

# Saint Charles Borromeo

August 23, 2015  
21st 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 22	4PM - Christine Allard Lee by the family
Sunday, August 23	9AM - Olivette Godin by Sue, Nel and Sandy
Tuesday, August 25	9AM - Rose Missirlian by the parish
Wednesday, August 26	9AM - Tarcila Armar de Ropas by the parish
Thursday, August 27	9AM - Fred Marlow by the Parish
Friday, August 28	9AM - Laval Legare by a friend
Saturday, August 29	4PM - Rita M. Marcotte by Richard & Paulette Angelini
Sunday, August 30	9AM - Charles T. O'Rourke by the family



This too will pass. I mean the heat wave. In just a little more than a few weeks we will be getting out our gloves and winter clothing. So let us not be too upset about the heat wave.

In the news these days there are reports about the harvesting of body parts from babies aborted in Planned Parenthood clinics so that they can then be sold for profit. Is that happening here in Providence? There will be a protest in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic here in Providence this Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but by the time you read this it will have already taken place. But we can make our voices heard in other ways, contacting our elected officials and supporting legislation to remove the public subsidies which this organization receives. Why should tax money support this kind of activity?

Human life is cheap these days. ISIS beheads people. Women and children are enslaved sexually in Africa. All this is against our Christian faith which tells us that we are God's precious children. That faith is also shared by our mother religion, Judaism, and by Islamic faith, and, I am sure, by many other kinds of faiths. All realize that we humans are God's creations and that we must learn to respect each other. In our Catholic faith we talk about the seamless robe of life which extends from the first moment of conception to the end of life here and then extends into God's eternal life which we will share. May we do what we can to bring our belief in the sanctity of human life to those who do not see a fetus as a human being beloved of God.

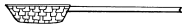
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,936.00
Loose Money	\$ 215.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 417.00
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	\$ 2,568.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of August 23, 2015

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*"Following Christ means leaving behind, sometimes at great cost, everything that is incompatible with true discipleship and embarking upon a new life."*

-Pope Benedict XVI

# Announcements



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

Our organist, Wayne Kildline, will be playing *Rodri-go's "Concierto de Aranjuez" - 2nd Movement* with the Ocean State Summer Pops on Saturday, August 29th at the Stadium Theatre at 7PM. Tickets (\$16, \$21, \$26 Children under 12 free) are available at the Stadium Theatre website: stadiumtheatre.com or call (401) 762-4545.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED AT LAND-MARK** - both the main and re-hab units need volunteers as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The requirements are the same as for parish masses: a fully initiated Catholic in good standing, and if married, blessed by the Church. The schedule is flexible. Give your name to Fr. Finnegan and he will pass it on to Mr. Camille Pepin, the coordinator.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN** The 2015 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign will begin on Wednesday, September 23 and will conclude on Saturday, October 31. This event is being hosted by the Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry. The Campaign calls for peaceful prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood (111 Point St., Providence) and Women's Medical Clinic (1725 Broad St., Cranston) throughout the duration of the 40 Days. We are asking parishes to adopt a day and for individuals to adopt an hour for this year's campaign. Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance! (401 - 421-7833 X 218.) Those who cannot make it can still give support through prayer, fasting, and other avenues of community outreach. To learn more about the campaign, call Carol Owens at the above number.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** The weekend long Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who has been touched by the tragedy of abortion to step away from the world and enter into a time of silence, prayer, reflection, and

healing. The weekend offers time and space to enter the grieving process of those struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of having lost a child to the tragedy of abortion. It is designed to help, not only the parents of the child lost, but also siblings, grandparents, or anyone else who has been touched by abortion in some way. The retreat allows individuals to identify the effects of this experience on their lives and to release deep feeling of anger, shame, guilt, and loss. Two retreats will be held in October both in English and Spanish. To learn more or to register, call Carol Owens at (401) 421-7833 x 218). All calls are confidential!

**THE GREATER WOONSOCKET CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM** consisting of Monsignor Gadoury Catholic Regional School on 1371 Park Ave., Pre-K 3 year olds through 2nd Grade and Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School on 1210 Mendon Road, Grades 3 through 8, is still accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year in select grades. For more information please contact Mrs. Janice Cabana at the Regional Office at (401) 762-1095. GWCRS is celebrating 42 years... A safe, stimulating and disciplined environment for pre-school, elementary and middle school students. Come grow with us in faith and excellence!

**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: calledbyname@gmail.com

## A GREAT MYSTERY

In the Second Reading, Paul claims to be presenting a great mystery. For most of us, his words are a great mystery in a sense other than the one he meant.

How could his words possibly be true?

Someone I knew lived his whole adult life as a violent alcoholic; he beat his children and his wife unmercifully. Does anyone feel like telling his wife that she needs to be subordinate to him?

We could simply reject Paul's words here. But there is a cost to this move. What else shall we reject while we are at it? Anything that challenges us?

So here is another way to think about the Second Reading. If a wife is to be subordinate to her husband, what is a husband?

Well, a husband is someone who loves his wife as Christ loved the Church: he gives himself for her; he lives in such a way as to enable his wife to be the very best she can be for the Lord.

If you make your wife worse than she would otherwise be, why think you are her husband?

If you are involved in an extramarital affair, so that she gradually becomes a jealous, suspicious, nagging person, what have you done to her? If you are always gone, on the golf course, in the ballgame on TV, so that she becomes lonelier and lonelier, what have you made of her? If you leave her all the housework and child care while you pursue your career, are you living self-sacrificially to enable her to be the best she can be for the Lord?

If you make her worse, less fruitful, less beautiful in soul, less joyful, than she would be without you, why would you think you are her husband? You may be married to her; but the truth for her, like the truth for the Samaritan woman Christ met at the well (Jn 4:7-26), is that the person she is now living with is not her husband.

But then there is no command for her to be subordinate to you either. The command exhorts her to be subordinate to her husband, not to anybody who wants to claim the privilege of being her husband without any of the corresponding duties.

This thought doesn't solve all the problems with the Second Reading, but it helps, doesn't it?

~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, St. 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)

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