

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

Padre's Ponderings

As we approach the end of the summer, our parish staff will begin looking over our **master calendar** to plan upcoming events. With changes in personnel and leadership, there are bound to be kinks that will need to be worked out as we move forward. Shared spaces might be occupied in different ways, new ideas might be welcomed in place of the "way we've always done things," and new faces might have more time and energy to share with our parishes. Of course, institutional memory is a tricky thing. Some of us don't quite know yet the rhythms of parish life at Saint Charles and All Saints to which so many of you are already accustomed. So there will be scheduling conflicts and difficulties and gaffes. When we encounter them, though, we should be patient and forgiving with those who have made honest mistakes. Why is it, in our present-day culture, that we tend to presume bad intentions? Let's try to be a little more patient and forgiving with each other, and that will help to foster an even more welcoming and hospitable atmosphere for newcomers.

Speaking of hospitality, I want to thank you all for your generosity in welcoming **Sr. Mary of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary** to our parish communities last weekend, and for raising **\$1,015** for the benefit of her community's good work throughout the world with some of the poorest of the poor.

I know that those who contribute to our **ordinary operational expenses** and to **special collections** are generous with their money. Some are counting every penny in their monthly budget and are still willing to make an offering to support our parish communities. I want you to know how very grateful I am—along with Christine Daneault, our financial administrator, both sets of parish trustees and both parish finance councils—for your generous support of our parishes. We're fully committed to being responsible stewards of the parish resources, and to keeping you all informed of how your money is spent in support of our ministries. In the Fall, we can expect to review together our annual financial reports, but in the meantime, just be assured of my gratitude for those who have made the commitment to invest financially in the important work of our parish communities. As we move forward, that work will be showcased more clearly both in the bulletin, from the pulpit, and on our parish Facebook page. (By the way, can you do me a favor and "Like" our parish page on Facebook? It's a great way to keep informed of current events and announcements. Our address is www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWoonsocket. Thank you!)

And speaking of showcasing what is worthy of more attention, I hope to begin sometime in the Fall a new bulletin feature called "**Living Stones**," which will highlight different members of our parish each week, so that we can get to know each other a little better. Saint Peter tells us that the members of the Church are "living stones, being built up as a spiritual house" (see 1 Peter 2:5). We need to start shifting our mentality from a "church of buildings" to a "church of people," living stones with individual stories and pasts and futures, who together make up the Body of Christ.

Until next week,

Father Joe



Pasta Dinner

to benefit

WHS Football

When: Saturday September 21st 4:30-7 pm

Where: All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket

Cost: \$10 per person, children 5-11 \$8, under 5 free

Family Maximum \$35 (immediate family only)

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New Beginnings

Sunday, September 29th 8 am – 12 noon

at All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket

Adults \$10 Children 5-12 \$7 (under 5 free)

(Family Max \$35 – immediate family only)

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ALL SAINTS AND SAINT CHARLES SUMMER 2019 SERIES: FAITH, LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP



Magnify Mondays - Each Monday Eucharistic Adoration will be offered in All Saints Church from 8:30am until 12noon. At noon, we will conclude with Solemn Benediction. Please note: If a funeral takes place on a Monday morning, Adoration will be canceled. **We are in need of committed adorers from 9:30 until noon.**

Topics on Tuesdays - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9am Mass, for a talk and discussion on some topic related to our Catholic faith or our local community.

Word on Wednesdays - Wednesdays at 1pm, we will meet in the rectory dining room at All Saints for Word on Wednesdays, an informal bible study with Fr. Joe.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Planning and preparations for the annual Christmas Bazaar are well underway! Please consider volunteering your time and talent to help make this year's bazaar the best ever! Our co-chairs **Paul (paul@bourgetgroup.com) & Denise Bourget (denise@bourgetgroup.com)** and **Sue Trinque (maskaraid@comcast.net)** are working hard at organizing a team of helpers. Please reach out to any of them directly if you're willing to assist in any way. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a parish family! (**We are especially in need of helpers who have a knack for decorating!**)

WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, the Wednesday Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, August 28. We will resume our regular weekly schedule at 1pm on Wednesday, September 4. This gives some time to help spread "the word about the Word" and invite a friend to join you on the 4th!

THANK YOU FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS!

The following was received this week: "Dear Fr. Upton, Thank you once again for welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to Saint Charles Borromeo. Kindly express our gratitude to your parish family for their thoughtful and extraordinary gift totaling \$1,806.00. Their support is an encouraging sign of friendship especially during our jubilee year celebrating 150 years in America. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your parishioners May God bless you all for your kindness and charity."

THANK YOU!

The entire set of Communionware that was purchased for All Saints has been memorialized by an anonymous donor. One chalice was given in loving memory of **Cecile Carrier**; another was given in loving memory of **Therese Guillbeault**; and the paten was given in loving memory of **Dorimene Rondeau**. Many thanks to the generous donor!

