

Saint Charles Borromeo

July 17, 2016
Sixteenth 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

Saturday, July 16	4PM - Vicky Heroux by Kelly and Sheila Bogan
Sunday, July 17	9AM - Thomas J. Flood (Birthday Rem.) by daughter-in-law Anne
Tuesday, July 19	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, July 20	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, July 21	9AM - Mass of the Day
Friday, July 22	9AM - Lucille Blake by her estate
Saturday, July 23	4 PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, July 24	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles

Working with the Word

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016

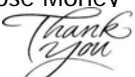

To the point: Martha's generous hospitality is marred by her upbraiding Jesus and complaining to him about Mary. Rather than being truly hospitable, she is "anxious and worried" only about accomplishing a task. Her welcome shifts away from Jesus to herself. Busy about herself, she misses the "better part": centering on Jesus. The "better part" is to be undividedly present to the person of Jesus. Even when serving.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the first reading: Abraham exhibited true hospitality. All of his efforts and busyness were directed toward the presence of his guests and their comfort and needs. This is what Martha in the gospel failed to do: keep persons at the heart of hospitality.

... to experience: How uncomfortable we feel when our presence takes second place in the attention of a host who is busy about the details of our being there! On the other hand, how welcome we feel when we are the host's center of concern and attention.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,895.00
Loose Money	\$ 141.00
	
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Scripture for the week of July 17, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

TEARS OF GOD

"God tenderly gathers all the tears of the suffering and they are stored in his chest, as if they were precious stones."

~ Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi

Announcements



THE CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

"FAITH AND GOOD Works If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider helping. We have almost reached our goal of \$26,500. With 78 donors and 53.71% of parishioner participation, we have now raised \$24,669 - 93.9% of our goal. Pledge envelopes are at the entrances if you wish to help. Thank you!

OFFICE FOR ST. CHARLES:

The office has now officially moved to All Saints Rectory - 323 Rathbun Street. Office hours are Mondays and Tuesdays from 8AM to 4PM with lunch break from 1to 2PM. The telephone number is remaining the same (766-0176) and emails are also remaining the same. (see front of bulletin).

Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics is called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Providence collaborates with mission groups every year to raise funds for their missions through a program called **THE MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN**. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. **Fr. Nduka Uzor, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St. Paul on the weekend of July 30/31. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.

The Society now has 251 members. They are working in ten countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, The Gambia, United States, England Sweden and Ireland. They also have about 110 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria. Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for orphans who lost their parents to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide portable water for communities they serve in Chad and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will

be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St Paul to pass on the faith she has received. May God bless you!

23rd ANNUAL ST. THERESA SHRINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, August 21—10AM to 4:30 PM (rain or shine)

10:AM Prayers at Holy Stairs

11:AM Stations of the Cross

12 PM Lunch and Concert

1:30 PM Outdoor Living Rosary

2:45 PM Procession with St. Theresa

3 PM Solemn Feast Mass - Main Celebrant and Homilist - Rev. Matthew Newcomb of the Archdiocese of New York. For more information, please call (401)568-0575 or (401) 568-8280 or email: Shiirl@Finelli.us

SUMMER PROGRAM AT NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! 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 2016. 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 24 - Saturday, August 6, 2016. Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or call (603) 456-2656.

LOVE, JUSTICE AND HOUSEWORK

In the Gospel Reading, Martha is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples. Even if Jesus came with only his twelve apostles, that still makes lunch for 13. With a modern kitchen, lunch for so many is not easy to prepare. I have no idea how Martha could manage it with whatever kitchen she had. And it's worse for her because she is stuck doing it by herself. Her sister Mary is sitting on the floor by Jesus, listening to him. How unjust to Martha is that?

So, no wonder Martha nudges Jesus and insists that he tell Mary to get a move on—into the kitchen, helping with housework. Fair is fair! Jesus is supposed to be the greatest upholder of justice. Fairness to women should be part of his concern, too, shouldn't it? Where is the fairness to Martha in Jesus' being an enabler of Mary's failure to help in the kitchen?

But fairness to Mary is precisely what Jesus is protecting by refusing to send her into the kitchen, isn't it? The best thing in the world is to be by Jesus, to love him, to learn from him, to give yourself to him. And Jesus will not let lunch take that best thing away from Mary. What justice would there be if he did? Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

But, you might say, what about Martha? Where is the fairness for Martha here? And what if Martha had wanted to sit by the Lord, too. Then what would have happened to lunch?

But think about it. Is there really no other way that lunch could have gotten on the table, without forcing Mary (or Mary and Martha) away from the Lord? Couldn't some of those male disciples have made lunch, for example? For that matter, couldn't the Lord who fed the five thousand miraculously have managed to feed a mere dozen or so in the same way? As far as that goes, what's wrong with their all fasting on this occasion?

~Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor, St. 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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