

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

June 30, 2013

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Jesus said “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back
to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”**

Luke 9:62

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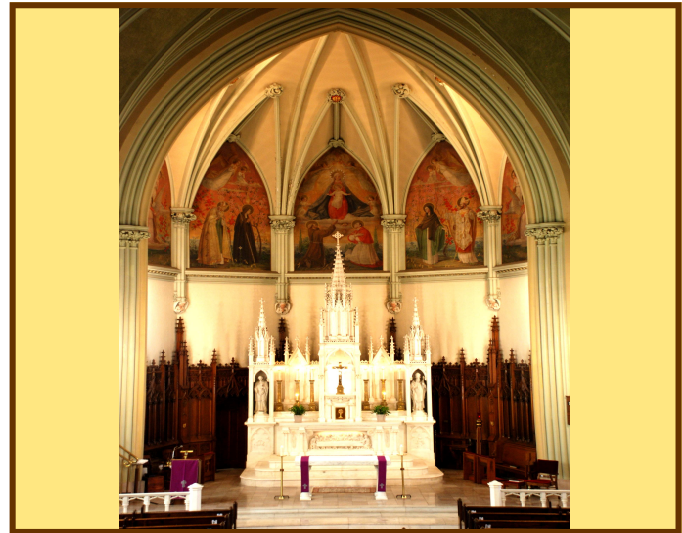
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Mass Schedule

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 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	
Monday July 1			
Tuesday July 2	9:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	By Butch Rich
Wednesday July 3	9:00 am	Charles R. Christoforo	By the parish
Thursday July 4	9:00 am	James and Catherine Boyle	By the family
Friday July 5	9:00 am	Alice Callahan (1st Anniversary)	By the family
Saturday July 6	5:00 pm	Rose and Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday July 7	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

Scripture for the week of June 30, 2013

- 30 **SUN** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
- 1 **Mon** Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
- 2 **Tue** Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- 3 **Wed** Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
- 4 **Thu** Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- 5 **Fri** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
- 6 **Sat** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
- 7**SUN** Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Start your day with words of inspiration and spirituality. "iGod Today" with Fr. Mike Manning. Free App designed for iPhone, iPad and Kindle Fire. Download from iTunes App Store or Amazon App Store.



Your kind contributions received last weekend

Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 1680.00
Loose Money _____	328.00
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Total	\$ 2,008.00



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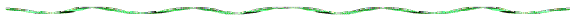


Summer has come in right on time and in full force. While we may well complain about ninety degree temperatures, we should also remember how cold we are seven or eight months of the year. That will help us bear with the heat a little more patiently.

If you don't have a date for the 4th of July, please come for a hot dog or hamburger at 5:30 P.M. We will be either at the rectory or in the basement of the church, depending on the number of guests we have. But, that we may know the number of guests to expect, please call first and let us know if you are coming. The number here is 776-0176. Leave a message if no one answers.

A Pastor Gerson Gonzalez, whose community occupies the former Our Lady of Victory's church on Prospect St, visited me recently after having spoken with Mayor Fontaine about the needs of our city. The mayor suggested a Day of Prayer. Pastor Gonzalez gathered about twenty or more pastors together last Friday, the 21st, to plan such a day. The date is August 17, and it will be held in one of the parks of the city. Fr. Readon, Fr. Kiley, and I attended the meeting. It was good to meet these other pastors. Most of them have evangelical communities. It was good to see how many fellow believers we have in our city. Sometimes we can get the impression that we are rather alone. True, they are not members of our church, but they are our sisters and brothers in faith in Jesus as the Lord. So we ought to recognize this bond and act on it. I will keep you posted on this Day of Prayer.

Please let me know what you think of our new sound system. It is an expensive matter. Therefore, we should all be hearing VERY WELL. If you are not hearing well, please let me know.



TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests."



*Jesus, when you say, "Follow me,"
you ask us for too much.
You ask us for
everything.*

Please deepen our trust.

*Let us
pack our bags lightly
and then go where you call us.*

*Loosen us from heavy things,
ones that fasten us to
our very safe
spots.*

*Let us lay our heads
where you lay
yours.*



... 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, Evelyn Corey, William Pistacco,** 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.



“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

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, Week 1—July 8 - 12, Week 2—July 16 - 20 from 8:30AM—3:30PM \$185 per week. Please call Bill Black if interested or have questions. (401) 575-8849 or teachinghoops@yahoo.com

LOST/FOUND: Lady's gold bracelet with birthstones was found in church. If you lost it please call the rectory.