THANK YOU!

The remaining altar cloths in All Saints have been memorialized by Larry and Betty Duhamel in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spaziano and Mrs. Claudia Leveille.

Food Pantry

We are in need of donations of canned goods (vegetables, meats, soups/stews, etc) for our food pantry. Thank you for your help!

SAINT CHARLES INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS

Please visit <https://www.stcharlesborromeo.com> to access the informational handouts that have been distributed to the parish community. There is also a link there to share any questions, concerns or comments. Please take a moment to review the documents carefully and to offer feedback. And please plan on attending an informational session on Sunday, September 8, following the 9am Mass in Saint Charles Church hall.

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 11th, 2019

All Saints

1st Collection: **\$3,639.50**

Mission Collection: **\$1,015**

2nd Collection: **\$1,657**

Holy Day: **\$385**

St. Charles

1st Collection: **\$1,158**

Mission Collection: **\$297**

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Holy Day: **\$294**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24th

4:00: Leona Allard, *birthday remembrance*, by Lucille & Diane (AS)
Roland Marquis, by wife Yvonne (AS)

4:00: Claudette Kerrigan, by Paulette & Richard Angelini

Sunday, August 25th

7:30: Parishioners of All Saints

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

10:15: Claire Duhamel, *7th anniversary*, by daughters
Arthur Clem, by wife

Monday, August 26th - All Saints

8:00: Emile Renaud, *10th anniversary*, by family

Tuesday, August 27th - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

Wednesday, August 28th - St. Charles

9:00: Paul Leduc, by Connie Seider

Thursday August 29th - All Saints

8:00: Deceased members of the Armand Peloquin family, by family

Friday, August 30th - All Saints

8:00: Eugenie Martel, *birthday remembrance*, by Gerard Martel

Saturday, August 31st

4:00: Jean Paul Fagnant, *anniversary*, by wife (AS)

4:00: Parishioners of St. Charles (SC)

Sunday, September 1st

7:30: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

10:15: Jeff Henault, by a friend

Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de Agosto de 2019

- Domingo:** Is 66, 18-21/Sal 117, 1. 2. [Mc 16, 15]/Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13/Lc 13, 22-30
- Lunes:** 1 Tes 1, 1-5. 8-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Mt 23, 13-22
- Martes:** 1 Tes 2, 1-8/Sal 139, 1-3. 4-6 [1]/Mt 23, 23-26
- Miércoles:** 1 Tes 2, 9-13/Sal 139, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12 [1]/Mt 23, 27-32
- Jueves:** 1 Tes 3, 7-13/ Sal 90:3-5, 12-13, 14 y 17 [14]/Mc 6, 17-29
- Viernes:** 1 Tes 4, 1-8/Sal 97, 1 y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12 [12]/Mt 25, 1-13
- Sábado:** 1 Tes 4, 9-11/Sal 98, 1. 7-8. 9 [9]/ Mt 25, 14-30
- Domingo siguiente:** Eclo 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29/Sal 68, 4-5. 6-7. 10-11 [cfr. 11]/Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24/Lc 14, 1. 7-14

Reflexiones del padre

A medida que nos acercamos al final del verano, nuestro personal parroquial comenzará a revisar nuestro **calendario maestro** para planificar los próximos eventos. Con los cambios en el personal y el liderazgo, es probable que haya problemas que deberán resolverse a medida que avanzamos. Los espacios compartidos pueden estar ocupados de diferentes maneras, las nuevas ideas pueden ser bienvenidas en lugar de "la forma en que siempre hemos hecho las cosas", y las nuevas caras pueden tener más tiempo y energía para compartir con nuestras parroquias. Por supuesto, la memoria institucional es algo complicado. Algunos de nosotros aún no conocemos los ritmos de la vida parroquial en Saint Charles and All Saints a los que muchos de ustedes ya están acostumbrados. Entonces habrá conflictos de programación, dificultades y errores. Sin embargo, cuando los encontramos, debemos ser pacientes y perdonadores con aquellos que han cometido errores honestos. ¿Por qué, en nuestra cultura actual, tendemos a presumir malas intenciones? Tratemos de ser un poco más pacientes y indulgentes, y eso ayudará a fomentar un ambiente aún más acogedor y hospitalario para los recién llegados.

Hablando de hospitalidad, quiero agradecerles a todos por su generosidad al dar la bienvenida a la **Hermana María de las Hermanas Franciscanas de María** a nuestras comunidades parroquiales el pasado fin de semana, y por recaudar **\$ 1,015** en beneficio del buen trabajo de su comunidad en todo el mundo con algunos de los los más pobres de los pobres.

