

Saint Charles Borromeo



July 5, 2015
13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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

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| Saturday, July 4 | 4PM - William T. & Beatrice Kilcline by Wayne & Becky Kilcline |
| Sunday, July 5 | 9AM - Francoise & Joseph Labrecque by John Labrecque |
| Tuesday, July 7 | 9AM - Ernest Sauvageau by his wife |
| Wednesday, July 8 | 9AM - Marie Bilodeau by the family |
| Thursday, July 9 | 9AM - John A. Bangford by the parish |
| Friday, July 10 | 9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family by his sisters |
| Saturday, July 11 | 4PM - Louise Lamensky by the family |
| Saturday, July 12 | 9AM - Olivette Godin by V. Decelle |



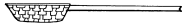
A Happy Fourth of July to you! Although someone wished me a "Happy Fall" yesterday, I am still hoping to enjoy summer for another three months. Do you feel the same way? Some of us will be a little slower this summer to complain about the heat because the memory of the past winter is still fresh in our minds.

By the time you read this, our own little celebration of the Fourth will be in process or just over. It will take place (or took place) next to our new rain garden on the lawn side of our church. Last week a generous parishioner took over the job of watering this garden while I was away on vacation. He did a very good job. Everything is coming along very well, and those who designed and planted the garden were here today (Tuesday, the 30th of June) and were very pleased at its progress. Please take a look at it sometime after Mass.

Last Weekend's Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$ 1,889.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 225.00 |
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of July 5, 2015

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| Sunday: | Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a |
| Monday: | Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 |
| Thursday: | Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15 |
| Friday: | Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23 |
| Saturday: | Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 |
| Next Sunday: | Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 |

"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our Catholic Church here in the United States and in Ireland (of all places!) has suffered a great blow by these countries' rejection of its understanding of marriage as a union of a man and a woman. I suspect that the pedophilia crisis in our country and in Ireland contributed in great part to this rejection. What we need now is a clear and convincing presentation of our understanding of marriage to challenge this new and now legal claim that the word applies to the sexual union of two people of the same gender. We will also have to defend ourselves against the greater restricting of our religious rights in this matter.

Fr. Finnegan, S. J.



Announcements



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL - We have now reached 102.87% of our goal of \$26,500. The total collected is now \$27,261! Thank you for your generous donations which will help countless Rhode Islanders who go to the Diocese seeking help.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WEST BAY & NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND INC. is having a one month calendar fundraiser for September. Contact Louise at lac80@cox.net if you would like more information. Payments can also be mailed to HFH West Bay and N.RI, PO Box 6743, Warwick RI 02887. Calendars are \$10 each with no limit on how many can be purchased per person. Prizes range from \$20 up to and above \$50 for each day of the month. There are only 500 calendars, so get them while they last! Calendars are only available until August 31, 2015 or while supplies last!

COLUMBAN FATHERS' FESTIVAL & BAZAAR 65 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI will be held on Sunday, July 26 from 12 to 6 PM. Chicken BAR-B-Q, Chowder & Clam Cakes, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chourico & Peppers, Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Doughboys and Ice Cream, Yard Sale, Petting zoo, Face Painting, Prizes.

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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - JULY 8-16TH AT 7 PM. at the Carmelite Monastery, 25 Watson Avenue, Barrington, RI. Guest Speaker and Mass Celebrant: Fr. Adam Gregor, a Carmelite Friar from California, will speak about Mary and the Liturgy and Mary and St. Teresa of Avila. Each evening will feature Mass and presentation. For

more information, please contact the Carmelite Monastery directly at (401) 245-3421.

BEACON HOSPICE SEEKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways you can help!

Beacon Hospice provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally-ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals in your area to spend time with our patients as a volunteer. Volunteers can provide much needed support to patients and their families in a number of ways including: visiting with patients on an on-going basis, sitting vigils, knitting, crocheting, quilting blankets, creating memory posters, providing music therapy, pet therapy, veterans visiting veterans, assisting in veteran pinning ceremonies. There is a free training course that is required on what hospice is and how to interact with hospice patients. The trainings are held locally, For more information, interested volunteers please contact Kristy Corbett, Volunteer Coordinator at (401) 438-0008 or e-mail her at: kristy.corbett@beaconhospice.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.

AT PEACE WITH PERSECUTION

In the Second Reading, Paul says that he is content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecutions. Why would any rational person be content with these things? All of them look like the very thing to avoid if you possibly can. Well, what would anyone be content with? How about beatitude? That would be worthy of contentment, wouldn't it?

But in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ connects beatitude to persecution: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake (cf. Mt 5:9). Actually, in the very next verse, Christ connects beatitude to being insulted, too. And now it is easy to see why anyone would be content with persecutions and insults, and so with hardships, too. Beatitude goes together with them.

Christianity turns the ordinary standards of the world up-side down, then. When we follow Christ and suffer persecution, insults, and hardships with him, we are not among the world's losers. We are the prize-winners. Beatitude is ours!

But that still leaves weakness. Paul says his own weakness comes from Satan. And, of course, one kind of weakness that comes from Satan is sin. Could anyone—should anyone—be content with his own sin? Of course, a person shouldn't accept his sins! Out with them! Out with them NOW!

Merely expressing the thought this way explains Paul's point, doesn't it?

Hardship, insult, persecution, and most especially the wretched sin that besets us are not our final state. Beauty and love, in life with the Lord, are our final state. They are our home. But we do not get home by ourselves. Only God has the wisdom and the power to get us there. And so we have to wait for him, even for the removal of those sins that we would so dearly love to be rid of, and would also so dearly love to keep.

And that is why Paul can be content even with weakness, and why we can be patient even with our own sins. God's grace is sufficient for each one of us, not just where insults and hardships are concerned, but even when it comes to our sins. If only we do not let go of our waiting for him with trust, with peace and contentment in him, he will rid us of our sins in his own time. He will get us home.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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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