

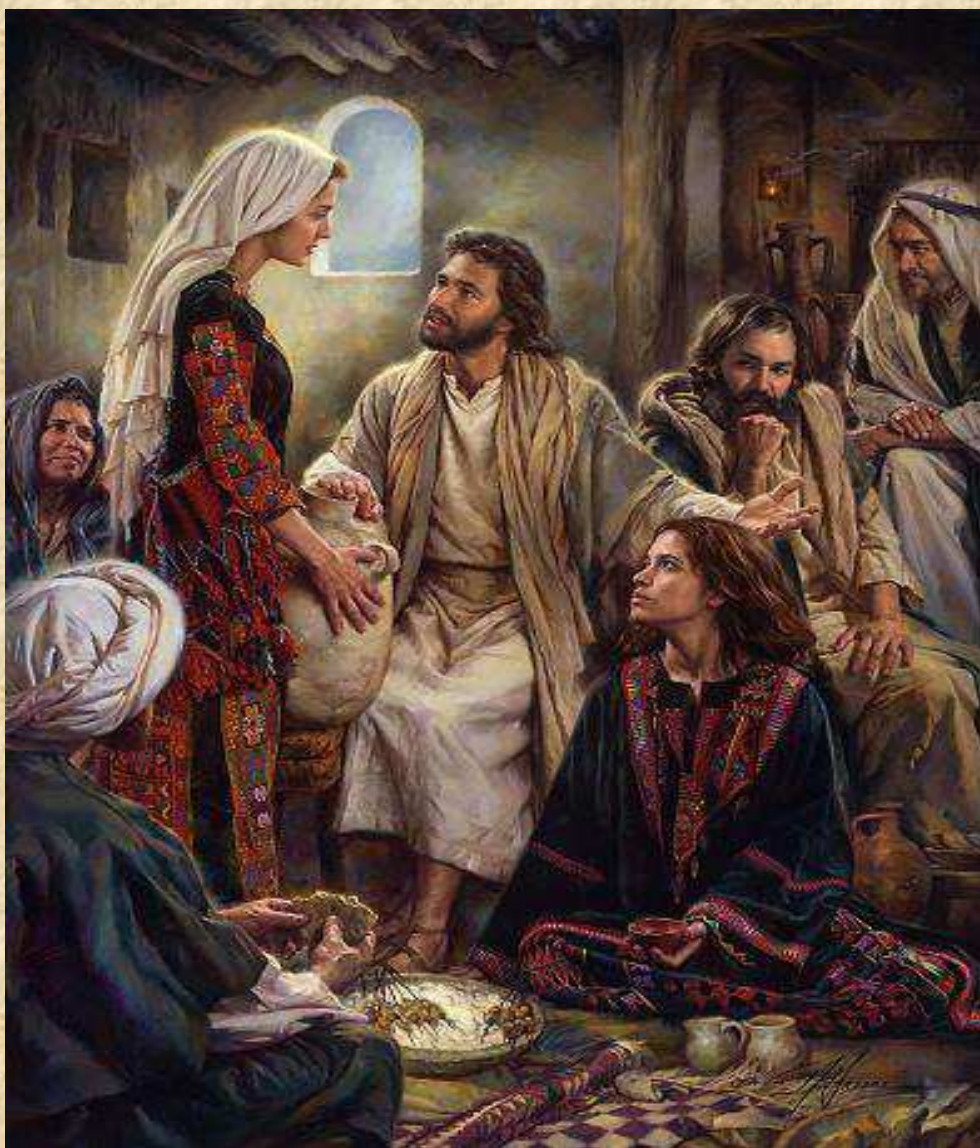
**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH**

