

# Saint Charles Borromeo

September 7, 2014  
23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Adriano Lessa

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

## Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

## Holy Days

to be announced

## 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 - Sept. 6	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday - Set. 7	9AM - Margaret "Peg" Shiel by her husband & daughters
Tuesday - Sept. 9	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday - Sept. 10	9AM - Joseph Antoniotti by the parish
Thursday - Sept. 11	9AM - Mary Keegan by her family
Friday - Sept. 12	9AM - Lauri Luzzi by her mother, Jane
Saturday - Sept. 13	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette by Paulette & Richard Angelini
Sunday - Sept. 14	9AM - Robert Lachance by the family



It is the second day of September as I write these words, and it is sweltering. Pity the children in school today, but it would seem that school officials would rather put up with September rather than June heat. I beg to differ, of course, wanting the schools to return to the habits of yesteryear when school began after, not before, Labor Day. But even that would not help right now. It is after Labor Day and it is still hot. But for those of us no longer in school one way or another is or is not a problem for us. We do or do not like warm weather, and so we are happy or miserable with a hot September. But wait a day. It is New England. Things change weather-wise frequently. Meanwhile listen to those who consider September the most beautiful time of the year.

And in our religious lives? I suppose some of us have to say that it is also September in our religious and ordinary living. There is much more time behind us rather than ahead of us. We may think that this is the time to "tread water," that is, to stay in place. We will just continue doing what we have already done until sickness or death interrupts our routine. If our routine is a good one, then that may be a good plan. But perhaps even in September lives there can be change, and not just change imposed on us from outside, but a change we decide upon to live a little more charitably and consciously. Maybe that would include a new involvement in our parish or in our community. Maybe that could include a little more reading and less television. Maybe that could include visiting the sick. The possibilities are numerous. The end is not yet--- at least as far as we know. It's a long way from September to December.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,571.00
Loose Money	\$ 257.00
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Total	\$ 1,828.00

*Thank  
You*



### Scripture for the week of September 7, 2014

- 7 **SUN** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
 8 **Mon** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
 9 **Tue** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19  
 10 **Wed** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26  
 11 **Thu** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38  
 12 **Fri** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42  
 13 **Sat** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49  
 14 **SUN** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility. ~St. John Paul II

# Announcements



We will have a ***“Ham and Bean Supper”*** in the parish hall on September 27 at 5PM - after the 4PM Mass. Tickets, (\$10 for adults and \$6 for children (under 12) will be sold after the Masses beginning this weekend. Tickets will also be available during office hours at the rectory—Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30AM to 4PM excluding lunch 1PM-2PM.

**JAYCEES Commemorate 9/11 Ceremony** - The JAYCEES have been conducting a short, yet meaningful, ceremony each year on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The JAYCEES are hoping volunteers, neighbors and families would like to participate on this solemn occasion of reflection and collective resilience among our American people and area wide citizens. When: Thursday, Sept. 11 at 5:30PM—6:30PM. Where: Riverpoint Community Park, Hay Street, West Warwick, RI For more information, call (401) 828-9191

**NEXT WEEKEND** please welcome Fr. Richard Nahman who will be speaking on behalf of Food for the Poor serving the poorest of the poor in Central America and the Caribbean Island countries. More than 95% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor.

## FOOD FOR THE POOR

Saving lives...Transforming Communities...Renewing Hope... Please be generous!

**FLAVORS OF NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND** - Come and sample your favorite foods from 20 of Northern Rhode Island's best restaurants as the ***Haven of Grace*** hosts its 12 Annual Flavors of Northern Rhode Island on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30 to 7PM at Cercle Laurier, 165 East School Street, Woonsocket. Tickets \$15 are available at the door. Proceeds benefit homeless women.

**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS** - Are you a caregiver of someone over 60 years old? The Saint Antoine Community is pleased to invite you to participate in an educational program designed to provide self-care education for caregivers. This great program will help caregivers to cope with personal

stress and master care-giving decisions as well as improve their ability to communicate their own personal needs and feelings. Duration: 6 weeks - 1 1/2hour sessions When: Wednesday, starting Sept. 17 through October 22. Hours: 6:30 PM to 8:00PM Where: The Villa at Saint Antoine Community Room (400 Mendon Road, North Smithfield, RI RSVP & More Info.: Carolyn Allard at (401) 767-3500, ext. 103. Space is limited. Please call as soon as possible.

**SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND** - After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely on Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many of whom have served faithfully for many years in ministry. The collection is our way of saying “thank you” for that service. At Masses on September 20-21, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. For more info visit [www.srpriestsri.org](http://www.srpriestsri.org) Thanks for your support!

**ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL CLAMBAKE** - this Sunday, Sept. 7, 12 Noon to 5PM. See bulletin board for more details.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS** - Bishop Tobin invites all to join him in prayer for vocations to the priesthood at a **Holy Hour for Vocation** on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30PM at St. Pius X Church in Westerly. As Pope Francis has said, “Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.” Let us unite in prayer that many more men will respond to God’s call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

## WITNESSING FOR THE LORD

In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for his people, and he adds a threat. If Ezekiel does not warn sinners to mend their ways, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for their fate.

Does God say this to Ezekiel only? Or does he say it also to all of us? Many of the great people in the Christian tradition—Augustine, Aquinas, Francis of Assisi, to name just a few—thought that God's command to Ezekiel is meant to apply to every one of the faithful now too. It is a duty for every Christian to watch out for each one of God's people in the way God spelled out to Ezekiel.

But this can look like a dreadful idea. Could it really be the case that a Christian is supposed to be a kind of busy-body, continually nagging other people about their sins?

And what about the Gospel instruction (cf. Mt 7:5) to pay more attention to the beam in your own eye than to the speck of dust in somebody else's?

Here we need to remember that there is more than one way to communicate with others. If you are concentrated in love and service to the Lord, your life will tell a story to everyone who crosses your path. When Francis of Assisi was asked about this very passage in the First Reading, he said,

If that passage is supposed to be understood in a universal sense, then I understand it to mean that a servant of God should be burning with life and holiness so brightly that by the light of example and the tongue of his conduct, he will rebuke all the wicked.

Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the holiness of his commandments. You don't have to use words to do so.

So a Christian can and should concentrate on the beam in his own eye, just as the Gospel injunction says. But if he really does so, then the duty to witness to others, God's command to Ezekiel, will be beautifully fulfilled.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Confessions are available on Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. 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



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