

Saint Charles Borromeo



August 2, 2015
18th 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, August 1	4PM - Rita M. Marcotte by P. & R. Angelini
Sunday, August 2	9AM - Chuck Kennedy by Rachel, Christine & Shawn
Tuesday, August 4	9AM - Rose, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Wednesday, August 5	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, August 6	9AM - Paul F. Creegan by the family
Friday, August 7	9AM - Lucille Blake by estate
Saturday, August 8	4PM - Germain & Rita Masse by the family
Sunday, August 9	9AM - Martha McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin



Location, location, location. I believe that is the cry in the real estate business. The same is true here at church. About three or four years ago we installed a new sound system in the church. It is as good as you can get, I believe. Nevertheless some still tell me that they cannot hear the priest and the readers at Mass. That may be because of their LOCATION in the church. If you are among those who find it hard to hear at Mass, would you please make sure that you are seated near one of the speakers. Despite our new system, there are still places in the church which are not in line with the speakers and therefore do not carry their amplification. All of us have our routines, and we do not like them to be interrupted. But if where we have always sat in the church is a dead-spot for hearing, then we have a choice: either hearing or habit.

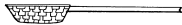
While we are on this subject of location in church, let me bring up the liturgical significance of our place in the church. Since our church is so big and we are now so few, it would really help to bolster our sense of being a community if we all sat closer together. Therefore, I again urge those of you who sit in the back of the church or in its side aisle to move to the front and center of the church. Our sitting together is a concrete expression of our awareness that we are worshipping God as one community, indeed, one body, in the Lord.

We have a new picket fence next to our rain garden, the work of a parishioner. Its purpose is to protect the garden from cars and trucks. Have a look!

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,361.00
Loose Money	\$ 232.00
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	\$ 2,593.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of August 2, 2015

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 5:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

"Realize above all that you are in God's presence... Empty yourself completely and sit waiting, content with the grace of God, like a chick that tastes nothing and eats nothing except what its mother gives it. ~St. Ramuald

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday in the upper church from 1 to 2 PM.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is *PETER'S PENCE* Collection. This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

THE 22ND ANNUAL SAINT THERESA SHRINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, August 16th from 10AM to 4:30PM (rain or shine) 10AM Prayers at Holy Stairs; 11AM Stations of the Cross; 12PM Lunch and Concert; 1:30PM Outdoor Living Rosary; 2:45PM Procession with St. Theresa; 3PM Feast Mass. Main Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Michael J. McMahon. For more information call (401) 568-0575 or (401) 568-8280.

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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP PARISH, located at 1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville is hosting a **YARD SALE** on Saturday, August 22nd from 9AM to 3PM (rain or shine). Many great items including golf clubs, household items, and elec-

tronics. Fresh baked goods, as well as hot dogs, will be available for purchase.

"COME AND SEE" DAY - SUNDAY, August 16 from 1 to 3 PM.

Think God may be calling you to be a religious Brother or Sister? Ever wanted to see a religious community up-close?

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, the Diocese of Providence announces a "Come and See Day". Come, visit, and pray with local religious communities. Listen to reflections on religious life and prayer, and learn how to better hear God's calling for your life. Hear the vocation story of a religious Sister, Brother, or priest, and their journey into consecrated life. For single men and women, aged 18 - 40. For a list of the religious communities participating - and their locations, go to www.dioceseofprovidence.org, and click on the Year of Consecrated Life logo. Or, call the Diocese of Providence at (401) 278-4663.

CALLED BY NAME MINISTRY is offering *"Road to the Spiritual Exercises" A Year of Preparation* from October 8, 2015 through April 28, 2016. This year of prayer is especially designed to prepare those who are considering making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in 2016-2017. Additionally, anyone who has made the Exercises or who desires to explore their relationship with God is welcome to come to one or all four of these sessions. For more information, please contact Deb Notarianni (401) 742-7637, or Rita Pratt (401) 323-6719 or e-mail: calledbynameri@gmail.com

FED BY THE LORD

In the First Reading, the Israelites, who are marching through the desert, are hungry and angry. God should have killed us in Egypt, they say; then at least we would have died with food in our bellies.

In response, God feeds them with bread from heaven. Bread falls from the sky during the night, and in the morning they can pick their bread up off the ground. It seems to have been specially wonderful bread, too. Scripture says that it was small, and white, and mildly sweet, like honey with coriander (Ex.16:31), and it was greatly sustaining, too. Tolkien's Elven bread lembas, so prized for its taste and nourishment, must have been modeled on manna.

This is a story to shake your head over. In my world, if you want bread, you have to go to the store for what you need, and you have to pay for what you get there, too. And if you grumble against God angrily, you get a guilty conscience; you don't get bread falling from the sky. With or without stores and money, we get no Elven bread at all.

Why are these Israelites so lucky? Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

Here is what the story makes clear. God is a God of history. He intervenes in human affairs in particular ways at particular times to provide for his people what will do them good at that time. Only those grumbling Israelites got to eat manna. And even they got to eat it only for a while. When they crossed the Jordan River, the manna stopped. All they got then was the parched corn from the previous harvest.

These thoughts can prompt a painful yearning. Who would not want to be among those who got to taste that honey-sweet manna? Who would not want to have been one of those hand-fed by the Lord?

And, yet in God's love, every yearning has its fulfillment. We too are fed with the bread from heaven; and, in the Eucharist, we taste the goodness of the Lord, which is sweeter than wine or honey (Ps.19:11). We too are hand-fed by the Lord.

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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