**190 NORTH MAIN STREET**

**WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND**

**July 21, 2013**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”**

**Luke 10:42**

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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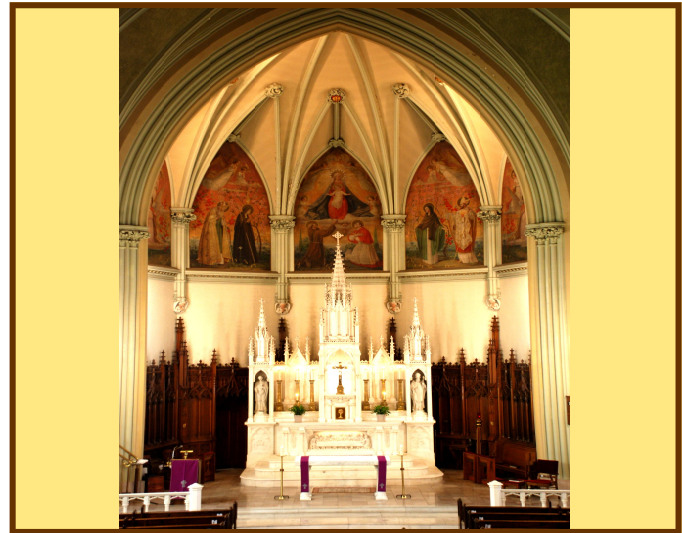
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## Mass Schedule

### 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**

Saturday July 20	5:00 pm	<b>Thomas J. Flood</b> (Birthday Remembrance)	By Tom & Anne Flood
Sunday July 21	9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	
Monday July 22			
Tuesday July 23	9:00 am	<b>Douglas Guilmain</b>	By Mary Soucie
Wednesday July 24	9:00 am	<b>Virginia Tracey</b>	By her family
Thursday July 25	9:00 am	<b>Mary P. Bowers</b>	By the family
Friday July 26	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday July 27	5:00 pm	<b>Donald Burke, Sr.</b>	By son Don & Molly
Sunday July 28	9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Mariette &amp; Roger Giguere Brazilian Mass</b>	By the family

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 July 21, 2013*

- 21 **SUN** Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- 22 **Mon** Ex 14:5-18 /Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- 23 **Tue** Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50 29
- 24 **Wed** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
- 25 **Thu** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
- 26 **Fri** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
- 27 **Sat** Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
- 28 **SUN** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

*The Christian truth is attractive and persuasive because it responds to humanity's deepest needs."*

~Pope Francis

**Your kind contributions received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 3,000.80</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>277.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,277.80</b>

**thank you**





As the old song goes, “we are having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave.” It is so hot and is lasting for so many days in a row that it makes some of us dream of a “white Christmas.” But of course when Christmas and January and February roll around, we will be longing for a heat wave. Is there a lesson to be learned from these fluctuations of the weather and our own corresponding mood other than the ordinary fact that this is what people who live in New England must expect? I suppose so. It could remind us of the fact that life is a changing reality, and the wise learn to change with the changes.

It is Tuesday as I write these words and we have just celebrated Mass for Rita Hannan, a parishioner who died this past week after a struggle with cancer. Rita worked for thirty years at Friendly Nursing Home, but as those from the nursing home who came to her funeral Mass told me, they will miss her not simply because of the longevity of her career there but because of her character and personality and her care for those living there. She also left three daughters and a son and ten grandchildren. That was a full life, and I believe that it was her faith, manifested in her assisting at Mass with us each weekend, that gave her the strength to accomplish all that she did. May we all do as well!

Besides the festivities at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and the courses on the faith being offered at St. Joseph’s on Thursday evenings, all seems to be rather quiet on the Catholic front here in Woonsocket. I suppose that is itself normal for this time of year.

May you all be able to experience some vacation during this “good old summer time.”



**TODAY’S GOSPEL**

Luke 10:38-42

“Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary.”



Martha  
fussily  
set the table,  
cooked up the meal,  
poured her only good wine.

Mary  
sat herself down at his feet.  
The sound of his voice  
stilled her heart  
and filled  
her.

O Jesus,  
call us to sit at your feet and listen,  
to share for a while with you.  
that one thing  
necessary.

It is for you we long,  
you, our  
feast.

**PRAY** for the **SICK** ... especially **Andrew Kennedy, Eileen Riendeau, Colette Farrager, Tim Carroll, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Lauri Luzzi, Jeannine 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.

**LORD** Hear Our Prayers ...For the recently deceased, especially **Rita Hannan, Richard Fanning, Brian Dearborn** 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.



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Calendar of Events

**“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. The last two of the series will be on July 25 and August 1st 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.

