

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

August 18, 2013

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I came to bring fire  
to the earth,



and how I wish  
it were already kindled!

Luke 12:49

# Saint Charles Borromeo Church

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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 17	5:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners</b>	
Sunday August 18	9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass</b>	
Monday August 19			
Tuesday August 20	9:00 am	<b>Mary Bowers</b>	By the family
Wednesday August 21	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Thursday August 22	9:00 am	<b>Aldo Rossi &amp; family</b>	By his sisters
Friday August 23	9:00 am	<b>Lucille Blake</b>	
Saturday August 24	5:00 pm	<b>Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>	By Lorraine & Carol
Sunday August 25	9:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>Mary P. Bowers 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 August 18, 2013*

- 18 **SUN** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- 19 **Mon** Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
- 20 **Tue** Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
- 21 **Wed** Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
- 22 **Thu** Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
- 23 **Fri** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
- 24 **Sat** Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
- 25 **SUN** Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

“God came into the world to reawaken the thirst for great things in us”.  
~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**Your kind contributions received last weekend**



Offering Envelopes _____	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>
Loose Money _____	<b>270.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,220.00</b>

**thank you**



What would happen if our new Pope Francis were to apply his emphasis on the Franciscan charism of poverty to the papacy itself? Here is a suggestion made recently by someone. He suggested that the pope move out of Vatican City and take up residence near the Lateran church, where popes once lived and which is the church of the pope as the bishop of Rome. Then he should renegotiate the concordat made between the Church and Italy in 1929 which established Vatican City as an independent entity and thereby made the pope the head of an independent state. The negotiation would entail the surrender of Vatican City and all its treasures to the nation of Italy. The pope would cease to be a temporal ruler and become simply the bishop of Rome. Of course, as the bishop of Rome, he is also the pope, the first among equals, the first bishop of all the bishops of the Catholic Church throughout the world. Then the treasures of the Vatican would become the property of the country of Italy.

If such a proposal became a reality, pilgrims and tourists would probably not notice anything much different. Under the new agreement St. Peter's would still be used as a church and the pope would officiate there at church functions. Such an agreement might prove to be very freeing for both the pope and Church.

The pope has already moved somewhat in this direction by living in a hotel rather than in the papal suite in the Vatican itself. The hotel is within Vatican City but it is not part of the papal palace.

What do you think of this suggestion? Do you think we should bring it to Pope Francis' attention?



**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49-53

*"I have come to set the earth on fire"*



Jesus,  
with you there is no sometimes,  
or maybe, or tomorrow,

there is only always,  
no holds barred,  
unconditional  
love.

May we be  
the burning bush  
of love that you came  
to create in us.



... 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

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.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND**

The weekend retreat is from Friday, September 13 to Sunday September 15. It provides post-abortive women and men an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow while allowing an opportunity to form a spiritual connection with their lost child(ren). Participants will experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus as they begin the journey toward healing. Our retreats are offered in English and Spanish. If your are interested in learning more about this special confidential retreat weekend, call (401) 421-7833 - Ext.218. See flyer on bulletin board.

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AND HEALING MASS**

with Fr. Fernando Suarez, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St. Attleboro, MA on Saturday, August 31 at 5PM and also on Sunday, September 1, at 10AM. See flyer on bulletin board for more info. As Fr. Fernando felt God calling him to minister to and pray with people who were sick, he realized that these people were getting healed.

For more info see [www.fatherfernado.com](http://www.fatherfernado.com) or [www.marymotherofthepoor.org](http://www.marymotherofthepoor.org)

**WOONSOCKET HOME BUYER AND HOME OWNER ASSISTANCE -**

The City of Woonsocket is offering up to \$5,000 in Down Payment Assistance to qualified first-time home buyers and Home Rehabilitation Financing Assistance to owners in need of code and lead paint related repairs. For further info on the federally-funded FIRST HOME DOWN PAYMENT and SAFE AT HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS, see <http://ci.woonsocket.ri.us/grant2.htm> or call (401) 767-9228.



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)

**9th ANNUAL HUMAN LIFE GUILD DAY -** This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 9AM to 4PM at St. Philip's Church in Greenville. Bishop Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Christopher Mahar will be homilist for the 9AM Mass. Following Mass there will be a reception with the Bishop in the parish center with a conference that will include educational talks reflecting the latest life-related issues, an overview of diocesan pastoral care programs available for men and women and opportunities to become involved in diocesan programs. All are invited to attend the Mass, but pre-registration for the conference that will follow and the cost is \$25 per person. Deadline to register is September 21. Call Carol Owens at (401) 421-7833 x 218

**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 re-tro-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

### A FURIOUS LOVE

How sweet of old earth to rain down abundance so fiercely.

I sit on a screened-in porch in Wisconsin, where I am making retreat. I listen to the delicious, drenching sounds of this huge rain, splattering and slapping the earth.

Is it friend or foe? For sure such a storm could take me down if I were silly enough to be walking in it. Its violence is driven mainly by its need to get water out of the skies and into the earth as fast as possible. No intention of harming anything. But I remember the floods in New Orleans and New York and feel a twinge of fright.

The rain just ignores me. In fact it redoubles its efforts. Its huge sound gets huger, like a swell of applause.

Rain like this carries goodness for the tender, tough earth, I know this. Comfort sighs deep within the storm's rough pounding, and big branches bow their tousled heads to receive their cleansing and their nourishment.

But why such so furious a love, one that is so sweetly intended but so able to hurt? I do not know. Maybe "tough love" is what keeps our planet in bloom. Hopkins addressed God as

"Father and fondler of heart thou hast wrung:  
Hast thy dark descending and most art merciful then."

Jesus is headed into darkness this Sunday in Luke's Gospel. He is on his way to Jerusalem. He loves her and her people, and wants to shower abundance upon them. But he knows with increasing certainty that she will put him, not merely down a cistern as soldiers did Jeremiah in the First Reading, not just outside the gates and walls, but right straight into the jaws of death. It is a baptism, he says, and he wants it. He shouts to his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire—just like the blazing lightning wants to tonight. "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished," he says.

Is Jesus the storm or is he the stormed upon? Both, I think. He is filled with the Spirit of God and he cannot wait to let that Spirit flow. But he must stand in the pounding rain too. He will not run away. He walks into a continuous storm that has by no means reached its apex.

No wonder he is distraught. Love is not just sweetness and light, it is the dark and pounding rain of people's emphatic "no" as well.

I think of the First Reading again. There, Jeremiah is literally "stuck in the mud." He had prophesied too truly and too many times. They threw him into an empty cistern with just enough mud for him to sink into. How could he prophesy from the midst of the mud?

How could Jesus speak God's Word from a criminal's cross? Yet he does.

The rains pour down. I see a single lamp across the lake showing through it all. Is this a porch-light of welcome? I am warmed by its glow. But as I look directly, it surrenders itself as just an old, white piece of leaf that has caught in the screen and reflects light from my lamp inside. I play a game. I shift my eyes up and it is a lantern. I look back and it is a remnant of leaf-life. Back, forth. Which is it really?

I take comfort, since, of course, it is both. It is a lantern and it is close to home.

John Foley S. J.