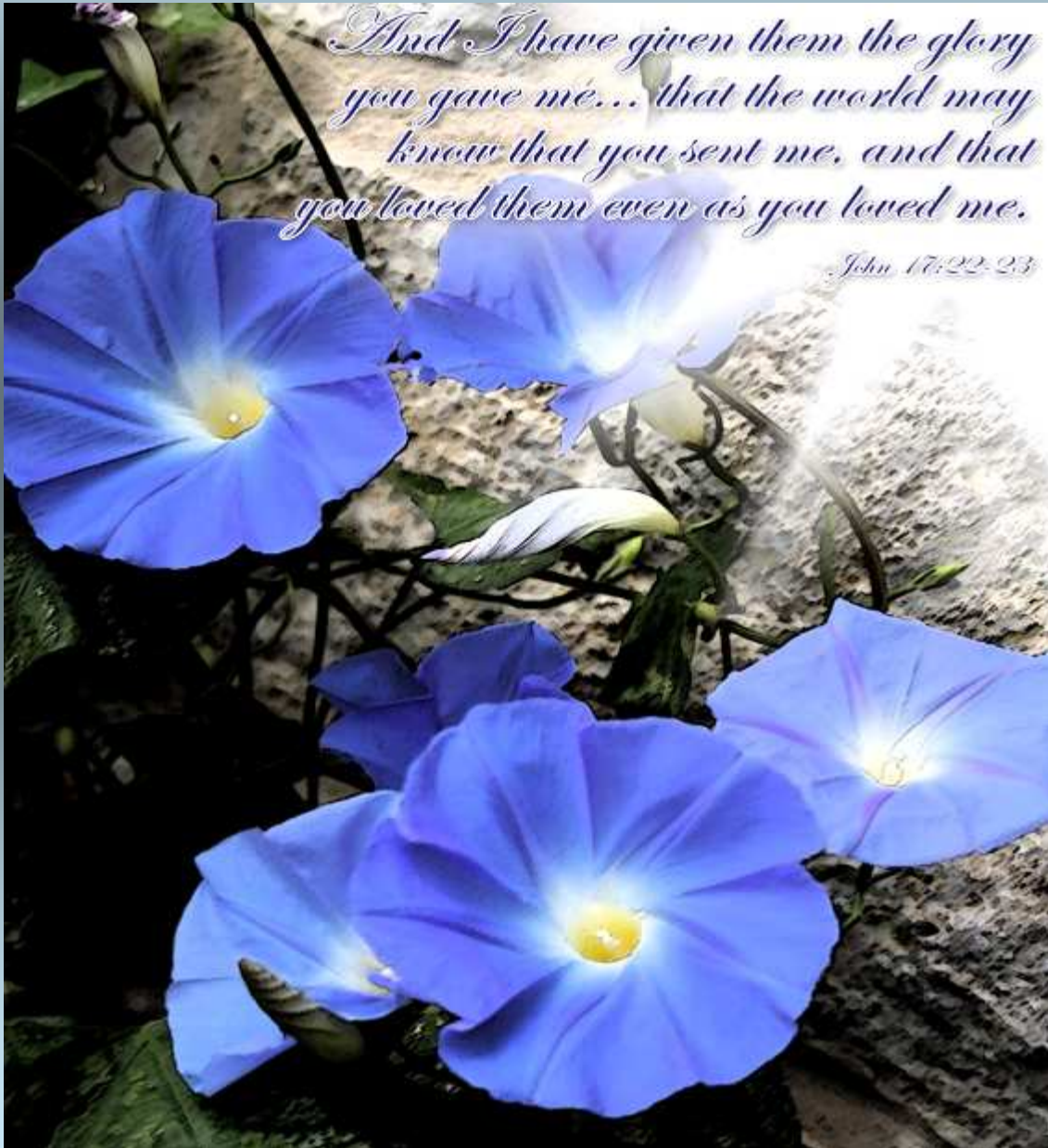


SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

May 12, 2013



Seventh Sunday of Easter

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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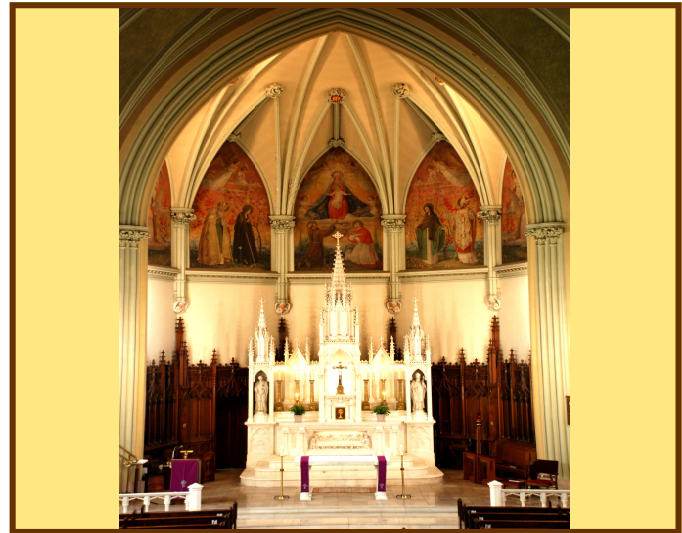
Music Ministry: **Wayne and Becky Kilcline**

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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 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> (Mother's Day Rem.) <b>Evelyn A. Danis</b> <b>Brazilian Mass</b>	By the families By her family
Monday May 13			
Tuesday May 14	9:00 am	<b>Paul "Zeb" Rich</b>	By Butch Rich
Wednesday May 15	9:00 am	<b>Francis Hawkins</b>	By Fr. Finnegan
Thursday May 16	9:00 am	<b>Joseph &amp; Francoise Labrecque</b>	By the family
Friday May 17	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday May 18	4:00 pm	<b>Rose &amp; Edward Crepeau</b>	By the family
Sunday May 19	7:30 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners</b> <b>Mass of Thanksgiving</b> <b>Brazilian Mass</b>	By a parishioner

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**

- 12 **SUN** Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
- 13 **Mon** Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 23
- 14 **Tue** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- 15 **Wed** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- 16 **Thu** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- 17 **Fri** Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- 18 **Sat** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- 19 **SUN** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

"... Believing is nothing other than, in the darkness of the world, touching the hand of God, and in this way, in silence, hearing the Word, seeing love."

~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



