

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH
190 NORTH MAIN STREET
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

June 9, 2013

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



***"And he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother"
Luke 7:15***

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 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 4:00 to 4:30 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 June 8	5:00 pm	Patrick J. Cavanaugh	By Paulette and Richard Angelini
Sunday June 9	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Joseph & Francoise Labrecque Brazilian Mass	By John Labrecque
Monday June 10			
Tuesday June 11	9:00 am	Mary Dailey (Parish Benefactor)	By the parish
Wednesday June 12	9:00 am	Joseph & Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Thursday June 13	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Friday June 14	9:00 am	Anthony Lescarbeau	By Marissa Pizzarelli
Saturday June 15	5:00 pm	Conrad and Mary Cote	By the family
Sunday June 16	9:00 am 12:00 pm	'Chuck' Kennedy Brazilian Mass	By Rachel, Chris & Shawn

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 June 9, 2013

- 9 **SUN** 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17
- 10 **Mon** 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
- 11 **Tue** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:13-16
- 12 **Wed** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
- 13 **Thu** 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
- 14 **Fri** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
- 15 **Sat** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
- 16 **SUN** 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3

"Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy."

~Kahlil Gibran



Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 3,363.00
Loose Money _____	247.00
Mission Co-Operative Appeal _____	460.00
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Total	\$ 4,070.00



thank you

Notes from the Pastor

It is actually May 21 as I write these words, but I am going to be away for a week on retreat and must therefore get this column in now. What will be going on by the time June 9 is here, God alone knows, but let me direct your and my thoughts at this moment to an editorial which appeared in the May 13th issue of America Magazine, the Jesuit weekly. It talks about glaring inequalities in our society. Such a topic seems to be on Pope Francis' mind as well, though on a more universal or world-wide level. But the America editorial is concerned about our own country, the land of opportunity, the land where the sons and daughters of immigrants could achieve a level of economic prosperity which was the envy and dream of the rest of the world. But that is no longer the case, we are told. Social mobility is lower here than in the socialized countries of Europe. And the percentage of our population living in poverty is greater than it has been since the 1960s. Twenty percent of the children in the USA are growing up poor. The cause of all this is the unequal distribution of wealth in our country. Let me quote the editorial: "Three decades ago, C.E.O.'s were paid 42 times as much as the average U.S. worker. Today they earn 354 times as much. Such an imbalance means the loss of the American dream. More than that, it can lead to civil war.

What must be done? A living wage must be established for workers. To quote the editorial, "Wages have been stagnant for decades, even as large productivity gains have generated vast new wealth." And the wealthy must contribute to the government in a measure more in line with the amount of wealth they possess. The editorial calls this "a restoration of progressivity to tax structures."

Simply stated, the wealthy must contribute more to the common good.

We saw recently how businesses from first-world nations like our own profit from the cheap labor of third world countries. They do so because women in these poor countries work for nothing to produce our clothing and die by the thousands when the cheap buildings in which they work collapse. There is sin both here in our country and abroad, and we have to be aware of this fact. Thank God, such problems are now coming to the fore in the preaching of our new pope.

Today's Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep."



"Do not weep,"
you say
to us,
and, moved with pity,
you join us,
and you
weep
with
us.
Jesus,
let us be moved with pity
when we see our
neighbors
cry.

PRAY
for the
SICK

... especially **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Lauri Luzzi, Everett Bishop** 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 **Charles O'Rourke, Dominic Gizzarelli, Robert Lachance, Douglas Guilmain, Paul Kogut, Charles Bowers, Prim French, Irene Heroux** and 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.



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION (6/9-10) will be for **Catholic Communications**. Envelopes available at entrances.

2013 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL We have surpassed our **\$25,000 goal!!** As of last week we have reached \$26,102! A heartfelt thank you to all who have so generously given to this appeal. Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal helps to fund our 39 diocesan ministries that provide comfort to our sisters & brothers in Christ.

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 or contact Camp Director, Maria Piccirilli at (401) 568-3580.

"APOLOGETICS 101 - CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO THE HARD QUESTIONS" a six-week series of talks on the Catholic Faith, will be held Thursday evenings this summer at 7PM starting Thursday, June 20th at St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, Diocese of Providence seminarian, Nicholas Fleming, will lead the talks. For more info, please call (401) 766-0626.

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA POLISH FESTIVAL - on Friday, June 28 from 5-9pm, Saturday, June 29 from 5-10pm, and Sunday, June 30, from noon to 4pm on school grounds at 222 MacArthur Blvd, Coventry, RI. Come join us for Polish/American Food, games, raffles, & our famous **COW CHIP BINGO** and much more. Call (401) 821-7991 for more info. See flyer on bulletin board.

Friends of the parish wish to rent their **River Haven condo** here in Woonsocket, beginning mid-June. It is a 2 bed - 2 bath luxury condominium, and includes a 2 car garage and parking in front of garage, washer/dryer in unit, central air, heat. Amenities include swimming pool, gym, small picnic area w/grill. \$1,300 per month, first month rent and security deposit. Rent Negotiable. It is located at 94 Mill Street. If interested, please call (401) 213-3676. See parish website for picture (www.stcharlesborromeo.com/)

MOST SIGNIFICANT PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The most significant pro-life legislative development since *Roe vs. Wade* has occurred. A ban on abortions nationwide after 20 weeks of development, based on the child's capability to feel pain, is being introduced in the US House of Representatives by Congressman Trent Franks of Arizona. (The bill is an amended version of H.R. 1797.) This kind of law has been successfully passed in nine states already. The awareness of late term abortion generated by the Kermit Gosnell case has accelerated the momentum behind this effort. For the past few years, **Priests for Life** has been focusing on ending late term abortion, both in the educational and legislative arena. For more information see **StopDandE.com**. ("D and E" refers to "Dilation and Evacuation," the dismemberment abortion procedure which is the most common method of killing children in the second trimester." While every direct abortion is equally wrong, pedagogically we make more progress starting with a focus on what is more obvious to the public, and then moving to what is less obvious. Even many "pro-choice people support a ban on dismemberment abortion, once they realize what it is. Encourage your Congressional Representative to support this bill.

MOUNT SAINT CHARLES FINE ARTS SUMMER CAMP

is a two-week, full-day co-3d summer program for all children entering grades 5-10 in September. Campers create a six-course schedule, choosing from more than 100 fun and informative classes in art, dance, music, drama and related arts (such as Robotics, Video Production, and Chinese). The camp runs from 8AM to 4PM Mon.-Fri., July 15-26. Tuition of \$330. includes materials. For more info and to request a course selection sheet, go to mscfinearts.com

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**. For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@magdalen.edu call (603) 456-2656, Ext. 119

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

DEATH A SURPRISE?

Usually the Church does not get to celebrate the tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. But Easter was quite early this year and we finished it in time for the tenth Sunday to happen.*

We are lucky. The readings are about wombs and widows and raising from the dead. They bring up the crucial question of death and its meaning.

The First Reading tells about a most unfortunate widow whose only son has died. Elijah was the prophet at hand so the widow promptly blamed him. "Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?" Elijah wastes no time in bringing the son back to life.

Surprisingly, Jesus does a like healing, though without being blamed for the death. He was simply "moved with pity" for the widow and he told the son's corpse abruptly to rise. "The dead man sat up and began to speak" (Gospel)!

In the Second Reading, Paul the Apostle admits his guilt in persecuting Christians, but talks about his birth into this life. He says that God, "from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace."

We each progress from the serene home of the womb to the stubby surface of the world, where we belong, yes, but not without pain and much adjustment.

And then there is death.

What are we to think when the fertile womb of mothers gave birth to their beloveds, only to find the reply to that life in the surcease of life, death? Surely this is something to give long thought to. Some of us have witnessed in person the death of people much treasured by us. All of us will go to that end, as did even the sons of the widows that Elijah and Jesus brought back to life. Is this a cruel joke?

I would like to give you the gift of a poem by the great Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, on this very subject.

I remember my childhood when the sunrise,
like my play-fellow, would burst in to my bedside
with its daily surprise of morning;
when the faith in the marvelous bloomed
like fresh flowers in my heart every day,
looking into the face of the world in simple gladness;
when insects, birds and beasts, the common weeds,
grass and the clouds had their fullest value of wonder;
when the patter of rain at night brought dreams
from the fairyland, and mother's voice in the evening
gave meaning to the stars.

And then I think of death,
and the rise of the curtain
and the new morning
and my life awakened in its fresh surprise of love.**

I had expected a complete reversal of all good when the words came, "And then I think of death." But then in a majestic and understated revelation, Tagore gives us the real meaning of death and of life.

A fresh surprise of love.

Only if you and I come to see, within the span of our lives, the tender caress of love softly surrounding everything that is—even the disappointments—can we say with real truth that we believe in "a new morning" and in our lives to be "awakened in a fresh surprise of love."

My goodness, isn't it worth looking for? Do it now, because these readings will not come back for years!

John Foley, S. J.

* Usually Easter is late enough that the tenth Sunday gets substituted for by Easter Season, Ascension, Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ. But Easter was early this year, thus leaving room for our tenth Sunday of Ordinary time.

Why does Easter occur on different dates each year (when ordinary times do not)? To make a long story short, Easter's date is still determined by moon time instead of sun time. In very old days, every date used to be governed by the phase of the moon. Liturgically the last celebrations to change to the "new" way of determining time (by the sun) are the most important ones, which we are loath to change. Thus, Easter.

If you have an interest in ways of counting time, an abiding interest I mean, read Stephen Hawking's small book, A Brief History of Time. You will not wonder again. ** From Tagore, Crossing.