

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

August 4, 2013

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

Luke 12.15



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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 August 3	5:00 pm	Mark Kendrick	By the parish
Sunday August 4	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Chuck Kennedy (1st Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By Rachel, Chris, & Shawn
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Tuesday August 6	9:00 am	Jean Irza	By Marian Petrowicz
Wednesday August 7	9:00 am	Saint Charles Parishioners	
Thursday August 8	9:00 am	Joseph and Francoise Labrecque	By the family
Friday August 9	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Saturday August 10	5:00 pm	Rose and Edward Crepeau	By the family
Sunday August 11	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Martha McIntyre (1st Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By Roger & Barbara Peloquin

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

Scripture for the week of August 4, 2013

- 4 **SUN** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- 5 **Mon** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- 6 **Tue** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- 7 **Wed** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- 8 **Thu** Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- 9 **Fri** Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- 10 **Sat** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- 11 **SUN** Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

"Love is a constant challenge, thrown to us by God."

~Blessed John Paul II

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 2,704.00
Loose Money _____	298.00
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Total	\$ 3,002.00

thank you



A couple of things. The response to the invitation to sponsor a light on Main St. to support the 125th celebration of the city's birth has been good. If you want to contribute (\$20.00 would be fine) please call the rectory (766-0176) and pledge or bring your donation to the church in the next few weeks. There will be people at the back of the church collecting for this. We need \$650.00 to do this.

Did you know that our parish went over its goal for the Catholic Charities Collection? The parish goal was \$25,000.00. We raised \$26,267.00. And that amount was raised from fifty percent of the parishioners, that is, ninety-one donors. Thanks once again to Marion Devine and Leslie Page for their hard work. Bud Danahey would be so proud of them and of you.

A generous and observant parishioner called to say that she would like to have her gardening service come to service our parking lot. I accepted, though for once. After that I think the parish should take over the job. But her generosity is much appreciated.

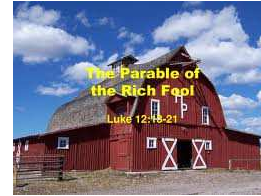
It is summer, a beautiful day today, but I realize that some of you take vacations in the summer or go to other local air-conditioned churches when it is very hot. That is of course understandable. Yet we are so small that it is a loss when you are not here, and I want you to know that. Perhaps we could install air-conditioning downstairs and entice you back. We shall see. The first project is to get our doors redone, and we are almost ready to begin that.

The pope is making trouble and wants us to do the same. By that he means that we should be willing to share our faith with others. The secular press really didn't make much of his visit to Brazil, but three or four MILLION young people there did. Thank God for this new pope! May God support and guide him in his ministry!

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."



If we own every shirt in the mall
but we don't clothe
the naked...

If we
have the best wines
but don't give up a cup of cold water...

If we take time to rake in money
but do not spread
love...

then how rich are we?

Christ,
Please give us wealth
in what matters
to you.



... especially **Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Nancy Farragher, Tim Carroll, Lucienne Cote, Tom Shamp** 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.



...For the recently deceased, especially **Lauri Luzzi, Jeannine Bishop, Marion Belleville, Jamie Olson, Andrew Kennedy, Rita Hannan**, 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.



parish news

This 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.

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.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S - Sunday, September 22 Walk to end Alzheimer's - Newport. Registration 12PM Salve Regina University O'Hare Academic Center, Walk 1PM. You can make a difference by participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Sign up your team at www.alz.org/ri and click on Walk to End Alzheimer's. Sunday, September 29 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Pawtucket. Registration 8AM, Slater Park, Dagget Farm. Walk at 9AM Take a 3-mile walk or run through beautiful Slater Park, and return to music, pizza, kid's games, prizes and more. Sign up your team today at www.alz.org/ri and click on Walk to End Alzheimer's. Or Call Chapter Office at (800) 272-3900—Contact cfarrell@alz.org.



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

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.



REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

IN VAIN, IN VAIN

At the bottom of our hearts, maybe you or I would think of our lives as wasted. The beer commercial shows a bunch of men guzzling beer and acting like teenagers and tells us, "it doesn't get any better than this." Doesn't it? Do you really agree with this statement?

Today the word "vanity" has come to mean proud personal displays, like a peacock. But the original meaning of the word is the one intended in the First Reading: something that is "empty or valueless," something that is like a vapor. "In vain" comes closer to the meaning (from the Hebrew *hebel*, which could come from the name Abel*).

So when Qoheleth, the presumed author of the First Reading, says, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity," he means that everything is in vain. It is like a statement of despair. Likely he would be diagnosed today with depression.

So let us wonder whether the First Reading is right. Would you agree that your life is "in vain"?

The reading gives a dark answer, which I will paraphrase here: "What profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days, sorrow and grief are their occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest."

We have a saying, "You can't take it with you when you go." But we die trying.

How much of your life is devoted to riches and looking good? Are you one of those who is dedicated to "the bottom line," to fighting for wealth so you will have something to live for? Qoheleth says you seek these things in vain. You should listen to him.

In the Gospel Jesus says succinctly that one's life does not consist of possessions even though one may be rich. He tells the famous parable, which again I paraphrase:

A very rich man produced a huge harvest one year. He was busy tearing down his storage barns to build still larger ones so he could hoard more into them.

This must be sensible because we can see the same thing all through the Americanized cultures. Buildings get larger and larger and the greatest compliment that sportscasters can give an athlete is, "He is the greatest in the history of . . ." (name your sport). Just like the man in Jesus' story. Just like what Qoheleth calls "vanity."

The parable's rich man got a nasty surprise as he was eating, drinking and being merry. God said,

"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Could the same thing be said to you or me? Could God say, "You fool," to us? Are we hoarding what we have, even if we are poor? Are we being children of God or children of mammon?

Truth is, all of us are constructed in such a way that we can open to the source and summit of all love, God. This is the one thing that makes life worth living. If we cannot see over the piles of possessions we have (or wish we had), our lives are "in vain."

If death were on its way to you this very night, what would you take with you to God?

John Foley, S.J.