

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

July 7, 2013

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And he said to them,

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Luke 10: 2

*My Daily Journey*

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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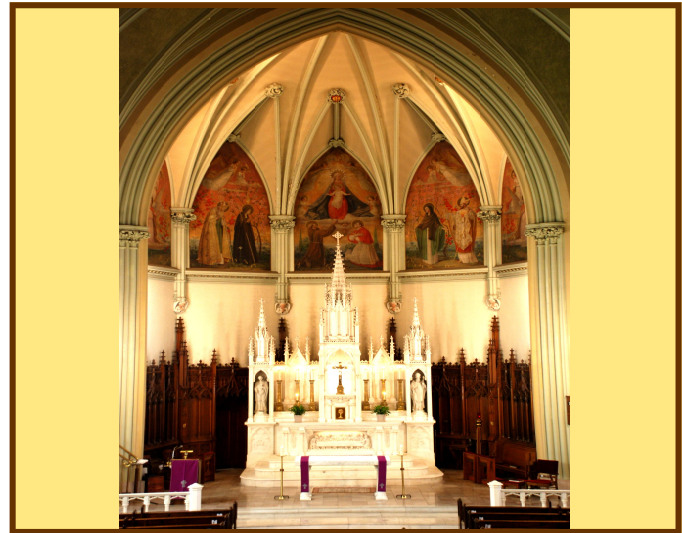
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## Mass Schedule

### 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**

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| Saturday<br>July 6   | 5:00 pm             | <b>Rose &amp; Edward Crepeau</b>                     | By the family                  |
| Sunday<br>July 7     | 9:00 am<br>12:00 pm | <b>Saint Charles Parishioners<br/>Brazilian Mass</b> |                                |
| Monday<br>July 8     |                     |  |                                |
| Tuesday<br>July 9    | 9:00 am             | <b>Douglas Guilmain</b>                              | By Mary Soucie                 |
| Wednesday<br>July 10 | 9:00 am             | <b>Lucille Blake</b>                                 |                                |
| Thursday<br>July 11  | 9:00 am             | <b>Aldo Rossi (Birthday Remembrance)</b>             | By his sisters                 |
| Friday<br>July 12    | 9:00 am             | <b>Lucille Blake</b>                                 |                                |
| Saturday<br>July 13  | 5:00 pm             | <b>Claire R. Boisvert</b>                            | By Paulette & Richard Angelini |
| Sunday<br>July 14    | 9:00 am<br>12:00 pm | <b>Germain Dufresne<br/>Brazilian Mass</b>           | By Muriel Blanchette           |

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 July 7, 2013*

- 7 **SUN** Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
- 8 **Mon** Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
- 9 **Tue** Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
- 10 **Wed** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 28
- 11 **Thu** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
- 12 **Fri** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
- 13 **Sat** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
- 14 **SUN** Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**Your kind contributions received last weekend**

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Offering Envelopes _____ | <b>\$ 2,222.00</b> |
| Loose Money _____        | <b>193.00</b>      |
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| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 2,415.00</b> |



**thank you**



The decisions of the Supreme Court are hard to follow because they make decisions, allowing one thing and not allowing another. Moreover, the grounds for these decisions are sometimes hard to follow for us who are not lawyers. But it seems safe to say that in general the Court's decisions seem to favor a redefinition of marriage which will include same-sex couples. Here in Rhode Island we know that the acceptance of same-sex marriage is now a fact, and that in a state which is supposedly heavily Catholic in population.

What does this tells us? It tells us that many Catholics do not accept the official position of our Church which believes that marriage is a union of a man and a woman. We have to face that fact. Then we might begin to wonder why that is the case. And then we reflect on the fact that this departure of many of the members of our Church from its official teachings on matters sexual began back in 1968 with the publication of Pope Paul's VI's letter rejecting the new pill which could prevent pregnancy. At that time many Catholics—and not without guilt and pain—simply refused to accept the pope's teaching. So this is a second rejection of the Church's authoritative teaching in this area of life. And yet we don't know how many of the faithful are in this camp. The majority of Catholics, for example, here in Rhode Island may agree with the Church's positions and therefore disagree with what has been done by their representatives. Their voices may tell us that in future elections.

At the moment our Church, along with evangelical Christians, is the main defender of traditional marriage, and time and experience will show the world who is on the side of the angles in this debate. In the meantime this much is clear. We should not become hateful in defending our position. The means must match the end. Our end, our purpose, must ultimately be a loving one, all appearances to the contrary notwithstanding. Therefore, the means to attain this end must also be loving.



**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

*"Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves."*



As a mother bears her baby in her arms,  
so you cradle us

In your love that lasts forever.

You don't send us out with sack,  
sandals,  
or moneybags.

No.

But with wealth beyond all telling.

Your grace and your love.

**PRAY for the SICK** ... especially **Christine McDonald, Colette Farrager, Tim Carroll, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Donald Hickey, Lauri Luzzi, Everett Bishop, Deacon Bernard Archambeault**, 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 **Rebecca Frayne, Dominic Gizzarelli, Robert Lachance, Douglas Guilmain, Paul Kogut, Evelyn Corey, William Pistacco, Dr. Gerald Lamoureux, Brian Dearborn** and all the deceased members of our parish, our families and our friends.

**PRAY** ... 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](http://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](mailto:teachinghoops@yahoo.com)

**LOST/FOUND: Lady's gold** bracelet with birthstones was found in church.  
**Key ring** with two keys found in parking lot. Call rectory (766-0176) if you lost either of these.

**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/](http://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

### LAUGHTER AS FAITH

*As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap;  
as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. (First Reading)*

In our novitiate, when I was a novice with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, our assistant Novice Director, a sincere but overly-stern man, cautioned us about too much levity in our lives by telling us that there is no recorded incident in scripture of Jesus ever laughing. I was a pious novice but, even then, that didn't sit well with me. I combed the Gospels trying to prove him wrong, but found out that, technically, he is right. But is he?

A couple of years later, during my seminary studies, I read a book by Peter Berger entitled, *A Rumor of Angels*, in which he tries to point to various places within our everyday experience where, he submits, we have intimations of the divine, rumors of angels, hints that ordinary experience contains more than just the ordinary, that God is there.

One such experience, he submits, is that of a mother comforting a frightened child at night, using soothing words and gestures to assure the child that he or she need not be afraid that everything is all right, the world is in order. In saying those words, if she means them, and normally she does, the mother is, in effect, implicitly praying the creed.

Another such intimation of the divine within ordinary experience, Berger suggests, is the phenomenon of laughter. In laughter, he submits, we intuit our transcendence: Given that we are able to laugh in any situation shows that there is something in us that is above that situation, transcendent to it. In laughter, Berger believes, we have a rumor of angels.

Karl Rahner agrees, suggesting that laughter shows we are on good terms with reality and hence with God. Laughter praises God because it foretells our final state in heaven when we will be in an exuberance of joy. Commenting on the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel where Jesus says, blessed are you who are now weeping, for you shall laugh, Rahner says that what Jesus is saying suggests that the happiness of the final state will not just dry away our tears and bring us to peace, it will also bring us to laughter—"to an intoxication of joy."

Here are his words:

'But you shall laugh.' Thus it is written. And because God's Word also has recourse to human words in order to express what shall one day be when all shall have been—that is why a mystery of eternity also lies hidden, but real, in everyday life; that is why the laughter of daily life announces and shows that one is on good terms with reality, even in advance of all that all-powerful and eternal consent in which the saved will one day say their amen to everything that he has done and allowed to happen. Laughter is praise of God because it foretells the eternal praise of God at the end of time, when those who must weep here on earth shall laugh.

But is this superficial? Human optimism substituting itself for hope? An upbeat-spirit masquerading as theology? The naive claim that if I am happy than God is on my side? Indeed, in the Gospels, where is there a recorded incident of Jesus laughing?

Good scripture scholarship has long suggested that looking for an individual text to prove or disprove a certain point is not a good approach to scripture. The teachings of scripture are best gleaned by looking to scripture as a whole. And if we do that in this case, I believe, we will find that both Peter Berger and Karl Rahner are right. As Rahner points out, Jesus, himself, teaches that laughter will be part of the final state in heaven. You shall laugh! But, beyond that, Jesus' message as a whole invites us of joy, a joy that no one can take from us, and laughter is the exuberant expression of that joy. It is the height, the apex, the crowning jewel, of our final state in heaven.

Hence, in laughter we do have a rumor of angels and we do intuit our transcendence. In laughter we do manifest that we are on good terms with reality, and on good terms with God. In laughter we affirm, loud, joyously, and to the world, the great mantra of Julian of Norwich that, in the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well—even though our world is not in that state today

My assistant Novice Director was a wonderful, sincere, gentle, and overly serious man. Levity was not his thing and laughter was not his preferred method of implicitly praying the creed. He showed his deep faith in other ways, believing that laughter is not the only rumor of angels inside of ordinary life.

But it is one of intimation of the divine within human life. Laughter, when it is healthy, when it is not forced or cynical, is, as Rahner says, "an intoxication of joy," the joy of our final state. Thus when we laugh we also pray the creed.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser