

# Saint Charles Borromeo

August 30, 2015  
22nd 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 29	4PM - Rita M. Marcotte by P. & R. Angelini
Sunday, August 30	9AM - Charles T. O'Rourke by the family
Tuesday, Sept. 1	9AM - Stanley Cybulski by Mrs. Leo Beauregard
Wednesday, Sept. 2	9AM - Alfred Pearese by the parish
Thursday, Sept. 3	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Friday, Sept. 4	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, Sept. 6	4PM - Stanley Cybulski by the parish
Sunday, Sept. 7	9AM - Margaret "Peg" Shiel by her husband & daughter



In today's Gospel (Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of August) the Lord castigates the scribes and Pharisees for their inversion of values. They pay tithes on condiments, as the Law prescribes, but neglect the weightier things of the law like mercy and fidelity. They clean the outside of cup and dish but neglect to clean the inside, that is, their motivation in performing their outward religious observances. Before we begin to throw stones at these people, now long dead, let us look at ourselves today. There is always the temptation to emphasize the unimportant things in life and neglect the really important things. That seems to be a "given" with human nature. Can we spot it in ourselves? That is hard. It is much easier to see it in others.

Here is an example of this "inversion of values" in our society today. We have become more and more conscious of the fact that animals have feelings and therefore suffer. Even chickens, it would seem. Therefore, we are calling for greater care in the way animals are treated. We are outraged when we hear of someone leaving a cat or dog in a hot car in August. And all that is good. It means that we are becoming more sensitive to those whom St. Francis would call our sisters and brothers. But at the same time we are closing our eyes to the way that we treat unborn children. We allow them to be aborted, and we allow their body parts to be salvaged and sold. How is it that we are so sensitive with respect to animals but not with respect to children? That is an inversion of values, for humans are the pinnacle of God's creation, as Genesis teaches us. What can we do to make our society safer for our own children? How do we convince those who disregard the unborn that they are to be treated with gentleness and respect? I think we have to contact our government representatives and get them to reconsider their values in this question. Copy following link into your browser and click Defund Planned Parenthood.

[http://www.catholicaction.org/defund\\_pp?utm\\_campaign=gianna\\_clinic2a&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=stgiannaphysicians](http://www.catholicaction.org/defund_pp?utm_campaign=gianna_clinic2a&utm_medium=email&utm_source=stgiannaphysicians)

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.

## Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,057.00
Loose Money	\$ 189.00
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*Thank you*



## Scripture for the week of August 30, 2015

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

*"Let us do as the Virgin Mary did...She surrendered herself to God's will for her."*

*~Père Jacques (Lucien-Louis Bunel)*

# Announcements



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

Next weekend will be **MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL** weekend. Rev. Mahianus Isaac from the diocese of Kumbakonam in India will be speaking to us at both Masses about the pressing needs for Evangelization in his diocese. Please be generous.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Beginning Tuesday, September 15 for 6 consecutive Tuesdays, here at St. Charles in the Lower Church at 7PM. Fr. Finnegan, Fr. St-Godard and Fr. Kiley, will speak on *Pope Francis' latest encyclical on "Our Care for our Common Home."* Please join us!

On Sunday, September 6th, join us after the 9AM Mass for a Coffee'N to wish Farewell to Brother Harold Greer, SC (Br. Tom), a member of our parish for the past decade or more who will be leaving to work once again in Africa.

**HOLY HOUR AT SACRED HEART CHURCH** 415 Olo Street on Friday, September 11 at 6:30PM to pray in remembrance of all the victims of the 9/11 tragedy, and in supplication for God's continued protection for our country, as well as peace in the world. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short reflection, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Confession will also be available. Please join in! For questions or more info, please call Sacred Heart Rectory (401) 766-3150.

**SACRED HEART PARISH FLEA MARKET** 415 Olo Street, on Saturday, September 12th from 9AM to 3PM. Toys, jewelry, games, books etc. For more info, call Pauline Riel (401) 359-2024.

**FLAVORS OF NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND** Come sample your favorite foods from 20 of Northern RI's best restaurants as the **HAVEN OF GRACE** hosts its 13th annual "Flavors of Northern Rhode Island" on September 9 from 5:30 to 7PM at Cercle Laurier, 165 East School Street, Woonsocket. Tickets \$15 are available at the door. Proceeds benefit homeless women.

## **ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL CLAMBAKE & RAFFLE**

St. Ambrose Church, 191 School St., Albion will hold its Annual Parish Clambake on parish grounds on Sun-

day, September 13 from noon to 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. Clam cakes, red & white chowder, steamers, dynamites, hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, homemade baked goods, cold beer and cold soft drinks will be available for purchase. The Clambake Club Raffle drawings are held every hour for a total of \$5,000. in prizes. For more info, please call Rectory Office (401) 333-1568.

**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.

**"AUTUMN REFLECTIONS"** *a spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat* on the theme of change and letting go, led by Peggy Patenaude will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA from 10AM to 12:30 PM. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. Contact Peggy at (508) 548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). For more information, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com)

**ST. LUKE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:** *Faustina Messenger of Divine Mercy* - a live multimedia Drama with a Modern Message of Mercy on Friday, October 23, at 7:30 PM at Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, RI Admission \$12 each - suitable for ages 13 & up. For tickets, call Ana (401)749-6999 after 5PM. Or purchase tickets at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/94> Sponsored by St. Martha Church.

## WASHING YOUR HANDS BEFORE DINNER

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation. He calls the Pharisees 'hypocrites,' who have God on their lips but not in their hearts.

So, what does this story say about tradition?

Well, we might think, if cleaving to tradition gets the Pharisees a denunciation by the Lord, then so much the worse for tradition!

And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition.

The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don't keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn't a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn't be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition.

A tradition transmits something precious from one generation to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact transmit the God of Moses, does it? What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees?

In the First Reading, Moses orders the people to hand on God's commands without adding or subtracting anything from them. The Nicene creed, which is part of the tradition that structures our faith, does not violate this order of Moses, because the Nicene creed does not change biblical teachings. It only unfolds them and gives deeper insight into them. But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't hand on what Moses gave them. They wreck it in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition of men. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to transmit, God's goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them 'hypocrites.'

It isn't just the Pharisees who make this kind of mistake. We can and do also. And so this is a cautionary tale for all of us, isn'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)

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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