

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH

190 NORTH MAIN STREET

WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

August 25, 2013

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



“After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, “Lord, open the door for us.” Luke 13:25

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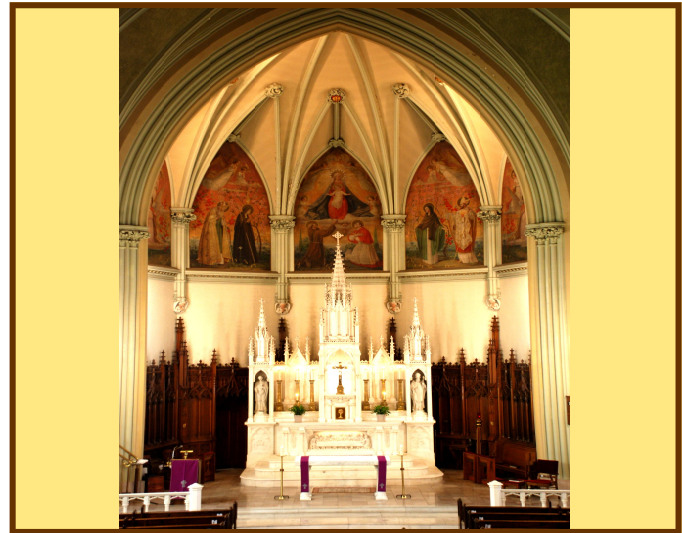
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Mass Schedule

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 24	5:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory	By Lorraine & Carol
Sunday August 25	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Mary P. Bowers (7th Anniversary) Brazilian Mass	By her family
Monday August 26			
Tuesday August 27	9:00 am	Paul "Zeb" Rich	By Butch Rich
Wednesday August 28	9:00 am	William Brown	By his children
Thursday August 29	9:00 am	Lucille Blake	
Friday August 30	9:00 am	Mary Dailey (Parish Benefactor)	By the parish
Saturday August 31	5:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory	By Lorraine & Carol
Sunday September 1	9:00 am 12:00 pm	Saint Charles Parishioners Brazilian Mass	

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 25 2013

- 25 **SUN** Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- 26 **Mon** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
- 27 **Tue** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26 32
- 28 **Wed** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
- 29 **Thu** 1 Thes 3:7-13 /Mk 6:17-29
- 30 **Fri** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
- 31 **Sat** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
- 1 **SUN** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Everything is a gift from God: it is only by recognizing this crucial dependence on the Creator that we will find freedom and peace.

~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Your kind contributions received last weekend



Offering Envelopes _____	\$ 1,599.00
Loose Money _____	246.00
Total	\$ 1,846.00

thank you



For the past five or so years we have had a rather “snazzy” bulletin, but that is going to change come September. The publisher had contacted me a few months ago to tell me that he could no longer afford to print our bulletin unless we, the parish, were willing to pay \$25.00 per week. I said yes. But when he called to say that the price would have to be \$50.00 per week, I said no. The problem was his inability to find ads in our area to pay for the printing. So we will return to a simpler bulletin, which may suit both you and me just as well. We shall see.

In October (a Thursday, the 17th) there will be a diocesan meeting at St. John and Paul’s Parish in Coventry to discuss evangelization on the parish level. If you would like to attend this meeting with me, I would be very happy to have your company. The meeting goes from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. I guess that eliminates the full-time workers among us. Well, we will report to them.

Please let me know your reaction to our new sound system. So far as I know, most of you think that it is a very definite improvement. Now, if the pastor would only speak up, we would all be much happier.

The work on our doors will begin soon. We are also thinking about installing an air-conditioning system in the church basement which we could use on really hot days. The installation would also include an updating of our electrical units in the basement.

Summer is not over yet. Some of you look forward to its end, but others among us would like it to go on for another six months. In either case, let us thank God for good weather and good health. And if our health is not good, let us pray for the strength to bear that cross in faith and hope and love.

TODAY’S GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

“For behold, some are last who will be first.”



