

# Saint Charles Borromeo



June 7, 2015  
Sunday of the Most  
Holy Body & Blood  
of Christ

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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

Saturday, June 6	4PM - Milton Monteiro by the family
Sunday, June 7	9AM - Olivette Godin by the Paul Parenteau family
Tuesday, June 9	9AM - Laval Legare by a friend
Wednesday, June 10	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Thursday, June 11	9AM - Olivette Godin by Helen Hervieu
Friday, June 12	9AM - Mass of the Day
Saturday, June 13	4PM - Antonio & Alice DePina 25th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, June 14	9AM - Francoise & Joseph Labrecque by John Labrecque

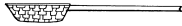


As you may know, Pope Francis is soon going to issue an encyclical on the environment. Some members of the Church are afraid of his doing so because he may say that the changes in the climate on our planet are due in part to human activity. Some people don't believe that. They believe that the changes are just the natural results of natural causes and have little, perhaps even nothing, to do with what we humans have done and are doing to our planet. Therefore, they do not want the pope to take the opposite position. They fear that he will portray us as responsible for these changes and tell us to take more seriously our responsibility for our planet's health. They fear that he will also tell us that this affects us as Catholic especially since we profess that God is the author of nature and has placed us in charge of His work, and, therefore, for us to degrade and destroy His work is shameful and sinful.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$
Loose Money	\$
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*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of June 7, 2015

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37 Immac. Heart: Is 61:9-11/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor".

~St. Paul, Romans 12:9

We will have to see if their fears are well-founded. But perhaps the pope can put this question into its larger context, one which every Catholic must accept: that the world is God's precious and beautiful gift to us and that we must accept and nurture this gift. What could be simpler than that? That much all of us can and must agree on. If we begin there, perhaps we can remain long enough in conversation to hear each other about our fears and hopes for our planet and our responsibility for it.

*Fr. Finnegan, S. J.*



# Announcements



## **Next Weekend's Second Collection is for CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Your contribution helps to share faith, demonstrate worship, and be a witness of God's love through social media, television, radio, and print media. Half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communication needs. To learn more about the Catholic Communication Campaign, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (Search "Catholic Communication Campaign").

**THE 2015 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL** - We are almost 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.

## **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](mailto: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 SUP-**

**PORT 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](mailto: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](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). For more info, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact Tess and Sawn Yates at (508) 271-7155. More information also on bulletin boards.

## THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

The Second Reading says that the blood of Christ cleans our consciences from dead works.

Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could clean things with blood?

The answer depends on what you are trying to clean. The Second Reading is talking about cleaning dead works out of the conscience.

But what is a dead work?

Well, a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. So dead works are works that don't go anywhere. And where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

And now we have a better idea of what a dead work is, don't we? In Romans (7:15), Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: You set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

This is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

The blood is the life of a thing, scripture says, (Dt 12:23). If in the Eucharist the blood of Christ comes into us, then Christ's life comes into us. By his life, we are made into one body with him, one living body, with a living Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live, too, through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed too. In fact, it turns out that even our dirty laundry is cleaned by the blood of Christ. The saints in heaven have made their clothes white in the blood of the lamb (Revelation 7:14).

The old Spiritual hymn is right: there is power in the blood! Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. 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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