Will you be celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversary this year? If so the Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse a to **WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 1:00 PM. This special celebration includes: Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries, and would like to take part in this Celebration, please call the rectory for a Registration Form to be sent to you. Fill out and return to rectory. The parish has to have them sent to diocese before Sept. 9.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS 2013 FESTIVAL** - July 31 through August 3. Special events each evening and Matinee on Saturday. Rides, game booths, all-night bingo, Entertainment, Fireworks, Split-the-Pot etc...See bulletin board for summary of all activities or Google Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church then click tab Parish Festival.

**COLUMBAN FATHERS FESTIVAL & BAZAAR—Sunday July 28 - 12 Noon to 6PM.** 65 Ferry Road, Bristol, RI Includes Yard Sale, Games of Chance, Children’s Games Bingo, Chicken Bar-b-Q, Steak Dinner, Chowder & Clam Cakes, Raffles and more.



**SHRINE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER** (First Shrine to St. Theresa in the world)  
**20th Annual Feast Day Celebration - August 18th (rain or shine)**

10am - Prayers at Holy Stairs

11am - Stations of the Cross

12pm - Lunch & Concert by St. Theresa’s Choir

1:30pm - Outdoor Living Rosary

2:45pm - Procession with St. Theresa

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:15 pm - Solemn Feast Mass (Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Timothy D. Reilly,

Chancellor at the Providence Diocese.

For more info: (401)568-0575 or [www.SaintTheresaShrine.com](http://www.SaintTheresaShrine.com)

**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.

**“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

### WELCOMING GOD

Two stories about hospitality this week. Hospitality to God.

Abraham was sitting outside on a hot day, the First Reading says. He looked up to find three men standing nearby on the path, apparently satisfying their curiosity about the tent and its occupants. It is not clear that Abraham knew who they were, but we are told that they were God appearing to Abraham in human form.

How does Abraham react to God's presence?

He flies into action. He bows deeply. He begs them to relax from their journey and receive comfort, nourishment and rest. Beautiful hospitality from the Eastern part of the world.

He then rushes into the great tent, issuing pell mell commands to his wife Sarah. "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He picks the best steer and orders the servant to prepare it. He dashes outside to get curds and milk and at long last, sets the whole meal before the men.

Quite a scene. Quite a welcome.

As the dinner progressed, Sarah stood behind the tent flap listening. All at once the men made a sudden, astonishing statement. Next year Sarah will bear a son by Abraham. Sarah actually laughs out loud as she hears this absurdity about her dried-up body, nearly 89 years old, issuing forth a tender baby. (Our scripture selection for Sunday leaves out the laughing part.)

Even so, as you may know, after a time this amazing thing will indeed take place, and thank God that Abraham had listened to the men, who were the presence of God.

Second story. In the Gospel, Jesus enters the house of his friends Mary and Martha, and he too is warmly welcomed. As he sits down, Mary arranges herself at his feet and focuses her clear wide eyes upon him. Martha bustles about preparing dinner.

Unfair! Martha gets tired and exasperated, and finally asks Jesus to make Mary stop lounging and help out a little.

Surprisingly, Jesus says, no. "Mary has chosen the better part," he explains.

Isn't this response unjust to Martha? After all, someone has to make the meal or there would be none. Or maybe Martha should have said, "We are not having any food tonight, we are just going to sit and stare at you."

In truth, Martha's trouble was not that she was scrabbling about, but that as she did so, she forgot about Jesus. She was not making him welcome, she was constructing a meal. He even tells her that she was anxious and worried about many things, not the one thing necessary.

What is the one thing necessary? Relation to Christ. Real hospitality means a two-way relationship in which host and guest open to each other, become present to one another in various ways. Hosts do work on the details of preparation, and they work hard. But they always remember the visitor while they prepare. Excellent hosts manage somehow to get everything ready but also to truly listen and converse with the one who has come.

That is how we are supposed to act every day. We are to find God in all things, in all the people we know and/or help, and no matter how busy we might be, to relate to them because God is within them, deep in their souls. Touch them. Hear them. Prepare meals for them without forgetting them. We will be giving hospitality to God himself.

Abraham gave it. Mary gave it. Martha forgot like you and I do, but she learned.

Let's try to learn it too.

John Foley, S. J.