

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
190 NORTH MAIN STREET  
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
July 28, 2013  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*A*nd I tell you,

*ask* and you will receive;

*seek* and you will find;

*knock* and the door

will be opened to you.

*Luke 11:9*

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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## Pastoral Staff

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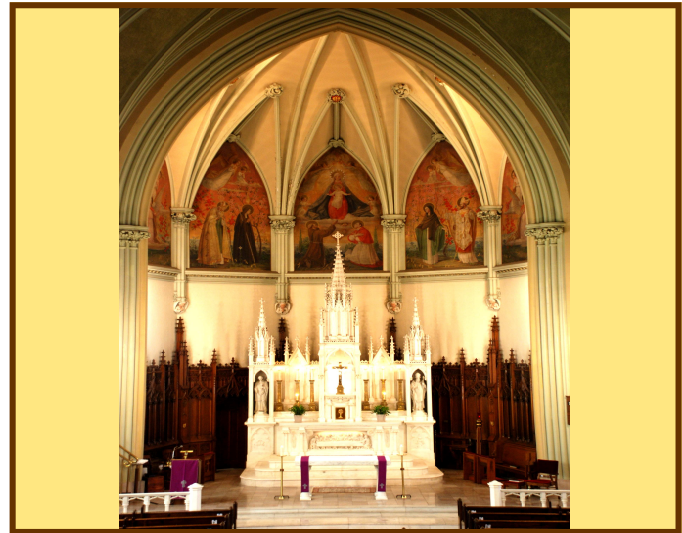
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## Mass Schedule

### 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 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 Louise & Arthur LeBlanc
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Tuesday July 30	9:00 am	<b>Mary Dailey</b> (Parish Benefactor)	By the parish
Wednesday July 31	9:00 am	<b>Paul "Zeb" Rich</b>	By Butch Rich
Thursday August 1	9:00 am	<b>Charlie Bowers</b>	By Theresa Ryan
Friday August 2	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday August 3	5:00 pm	<b>Mark Kendrick</b>	By the parish
Sunday August 4	9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Chuck Kennedy</b> (1st Anniversary) <b>Brazilian Mass</b>	By Rachel, Chris, & Shawn

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 28, 2013*

- 28 **SUN** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- 29 **Mon** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- 30 **Tue** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- 31 **Wed** Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- 1 **Thu** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- 2 **Fri** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- 3 **Sat** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 30
- 4 **SUN** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

*"Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved; there can be no world peace without soul peace."*

~Bishop Fulton Sheen

**Your kind  
contributions  
received last  
weekend**



Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 1,255.00</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>330.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,585.00</b>

**thank you**



Preparations are underway for the 125th celebration of the birth of our city. Do you know your history well? Some of us may think that Woonsocket was the first town on the map around her, but that is clearly not the case. I guess it was part of Smithfield or North Smithfield before it established its own identity. On the other hand, our city, at least to someone like me who has lived here just eight years, seems to have more character than its neighbors, with its downtown and river running through, and its history of mills. And today our city needs help. To help defray the cost of this celebration it has been suggested that organizations in the city purchase one of the downtown light fixtures for the celebration for \$650.00 The fixture would then bear the organization's identifying banner. Fr. Reardon, the pastor of All Saints, suggested to his parishioners that they do so, and he has had a good response. So I am running it by you. Would you want to contribute to such an undertaking? If thirty-two of us gave \$20 a piece, that would be enough for such a sponsorship. It would be a nice gesture on our part to support our city, don't you think? Let me know if you wish to contribute.



Many of you may remember Everett Bishop, who was in charge of our cemetery from 1969 to 1996, and his wife Jeannine whose works often graced our bazaar. Jeannine has died and will be buried from our church Thursday, the 24th. Please remember her and Everett in your prayers.



**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Luke 11:1-13

"One of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray."



O  
 Jesus,  
 your father  
 stands at the door  
 waiting for us to knock,  
 never sleeping,  
 always seeking ways to do good upon us,  
 to fill us with good things.

And so,  
 we ask and hope to receive,  
 seek and hope to find,  
 knock and have  
 your doorway  
 opened to  
 us.

**PRAY** for the **SICK** ... especially **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Lauri Luzzi,** 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 **Jeannine Bishop, Marion Belleville, James Olson, Andrew Kennedy, Rita Hannan, Richard Fanning, 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

Next Weekend's **Second Collection** will be the **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**. The Peter's Pence Collection gives each of us the opportunity to be a pilgrim of charity around the world. Our gifts to this annual Collection help the Holy Father strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith.

**"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 of the series will be on 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.



Calendar of Events

**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.

**RETROUVAILLE...A Lifeline**

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vy) weekend.

The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend in Boston will be held on: September 20-23, 2013. To register for the weekend or for more information, call (800) 470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

### GO AHEAD, ASK AGAIN

When you want something to happen, do you pray to God for it? A lot of us "whisper little prayers." Others put aside time each day. A number of people use this web site to pray about and understand the readings for the coming Sunday.

Of course, there are those who do not believe in prayer at all, especially in our secular culture, so, when their friend is having an operation or is traveling or something they say, "We will be thinking of you," instead of "We will be praying for you."

But others go all out. When Pope John Paul came to St. Louis a number of years ago, a group of cloistered sisters popularly called "the Pink Nuns" prayed many months for sunny clear days during his visit. Guess what happened. Yes. Sunny clear days the entire time. Then, the minute his plane lifted off to take him back, I watched the clouds gather at the airport and the rain begin to fall.

Persistent prayer. Sunday's readings teach us this. Be obstinate.

Abraham in the First Reading. Abraham's visitors from last week went on their way to the city called Sodom, and God went with Abraham. God tells about his intention to destroy Sodom and its surrounding cities because of the debauchery there.\*

Against all reason and expectation, Abraham begins negotiating with God, right out loud.

Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? ... Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?

God agrees that he will not destroy the city for fifty innocent people. Abraham slyly continues. What if only forty-five innocent people were found? God agrees. What about forty? Ok. Abraham goes on and on until he negotiates down to the number ten. God says, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." We do not have a record of more.

As you may know, it turned out that not even ten innocents lived in the town, so Sodom got destroyed. But notice, God had granted each of Abraham's prayers.

Jesus recommends the same kind of shrewdness. In the Gospel he tells the famous parable about knocking on the door of a friend late at night to borrow some bread. The friend refuses because he and his family are all in bed. Jesus says, "If he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

Fine, but why do we have to be obstinate about the same thing over and over? Why haggle?

Because of love.

God is like a good human father who loves his child very much but does not always give that child everything it wheedles for. Sometimes he needs to teach him or her just who is in charge of things, the parent not the child. Definitely he gives us what we ask for in some form, but often he wants us to be persistent in asking so we will learn humility and acceptance. And when we suffer, he sits beside our bed and suffers with us.

Keep knocking.

John Foley, S.J.