Sé que quienes contribuyen a nuestros **gastos operativos ordinarios** y a **colecciones especiales** son generosos con su dinero. Algunos cuentan cada centavo en su presupuesto mensual y todavía están dispuestos a hacer una oferta para apoyar a nuestras comunidades parroquiales. Quiero que sepan cuán agradecido estoy, junto con Christine Daneault, nuestra administradora financiera, los dos grupos de fideicomisarios de la parroquia y los dos consejos de finanzas parroquiales, por su generoso apoyo a nuestras parroquias. Estamos totalmente comprometidos a ser administradores responsables de los recursos de la parroquia y a mantenerlos informados sobre cómo se gasta su dinero en apoyo de nuestros ministerios. En el otoño, podemos esperar revisar juntos nuestros informes financieros anuales, pero mientras tanto, tenga la seguridad de mi gratitud por aquellos que se han comprometido a invertir financieramente en el importante trabajo de nuestras comunidades parroquiales. A medida que avanzamos, ese trabajo se mostrará más claramente tanto en el boletín, desde el púlpito, como en nuestra página de Facebook de la parroquia. (Por cierto, ¿puede hacerme un favor y hacer clic en "Me gusta" en nuestra página parroquial en Facebook? Es una excelente manera de mantenerse informado de los eventos y anuncios actuales. Nuestra dirección es www.facebook.com/Parroquia-de-Todos-los-Santos-Woonsocket-RI. ¡Gracias!)

Ven a celebrar la Independencia de Mexico

Día: Sábado 7 Septiembre 2019

Lugar: Tyra Club Woonsocket, RI

Costo: \$10

Hora: 6pm-12am

Los boletos ya estan a la venta: (401) 654-7364
PROFONDOS VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

- ⇒ **CAMBIAME A MI SEÑOR DE MUJERES** 30, 31 Agosto y 1 Septiembre. Costo \$110 Info: 401-421-7833 x233
- ⇒ **Encuentro/Retiro para la familia** en La Salette los días 30, 31 de Agosto y 1 Sept. para más info 401-481-5147.
- ⇒ **JORNADA DIOCESANA DE LA JUVENTUD UNA OPORTUNIDAD PARA ESTAR 'ANCLADOS' EN LA FE:**

Una jornada con oradores inspirados, música, nuevos amigos con una fe compartida, adoración a la luz de las velas por la tarde: qué día para los jóvenes de nuestra Diócesis. La Oficina del Ministerio de la Juventud para la Diócesis de Providence anunció que el Día de la Juventud Diocesana (DYD) de este año, se llevará a cabo el 7 de septiembre, con el tema "Anclado". La Iglesia de Fátima en Cumberland, contará con un orador invitado nacional de Nueva Orleans, el Dr. Ansel Augustine.

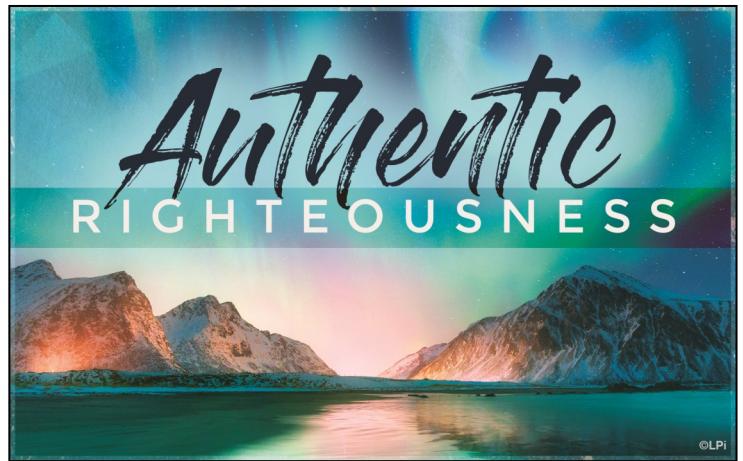
Y hablando de mostrar lo que merece más atención, espero comenzar en algún momento del otoño una nueva función de boletín llamada "**Piedras vivas**", que destacará a los diferentes miembros de nuestra parroquia cada semana, para que podamos conocernos poco mejor. San Pedro nos dice que los miembros de la Iglesia son "piedras vivas, construidas como una casa espiritual" (véase 1 Pedro 2: 5). Necesitamos comenzar a cambiar nuestra mentalidad de una "iglesia de edificios" a una "iglesia de personas", piedras vivas con historias individuales, pasados y futuros, que juntos forman el Cuerpo de Cristo.
Hasta la próxima semana,

El P. Joe

PD: ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que invitaste a alguien a una de nuestras iglesias? ¿Quizás un parente que no ha estado en mucho tiempo? ¿Quizás un compañero de trabajo, un vecino, un amigo? Diles que nos visiten. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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No matter your current family or marital status,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background,
gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality,
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,
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Saturday at 3pm

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 25, 2019

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

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