**Your kind contributions received last weekend**

Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>349.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,049.00</b>



**thank you**

# Notes from the Pastor

We had our parish council meeting this past Sunday. Two items were voted upon and approved. There will be a change in the Mass schedule for the summer. The Saturday evening Mass will be at 5 P.M. in order to give people a longer afternoon during the summertime. In the fall, if it is desired, we will return to a 4 P.M. Saturday Mass so that people who have difficulty driving in the dark can get home before it gets very, very dark.

Our attendance at the two Sunday Masses is so small that it makes sense to combine them into one Mass. The council decided on a 9 A.M. for the summer. When our CCD program begins again in October, we will have to revisit this time lest it interfere with CCD classes. Clearly, not everyone will be happy with these changes, but they seem to correspond better with the season in the weather and in our parish. So, to sum up, this new summer schedule will begin the first weekend in June (1-2), and end the last weekend in September (28-29).

The second item voted on by the council was the installation of a new sound system in the upper church. Let us hope that it proves beneficial for all of us.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in the parish!



## Today's Gospel

John 17:20-26  
 Luke 24:46-53

*"I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."*



Jesus,  
 you said,  
 "Father, they are your gift to me  
 I wish that where I am  
 they also may be  
 with me."

You took all of us who believe in you  
 straight to the heart of the Trinity, right to the heart of

infinite love,  
 to the creator of all things,  
 to the prime mover and our *raison d'être*.

Christ Jesus,  
 the Father sent you because he loved us.  
 Give us an understanding of the infinite love that makes  
 us one.

if we are the Father's gifts to you,  
 then let us be gifts to  
 each other.

