

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

(401) 766-0176

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME



Parish Website: [www.stcharlesborromeo.com](http://www.stcharlesborromeo.com)

MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL SATURDAY 5:00 PM - SUNDAY 9:00 AM  
WEEKDAYS TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Sept. 7	5PM - Rose & Edward Crepeau
Sunday - Sept. 8	9AM - Tom Kirby
Tuesday - Sept. 10	9AM - Paul "Zeb" Rich
Wed. - Sept. 11	9AM - People of St. Charles
Thursday - Sept. 12	9AM - Marion Belleville
Friday - Sept. 13	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday - Sept. 14	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette
Sunday - Sept. 15	9AM - Tom Kirby

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,054.00
Loose Money	\$ 294.00
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Total	\$ 2,348.00

*Thank  
You*

### Scripture for the week of September 8, 2013

<b>8 SUN</b>	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
<b>9 Mon</b>	Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
<b>10 Tue</b>	Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
<b>11 Wed</b>	Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
<b>12 Thu</b>	Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
<b>13 Fri</b>	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
<b>14 Sat</b>	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
<b>15 SUN</b>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

*To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.*

~Mother Teresa



Some people think this is the most beautiful month of the year because it is the gradual transition from the beauty of summer to early fall. Of course, it all depends on the weather. So let us hope that this year's September will live up to this reputation.

Our city has had its block party and it has been judged to be a great success. Thanks to all those who labored so hard to make it such, among them Bert Beauparlant. May the Lord reward him and his co-workers for their labors! Now we get back to the school year and CCD classes. Ours will begin at the end of the month or in early October. If you have children to enroll, please call the rectory or pick up a registration form at the back of the church or on our parish website ([www.stcharlesborromeo.com](http://www.stcharlesborromeo.com)).

Our Mass schedule, beginning next weekend (September 14-15) will be the following: Saturday Evening Mass at 4 P.M. and Sunday Morning Mass at 9 A.M.

### DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST FOR PEACE

Pope Francis Calls the Faithful to pray and fast for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and the World. It will happen on Saturday, September 7 on the vigil of the birth of Mary. The Holy Father has called for the Church to buck the tide of self-righteous indignation, fed by the wishful thinking that an act of war on the part of the United States, et al, would have any positive ramifications in Syria, and pray and fast for peace instead.

Let us ask Mary, Pope Francis says, to help us to respond to violence, to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother: may she help us to find peace; all of us are her children! Help us, Mary, to overcome this most difficult moment and to dedicate ourselves each day to building in every situation an authentic culture of encounter and peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

## PARISH, AREA AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Next weekend's 2nd Collection is for the **PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND**.

Come sample your favorite foods from 21 of Northern Rhode Island's best restaurants as the Haven of Grace hosts its 11th Annual **Flavors of Northern Rhode Island** on Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30 PM to 7:15PM at Cercle Laurier, 165 East School Street, Woonsocket. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door.

The **Haven of Grace** is offering its first **Harvest Raffle**. For \$10 you will be entered in 37 drawings throughout the month of October. Prizes range in value from \$15 to \$100. Proceeds will benefit homeless women. For tickets or information please call (401) 487-5824 or (401) 585-0308.

**EXPERIENCE AN EVENING WITH DAN SCHUTTE AND FRIENDS** Sponsored by Mount St. Charles Academy. Dan will also perform with members of the Mount St. Charles music department. Event details: Friday, September 13 - 7PM at Mount St. Charles Academy, 800 Logee Street, Woonsocket.

Dan has been composing music for worship for more than 30 years, including extensive collaboration with the St. Louis Jesuits. His more recent pieces exhibit an enduring ability to reach into people's hearts and draw them into prayer. He is one of the best known, most prolific and influential composers of music for the liturgy today.

\$10 per person For more info, please call Marc Blanchette (401) 769-0310 or e-mail him blanchettem@mountsaintcharles.org

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS - The Christmas Bazaar Wish List Board is here!** See board in Sanctuary.

For further info, contact Karolyn Baril, Bazaar Chairperson (401) 762-5108.

**Thank you and Happy Shopping!**

**SISTERS OF MERCY NEED YOUR HELP** - Mercy Ecology, Inc. is holding two fundraisers in Cumberland, RI New Dawn, an educational Center for children, families and adults is holding a Wine Tasting at Diamond Hill Winery, 3145 Diamond Hill Road on Fri. Sept. 20 from 5 to 7PM. Silent Auction & Raffle, Music & refreshments.

Also, a Raffle for 4 New England Getaways: Watch Hill, RI, Scarborough, Maine; Madison, CT; and Jay Peak, VT Tickets \$25 or 5 for \$100. Drawing Dec. 21st. See bulletin board for more info or call New Dawn for tickets! (401) 333-1341.

**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 you 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

### WHAT TO DO?

Our First Reading states the problem.

"Deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. The body weighs down the soul, the earth weighs down the mind. . . . What is within our grasp we find with difficulty."

These words apply to all life, don't they? We have many problems. What are we to do?

As a first answer, try these words:

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

This is the Serenity Prayer, well-known, and also deep. It shows us what humility is: be who you are, not more, not less. Trust in God for everything you cannot do. Let go, let God. But do have (realistically limited) courage.

Life here on earth, even though unsure and weighted down, is about humility.

A second answer is, we are meant to love. To exercise real, toiling, sweating love.

Look at the apostle Paul in the Second Reading—the fiery, tempestuous Paul, now an old man in prison. We are reading a personal letter here, one the old man wrote to Philemon (a leader, possibly in a church in Colossae, which was an ancient city of Phrygia). It turns out that Philemon's slave Onesimus has run away and has come to Paul. Paul has received him and has become like a father to him. The result is Onesimus' conversion to Christianity. Paul now sends him back to Philemon not as a slave but "as a man and in the Lord."

Listen to the language Paul uses. "I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you." Imagine. The one Paul sends is so dear that he refers to him as "his own heart."

This is a true personal love. It is what life here on earth is all about.

3) A third answer, is one that the Gospel tells us. It is shocking.

Jesus commands each of us to

- a. hate your father, mother, children, brothers, sisters,  
and your own life, and
- b. renounce all your possessions, and
- c. carry your own cross just as he carries his.

Hang on, don't panic. These sound horrible, but let us examine them.

a. The command, "Hate your father, mother ... and your own life," has many interpretations but the only one that really makes sense is spelled out in the parable. Be smart. Figure it out. Isn't God worth more love than anything else? Then give God your greatest love. Know that everyone and everything else flows from that love, not visa versa. Whatever opposes love of God, shuck it off ("hate it").

b. "Renounce all your possessions." If you are tempted to love material things above all else, let them go. Love God above all things and everything else only in proportion.

c. "Carry your cross"! Why? Because otherwise you will be trying to envision a world that does not have real pain in it, where you will not suffer. Sorry, but nasty surprises are waiting for you. Instead, "carry your cross" puts you in touch with a real world in which good and evil both exist.

So. What is life about here on earth?

It is about being humble, about loving others truly—loving God above all things, and bearing the suffering along with Jesus.

John Foley, S. J.