SAINT GERMAIN ASSISTED LIVING , 429 East School Street, Woonsocket is now accepting applications for both single and coupled residents. St. Germain is operated by the Woonsocket Housing Authority in conjunction with United Methodist Elder Care. They offer 24 hour care, full meals 7 days a wee, laundry and housekeeping services as well as activities. For more info, call (401) 597-5867.

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

Following Jesus—Be Ready for Some Surprises

*As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him,
"I will follow you wherever you go"*

Following Jesus is not without its surprises. It's best to be forewarned. Here's fair warning:

Soren Kierkegaard once said that what Jesus wants is followers not admirers. He's right. To admire Jesus without trying to change our lives does nothing for Jesus or for us. Yet how exactly does one follow Jesus? Classically we have said that we do this by trying to imitate him. But that posits a further question: How do we imitate Jesus?

A negative example might be useful here: Many of us remember the "Jesus people" of the late 1960s, with their rather raw, literal approach to following Jesus. They tried to look like he looked. They put on flowing white robes, grew beards, walked bare-foot, and tried, in appearance and dress, to imitate the Jesus that centuries of Western artists painted for us. Obviously this is not what discipleship means, not only because we don't know what Jesus looked like (although we do know that he was not the fair-skinned, fair-haired young man of Western art), but, more importantly, because attempts to mimic Jesus' physical appearance miss the point of discipleship entirely.

More subtle is the attempt to imitate Jesus by trying to copy his actions. The algebra here works this way: Jesus did certain things, so we should do them too. He taught, healed, consoled the downtrodden, went off into the desert by himself, stayed up all night occasionally and prayed, and visited the homes of sinners. So we should do the same things: We should become teachers, nurses, preachers, counselors, monks, social workers, and non-judgmental friends to the less-than-pious. In this view, imitation is carrying on the actions of Jesus.

This kind of imitation, however valuable as ministry, still is not quite what is required in terms of real discipleship. In the end, it too misses the point because one can be preacher of the gospel and not really be imitating Jesus, just as one can be a truck driver (not something Jesus did) and be imitating him. True imitation is not a question of trying to look like Jesus, nor of trying to duplicate his actions. What is it?

Perhaps one of the better answers to that question is given by John of the Cross, the great Spanish mystic. In his view, we imitate Jesus when we try to imitate his motivation, when we try to do things for the same reason he did. For him, that is how one "puts on Christ." We enter real discipleship when, like Jesus, we have as our motivation the desire ("proper regnum Dei") to draw all things into one—into one unity of heart, one family of love.

John of the Cross then offers some advice regarding how this can be done. We should begin, he says, by reading the scriptures and meditating the life on Jesus. Then we should pray to Christ and ask him to instill in us his desire, longing, and motivation. In essence, we should pray to Jesus and ask him to make us feel the way he felt while he was on earth.

Some surprises await us however, he points out, if we do this. Initially, when we first begin seriously to pray for this, we will fill with fervor, good feelings, a passion for goodness, and a warm sense of God's presence. We will feel that we feel like Jesus—and that will be a very good feeling indeed. However, if we persevere in our prayer and desire to imitate him, things will eventually change, and in a way that we least expect. The warm feelings, fervour, and passion—that snug feeling that we feel like Jesus—will disappear and be replaced by something infinitely less pleasant. We will begin to feel sterile, dispassionate, dry. God's presence will feel neither warm nor steady and we will be left wondering: "What's wrong? How did I lose the way?"

However, as John of the Cross assures us, nothing is wrong. Rather our prayer has been answered. We prayed to Jesus, asking him to let us feel like he felt, and he granted our request. Exactly. For a large part of his life and ministry Jesus felt exactly as we are now feeling—dry, sterile, and not buoyed up by any warm feelings of God, even as he remained faithful in that darkness. Strange how it can feel, feeling like Jesus.

There's a fervor that comes from the wetness of fertility that can make the soul swell with feelings of creativity, warmth, and immortality. God is in that. But there is also an aridity that comes from a deeper place, a heat that threatens to dry out the very marrow of the soul, a dryness that shrinks all swelling, especially pride, and leaves us vulnerable and mortal by bringing the soul to kindling temperature. God is in that dryness no less than in the wetness of fertility because in that painful longing we feel the eros of God and the motivation of Christ.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser