Saínt Charles Borromeo

August 3, 2014 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon Rev. Adriano Lessa

Weekday Masses (in the lower-level Chapel) Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

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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 - Aug 2	4PM - Mass of the Day
Sunday - Aug. 3	9AM - Chuck Kennedy by wife, Rachel and Chris & Shawn
Tuesday - Aug. 5	9AM - No Mass
Wednesday - Aug. 6	9AM - No Mass
Thursday - Aug. 7	9AM - No Mass
Friday - Aug. 8	9AM - No Mass
Saturday - Aug. 9	4PM - Theresa Gaunt by Keith & Tyler Hurteau
Sunday - Aug. 10	9AM - Martha McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin
Last Weekend Offertory Envelopes Loose Money	s Offertory \$ 2,130.50 \$ 248.00 \$ 2,378.50
Scripture for the week of August 3, 2014	

- **3** SUN Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
- **4 Mon** Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
- **5 Tue** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- **6 Wed** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- **7 Thu** Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
- 8 Fri Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
- **9 Sat** Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20
- **10 SUN** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. ~St. Augustine



Instead of Fr. Finnegan's regular column this week, please read the following letter from a parishioner, Bob Camara.

Dear Fr. Finnegan,

I would like to thank you and Father Bruce, and the entire St. Charles Parish family for all your prayers and kind words of encouragement during a difficult period.

It was greatly appreciated by me and my family to know that we were not alone in our struggle and that we had the support of all of you.

As the recuperation process continues I look forward to a more normal daily routine.

Again, thank you for all your prayers and support. May God bless all of

you.

I remain,

Sincerely,

Bob Camara.

Fr. Finnegan is away on retreat from August 1st to 9th.



Announcements

This weekend's **Second Collection** will be for **Peter's Pence.** This collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need.

The **CATHOLIC CHARITY** We are getting closer to reaching our goal of \$26,500. goal! We have now reached \$23,657 - 89.27 % our goal. If you have not yet contributed or made a pledge, it's not too late. Envelopes are at the church entrances.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE MISSIONS BECOME A **HOST FAMILY!** Becoming a Host Family is a unique and rewarding experience. If you are interested in opening your home to a pregnant woman in need, please contact George O'Loughlin at (401) 301-5307 to learn more about becoming a Safe Families Host. This year we will receive a minimum of 96 inquiries from pregnant women in Rhode Island in dire need and we can currently only host 15 women per year. The rest we will refer to other shelters that are not designed specifically for pregnant women and who themselves are all to often full. The mission of the Little Flower Home, which is now making use of the Safe Families Model, is in a unique position to address one of the root causes of abortion-lack of family support. But we need men and women to hear the message of the Gospel and take these women, who are making a plea for help, in. And we need people to step up during our current campaign. Women in tough circumstances need help and this mission directly aids in saving babies lives. Please call George O'Loughlin at (401) 301-5307 to learn more about our mutually rewarding Host Family volunteer opportunities.

SCHOOL NURSE: Opening for school medication nurse. Position is approximately two hours per day from 11:30AM - 1:30PM to administer medications, etc. Individual must be a licensed R.N. in Rhode Island. Great job for a retired nurse. Specific job description available on request. Call (401) 762-1095.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 21, at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI

The 2014 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes: Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. Please call rectory

if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries and wish to take part in this celebration. A registration form will be sent to you.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

In the First Reading, God promises that he will feed his people well. Given this promise, the story in the Gospel Reading makes perfect sense: Jesus feeds the people who come to him with bread, the kind of ordinary bread that a person needs for his body to live.

But pause here a minute: how many of God's people go without food every day in this world? Where is the promised feeding of God?

In fact, look at the list of things in the Second Reading that Paul says cannot separate us from the love of God. Famine is on Paul's list, and so is every other kind of suffering. Why do we have to be told that hunger won't separate God's people from God? What happened to God's promise that he will feed his people?

As far as that goes, in the First Reading, God says to his people, "Come to me that you might have life." But even death is on Paul's list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Why should Paul have to tell us that death won't separate us from God if God has promised to give us life instead of death?

If God's promises to feed us and to give us life mean that some of us will suffer famine and all of us will die, what good are these promises? What do they mean? What are we to hope for in God's promises?

Here we should remember what Christ says about food and life: "I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (Jn 6:35, 6:51.

There are different kinds of hunger and different kinds of life, aren't there? The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.

So the sufferings of this world—hunger, death—remain. But the Second Reading is right to say that they cannot separate us from the love of Christ. The promises of God, that he will feed us and we will live, are fulfilled in the bread of life that is the Lord.

~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

"But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here."

Like the disciples with two fish and five loaves we say to you:

"Lord, we're sure we don't have enough."

We do not have enough money, enough talents, workers, contracts, computers, brains or skills.

Do bless what we have, and let us give thanks. With your help, O Lord, our gifts will be infinitely-more-than-enough, like the left-over baskets.

Let us accept ourselves the way we are, and use the gifts you give to give to others.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are available on Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. 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)





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