We
 have no bed,
 no home to call our own.
 Find us, on corners, in shelters,
 at anonymous meetings,
 last in all the
 lines,
 And yet
 if we know you and
 listen when you tell our hearts your secrets,
 trust you for our daily bread and life,
 call you our essential and
 first friend,
 then...
 Then, Lord,
 first
 or last,
 we won't care
 where you put us
 as long as we are still
 with
 you.



... especially **Helen Lamarche, Tom Flood, Fritz Page, Nancy Farragher, Lucienne Cote, Lucille Simonini, 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.



Next weekend's 2nd Collection will be for the **Annual St. Vincent de Paul Fund Drive**. Checks should be made out to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All donations are used to purchase food. SVD members appreciate the great support we always receive from parishioners in our effort to provide groceries to those in need in our city.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS - On the September 8 weekend, the Christmas Bazaar Committee will present the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THEME BASKET WISH LIST BOARD. The items listed on the board are being requested to complete specific Theme Baskets and our 1st Annual R.I. Lottery Ticket Tree. You can help by choosing one or more cards, purchasing the items listed and bringing them to church by Sept. 22nd. Many of the items can be purchased at the North Smithfield Stop & Shop or market of your choice. Please help us to continue making the outstanding Theme Baskets and Special Raffles that define our bazaar. For more info, contact Karolyn Baril (401) 762-5108.

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 or www.marymotherofthepoor.org

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.

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

SAINT AMBROSE ANNUAL CLAMBAKE & RAFFLE

- St. Ambrose Church, 191 School St. Albion, is holding its annual Parish Clambake on the parish grounds on Sunday, September 8 from noon until 5PM. In addition to great food items and a cold beer tent, the fun-filled day includes games for children, games of chance for adults and raffles. Admission is free for this annual celebration. Clamcakes, red and white chowder, dynamites, hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, homemade baked goods, cold beer and old soft drinks will be available for purchase. The Clambake Club Raffle drawings are held every hour for a total of \$5,000 in prizes. Only 250 Clambake Club tickets will be sold; tickets are available for \$100 each at the Rectory Office. For more info or to reserve a ticket please call (401) 333-1568.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

HEAVEN'S GATE

The parable for this Sunday seems a total contradiction of the one Jesus told only four weeks ago, on the 17th Sunday of the year, a bare two chapters earlier in Luke's Gospel. Let us look, because our spiritual life is profoundly affected by the difference between the two.

Both parables have a basis: ask and you shall receive.

In the 17th Sunday parable Jesus told about a man knocking on a friend's door at midnight to borrow some bread. The friend answers from inside:

Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.

Jesus continues,

I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Doesn't it feel good knowing that constant prayer will get the door opened?

Well hold your feelings back awhile and look at the Gospel for this Sunday. Here again, someone is knocking on the door late at night. This master of the house also refuses, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

The people outside say, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets."

In other words, they are casual acquaintances, if that. The master yells,

I do not know where you are from.

Depart from me, all you evildoers!

Ouch. What about "ask and you shall receive"? As if to rub it in, Jesus continues,

There will be wailing and grinding of teeth
when you see the saved ones—
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets—
looking down from heaven
while you are being cast out!*

Cast out? Wailing? What is going on here? Is Jesus in a bad mood?

No. Here is the difference.

The first parable, the one from the 17th Sunday, specified that we were God's friends, and therefore we could ask for whatever we needed. Even if asking does not work, he will open the door because we keep insisting. We came so late because we had a visitor who had arrived unexpectedly.

The parable for this Sunday instead shows people outside who are not friends with the master at all. Apparently they have no relationship to the man in the house and know about him only from hearing him teach in the streets! Their knocking comes at midnight only because they were too busy, or whatever else, to get there earlier.

Are you and I friends to Jesus, or just somewhat interested parties? God will open the door to us if we are there not merely for the sake of curiosity or tourist attraction, but rather for the loving relationship to God that underlies our needs. If we are not open to being friends with God, we have made a decision that he will reluctantly respect, and the door we have not knocked on will remain closed.

The message? Get to know God now. Do not delay till you get to heaven's gate and have no prior relationship to show for yourself.

John Foley S. J.