**PRAY** for the **SICK** ... especially **Maria Pruyn, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Lauri Luzzi, 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 **Charlie Bowers, Robert Lachance, 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

### 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 \$23,011!

**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.

**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)

**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.

**ANNUAL IRISH-AMERICAN DAY OF REFLECTOION ON OUR CELTIC ROOTS** - on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 10AM to 5PM. at La Salette Shrine, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS and PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS** – On the eve of ordinations to the priesthood, please join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, May 31 at 7PM at the Church of St. Augustine, 639 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence. The Most Rev. Robert Evans, D.D., J.C.L., Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, will preside and Rev Timothy Reilly, Chancellor of Providence Diocese will be homilist. Please join us in prayer for priestly vocations. On Saturday, June 1, Rev. Mr. Scott J. Carpentier and Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Woodhouse will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence at 10AM with the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., Bishop of Providence, presiding. All are welcome!

**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.

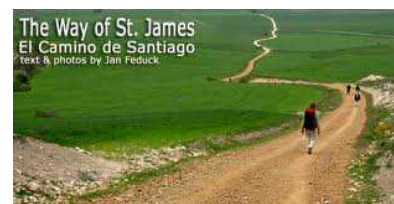
### SUMMER PROGRAM at the COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

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

### PAINFUL GOODBYES AND THE ASCENSION

Among the deeper mysteries in life perhaps the one we struggle with the most is the mystery of the Ascension. It's not so much that we misunderstand it, we simply don't understand it.

What is the Ascension?

Historically it was an event within the life of Jesus and the early church and is now a feast-day for Christians, one that links Easter to Pentecost. But it is more than an historical event, it is at the same time a theology, a spirituality, and an insight into life that we need to understand to better sort out the paradoxical interplay between life and death, presence and absence, love and loss.

The Ascension names and highlights a paradox that lies deep at the center of life, namely, that we all reach a point in life where we can only give our presence more deeply by going away so that others can receive the full blessing of our spirits.

What does that mean?

When Jesus was preparing to leave this earth he kept repeating the words: "It is better for you that I go away! You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. If I don't go away you will be unable to receive my spirit. Don't cling to me, I must ascend."

Why is it better sometimes that we go away?

Any parent with grown children has heard similar words from their children, unspoken perhaps but there nonetheless. When young people leave home to go to college or to begin life on their own, what they are really saying to their parents is: "Mum and dad, it is better that I go away. You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. If I don't go, I will always be your little boy or little girl but I will be unable to give you my life as an adult. So please don't cling to the child you once had or you will never be able to receive my adulthood. I need to go away now so that our love can come to full bloom."

The pain in this kind of letting go is often excruciating, as parents know, but to refuse to do that is to truncate life.

The same is true for the mystery of death. For example: I was 22 years old when in the space of four months both of my parents, still young, died. For my siblings and me the pain was searing. Initially we were nearly overwhelmed with a sense of being orphaned, abandoned, of losing a vital life-connection (that, ironically, we had mostly taken for granted until then). And our feelings were mainly cold, there's little that's warm in death.

But time is a great healer. After a while, and for me this took several years, the coldness disappeared and my parents' deaths were no longer a painful thing. I felt again their presence, and now as a warm, nurturing spirit that was with me all time. The coldness of death turned into a warmth. They had gone away but now they could give me their love and blessing in a way that they never could fully while they were alive. Their going away eventually created a deeper and purer presence.

The mystery of love and intimacy contains that paradox: To remain present to someone we love we have to sometimes be absent, in ways big and small. In the paradox of love, we can only fully bless each other when we go away. That is why most of us only "get" the blessing our loved ones were for us after they die. Mystically, "blood and water" (cleansing and the deep permission to live without guilt) flow from their dead bodies, just as these flowed from Jesus' dead body.

And this is even true, perhaps particularly so, in cases where our loved ones were difficult characters who struggled for peace or to bless anyone in this life. Death washes clean and releases the spirit and, even in the case of people who struggled to love, we can after their deaths receive their blessing in way we never could while they were alive. Like Jesus, they could only give us their real presence by going away.

"It is better for you that I go away!" These are painful words most of the time, from a young child leaving her mother for a day to go to school, to the man leaving his family for a week to go on a business trip, to the young man moving out of his family's house to begin life on his own, to a loved one saying goodbye in death. Separation hurts, goodbyes bring painful tears, and death of every kind wrenches the heart.

But that is part of the mystery of love. Eventually we all reach a point where what is best for everyone is that we go away so that we can give our spirit. The gift that our lives are can only be fully received after we ascend.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser