

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

June 23, 2013

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If anyone would come after me, he
must deny himself and take up
his cross daily and
follow me.

Luke 9:23



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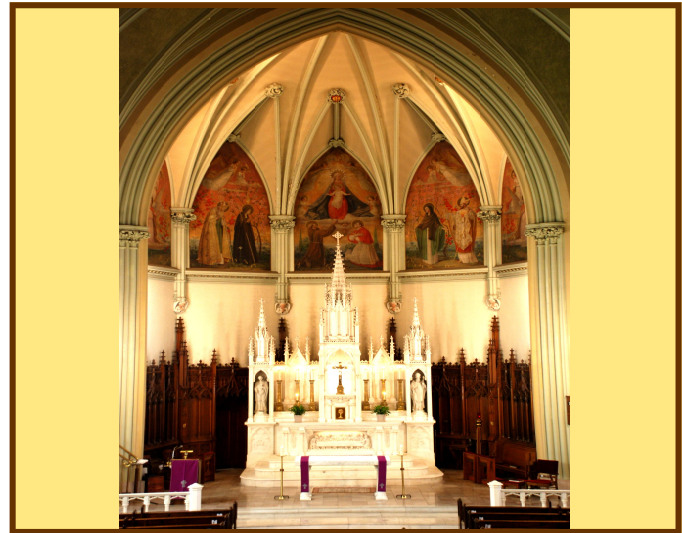
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Mass Schedule

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 22	5:00 pm	Germaine & Rita Masse	By the family
Sunday June 23	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Edward & Helen Flaherty Brazilian Mass	By the family
Monday June 24			
Tuesday June 25	9:00 am	Douglas Guilmain	By Mary Soucie
Wednesday June 26	9:00 am	Mary Dailey (Parish Benefactor)	By Butch Rich
Thursday June 27	9:00 am	Mary P. Bowers	By the family
Friday June 28	9:00 am	Domenic Gizzarelli	By the family
Saturday June 29	5:00 pm	Virginia & Augusto Almeida Manuel & Judith Moreira	By daughter and niece
Sunday June 30	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass	

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 23, 2013

- 23 SUN Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24
- 24 Mon Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17, Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- 25 Tue Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- 26 Wed Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
- 27 Thu Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
- 28 Fri Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
- 29 Sat Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 27
- 30 SUN 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 2,178.00
Loose Money _____	264.00
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Total	\$ 2,442.00



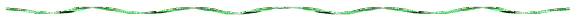
thank you



Someone I heard or read talked about a parish being self-referential and the phrase has stuck to me. What does it mean? I suppose it means that a parish is centered on itself. When that is the case with an individual, we do not admire it. Such a person is not living a life governed by the law of love of God and neighbor but rather by the law of self-love, and we consider that a fault, indeed a sin, indeed the root of all sin. Yet we all have to admit that it is very hard to root out selfishness from our own souls, and we can even argue in self-defense that as individuals responsible for ourselves, for our lives, we have to be self-reflective and therefore self-referential. But, that said, we still fault a person who is too self-referential, too wrapped up in his or her own self.

But what does it mean for a parish to be self-referential? Again, a certain amount of self-centeredness has to be present in a parish and its membership if it is going to survive. It must collect money for its self-preservation. It must attempt to instill a certain pride in its members in their parish. But can a parish, like a person, be too self-referential? Can it be selfish the way a person is? And how does it recognize that it is so?

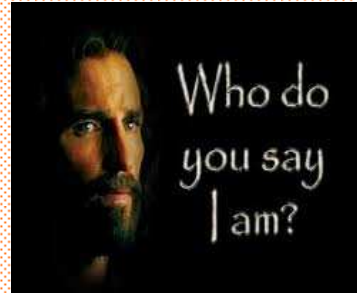
One thought which occurred to me is a parish's contribution to the place in which it exists. Should it not attempt to reach out to its city or town? Should it not attempt to contribute to the neighborhood in which it exists? To me it seems that the answer to those questions should be a yes. So, how could we here at St. Charles do that? How can we avoid being self-referential in a bad sense, in a selfish sense?



TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 9: 18-24

"Who do you say that I am?"



Jesus,
you ask us,
"Who do you say I am?"

Help us say it.

With mouths speaking justice for the poor.
With feet rushing to those in need.
Hands picking up our crosses.
Trust that shatters fear.
O Lord, with hearts
loving you and
others in
you.

Help us say it. And do it.



... especially **Christine McDonald, Colette Farrager, Tim Carroll, 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.



parish news



“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.

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

GIANT FLEA MARKET - Sunday, June 23 9AM to 1PM at St. Joseph Church Auditorium, 1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. Great selection of Flea Market items plus Bake Sale, Split the Pot. Air Conditioned. For more info, call Pauline at (401) 766-1643.

St Raphael's Academy is hosting a **BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS** entering 4th through 10th grade. The goal of **TEACHING HOOPS SUMMER CAMP** is to help develop a well-rounded, complete basketball player. Our philosophy is to instill in our campers the fundamentals of the game along with a proper attitude toward it. We stress confidence, teamwork, effort and sportsmanship which we feel are important ingredients in achieving success not only on the court but also with family, school and life.

TEACHING HOOPS SUMMER CAMP at St. Raphael's Academy, Pawtucket, July 8—12, 8:30AM—3:30PM \$185 per week. Please call Bill Black if interested or have questions. (401) 575-8849 or teachinghoops@yahoo.com

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/)

“Gatewood Apartments” is now accepting applications. Gatewood is an elderly/disabled apartment community located at 403 Mendon Road in North Smithfield. Income guidelines followed by the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development & Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs. Qualified residents pay 30% of their adjusted annual income for rent. If you are interested in an application or have questions regarding the property, please contact the Management Office (401) 765-0105.

“Chateau Clare Apartments” is now accepting applications. Chateau Clare is an elderly/disabled apartment community located at 16 Greene Street in Woonsocket. Income guidelines followed by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development & Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs. Qualified residents pay 30% of their adjusted annual income for rent. If you are interested in an application or have questions regarding this property, please contact the Management Office (401) 762-2656.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

THREE LEVELS OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Nikos Kazantzakis once suggested that there are three kinds of souls and three kinds of prayers:

- I am a bow in your hands, Lord, draw me, lest I rot.
- Do not overdraw me, Lord, I shall break.
- Overdraw me, Lord, and who cares if I break!

When I look at life, I also see three great struggles, not unlike those so poetically named by Kazantzakis. And each of these has a corresponding level of Christian discipleship. What are those great struggles and those levels of discipleship? There are three major phases in our human and spiritual journey:

- Essential discipleship - The struggle to get our lives together.
- Generative discipleship - The struggle to give our lives away
- Radical discipleship - The struggle to give our deaths away

Essential discipleship and the struggle to get our lives together is our initial task in life. Beginning with our first breath, we struggle to find an identity and to find fulfillment and peace there. We are born in a hospital and soon taken home to where we have parents, a family, and a place that's ours. This period of our lives, childhood, is intended by God and nature to be a secure time. As a child, our major struggles have not yet begun. But that will change dramatically at puberty.

Simply put, puberty is designed by God and nature to drive us out of our homes in search of a home that we ourselves build. And it generally does its job well! It hits us with a tumult and violence that overthrows our childhood and sends us out, restless, sexually-driven, full of grandiose dreams, but confused and insecure, in search of a new home, one that we build for ourselves. This struggle, from being restlessly driven out of our first home to finding a place to call home again, is the journey of Essential discipleship.

Normally we do find our way home again. At a certain point, we land. We find ourselves "at home" again, namely, with a place to live that's our own, a job, a career, a vocation, a spouse, children, a mortgage, a series of responsibilities, and a certain status and identity. At that point, the fundamental struggle in our life changes, though it may take years for us to consciously realize and accept this. Our question then is no longer: "How do I get my life together?" Rather it becomes: "How do I give my life away more deeply, more generously, and more meaningfully?" At that stage, we enter the second phase of discipleship.

Generative discipleship and the struggle to give our lives away is a stage most people reach sometime during their twenties or thirties, though some take longer to cross that threshold. Moreover, the crossover is never pure and complete, the struggle for self-identity and private fulfillment never completely goes away; but, at a certain point, we begin to live more for others than for ourselves. Generative discipleship begins then and, for most of us, this will constitute the longest period of our lives. During all those years, our task in life is clear: How do I give my life away more purely, more generously, more generatively?

But being the responsible adults who run the homes, schools, churches, and businesses of the world is not the final stage our lives. We still must die; the most daunting task of all. And so our default line must shift yet one more time: There comes a point in our lives, when our real question is no longer: "What can I still do so that my life makes a contribution?" Rather the question becomes: "How can I now live so that my death will be an optimal blessing for my family, my church, and the world?"

Radical discipleship and the struggle to give our deaths away is the final stage of life: As Christians, we believe that Jesus lived for us and that he died for us, that he gave us both his life and his death. But we often fail to distinguish that there are two clear and separate movements here: Jesus gave his life for us in one movement, and he gave his death for us in another. He gave his life for us through his activity, through his generative actions for us; and he gave his death through his passivity, through absorbing in love the helplessness, diminutions, humiliations, and loneliness of dying.

Like Jesus, we too are meant to give our lives away in generosity and selflessness, but we are also meant to leave this planet in such a way that our diminishment and death is our final, and perhaps greatest, gift to the world. Needless to say that's not easy. Walking in discipleship behind the master will require that we too will eventually sweat blood and feel "a stone's throw" from everybody. This struggle, to give our deaths away, as we once gave our lives away, constitutes Radical discipleship.

When we look at the demands of discipleship, we see that one size does not fit all!

Fr. Ron Rolheiser