

Saint Charles Borromeo

May 24, 2015
Pentecost Sunday



190 North Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Phone: (401) 766-0176

Fax: (401) 766-0185

www.stcharlesborromeo.com

fr_finnegan@stcharlesborromeo.com

rectory@stcharlesborromeo.com

Pastor: Rev. Gerald F. Finnegan, S. J.

Parish Secretary: Lucille Hannon

Bookkeeper: Jennifer Collins
bookkeeper@stcharlesborromeo.com

Religious Education Director: Donna Zannelli
(401) 766-2890

Music Ministry: Wayne and Becky Kilcline

Office of Community Services & Advocacy
Woon. Satellite: Antonio Andreu Galvan
(401) 762-2849

Cemetery Care: Jack Marzini, Superintendent
Bob Millette, Assistant
(508) 883-6838

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, May 23	4PM - Dominic Gizzarelli by the family
Sunday, May 24	9AM - Russell Ethier by his wife and daughter
Memorial Day, May 25	10AM - For all buried at St. Charles Cemetery
Tuesday, May 26	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, May 27	9AM - Olivette Godin by Pauline Beliveau
Thursday, May 28	9AM - Laval Legare by his daughter
Friday, May 29	9AM - Roger Tellier by his wife Cecile
Saturday, May 30	4PM - Paul Dwyer by Mary Gizzarelli



Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. The word spirit means breath. So Holy Breath, the breath of God. For us this holy breath of God is made more concrete by our belief that it is also the breath of the risen Lord Jesus as well as the breath of the Father. Thus we find ourselves within the triune nature of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

But the Holy Spirit is also concrete in our daily lives. Often we find ourselves stale, like bread grown hard. We do everything with a kind of dullness. Our sense of life is blunted. And so we pray for the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and make them fresh. We don't want to think of winter now that spring has come. Yet we all know how a winter room can benefit from a breath of cold, fresh air. And we also know the beauty of a warm breeze in the warmer months of the year.

Today some complain that our church has grown stale, though others do not see things that way. They think of our pope and the freshness he has brought to the Catholic Church throughout the world. May we too, like Francis, be a "breath of fresh air," a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit, for others!

Fr. Finnegan, S. J.

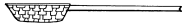


Please Note: Our annual Memorial Day Mass will be at 10AM at the Cemetery, weather permitting. Please bring your lawn chair if you plan on attending.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,000.00
Loose Money	\$ 277.00
Feast of Ascension	\$ 319.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 2,596.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of May 24, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

"Are we open to 'God's surprises? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in the transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? ~Pope Francis, Pentecost, 2013

Announcements



THE 2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL - We are inching up there! With \$23,891. already pledged, we are at **90.15% of our goal!** Thank you for all your generous donations! If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church and help us reach the top! Thank you.

"Year of Consecrated Life"

Appreciation Dinner will be this coming Saturday, May 30th after the 4PM Mass. Tickets (\$12) will be available after Masses the next few weekends or at rectory during office hours. Come join us and show our appreciation.



Save the Date!

FREE PARENTING CLASSES

Because children are a wonderful gift from God, but they do not come with a handbook under their arm; Paola Lois from the Life and Family Office at the Diocese of Providence will be offering a series of **FOUR** free parenting classes at All Saints Church to help parents with skills that will help them in their journey to raise their children. **Dates:** Wednesday, June 4, Wednesday, June 10, Wednesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 24. **Time:** 10AM to 11:30AM. **Location:** 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket. For more info and to participate, please contact Paola Lois (401) 421-7833 Ext. 220 or e-mail her at plois@dioceseofprovidence.org

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA POLISH FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, June 26 from 5PM to 10PM, Saturday, June 27 from 5PM to 10PM, and Sunday, June 28 from Noon to 4PM on school grounds at 222 Mac Arthur Boulevard, Coventry, RI. Polish/American food, games, raffles, Cow Chip Bingo and much more. Friday & Sunday: Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men; Saturday: Eddie Forman Orchestra. Call (401) 821-7991 for more information.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will be offered at St. Anthony Church Parish Center, Pope Street, North Providence, Thursdays, May 7 through June 25, 7 to 8:30PM. This free

group provides a peaceful place to learn and share their experiences and feeling, with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith - most appropriate for adults at least 3 months beyond their loss. Pre-registration required. Please call Pat Owens at 274-3854.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SACRED HEARTS RETREAT CENTER IN WAREHAM, MA

"Soul Sisters", a women's retreat led by internationally known speaker and author, Edwina Gateley will be held August 10-15. For more information, contact Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

"Lighten Up: A Yard Sale for the Soul," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat* led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at (508) 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more info, visit www.timeoutretreats.com

IS YOUR MARRIAGE TEARING YOU APART?

RETRouvaille A Christian Peer Ministry

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. All ages of couples come to Retrouvaille from many walks of life and ethnic backgrounds. Some have already separated or divorced, but want to try again. Many are struggling to stay together. What all these couples have in common is a sincere desire to build a stable loving marriage. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin and orientation, but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. Upcoming weekend 9/11-13/2015 in Framingham, MA. For more info see www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Tess and Sawn Yates at (508) 271-7155. More information also on bulletin boards.



THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT

In the Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. And we also celebrate that coming of the Spirit because it is the feast of Pentecost.

But the book of Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world. For example, the Spirit of God came upon Balaam (Num. 24:2), Joshua (Num. 27:18), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Jephthah (Judges 11:29), Samson (Judges 13:25), Saul (1 Sam 11:6), David (1 Sam 16:13), and others as well.

So why in the Gospel Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people for some particular purposes marked out by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single one Christian. As the Second Reading explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when after Pentecost Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

So when Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, it comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost, to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel (2:28), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people (Joel 3:16).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord.

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.



Wash, Dry & Fold

\$.80 per pound - 10 lb. minimum

Rocco Gentilella Keith Lagrave

Directly across the street from our parking lot!

**150 North Main Street,
Woonsocket, RI 029895**
(401) 762-8170



MURRAY

MONUMENT & STONE
COMPANY

A family-run business since 1874.

We specialize in all types of memorials and memorial work, including monuments, markers, columbariums, vases, vigil candles, cemetery lettering, cleaning, and repairs.

9 Farm Street, Blackstone, MA 01504
(508) 883-8544