

# Saint Charles Borromeo

September 11, 2016  
24th 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

## 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.

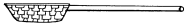
## This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10	4PM - Yvette M Paquette by P. & R. Angelini
Sunday, September 11	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, September 13	9AM - John Bibeault by Paula Klara
Wednesday, September 14	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, September 15	9AM - Philippe Godin by Sue and Nel
Friday, September 16	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, September 17	4 PM - Kathleen "Penny" Rondeau by Molly and family
Sunday, September 18	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles

## Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,592.00
Loose Money	\$ 252.00

*Thank  
you*




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\$ 1,844.00

## Scripture for the week of September 11, 2016

Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

### THE EYES OF JOY

*"Let anyone who comes to you go away feeling better and happier. Everyone should see goodness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile. Joy shows from the eyes. It appears when we speak and walk. It cannot be kept closed inside us. It reacts outside. Joy is very infectious. ~St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## WORKING WITH THE WORD

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### Focusing the Gospel

#### *To the point:*

What the shepherd, the woman, and the father all have in common is having lost something dear to them. When they find what they have lost, they rejoice extravagantly. In the parable of the prodigal son, he is found because he chooses to return to his father's house: he chooses life. By contrast, the older son—in his anger, resentment, and jealousy—is truly the one who is lost because he refuses to rejoice in his father's mercy and goodness: he chooses death. The extravagant mercy and goodness of our divine Father urges us to choose life and not death.

### CONNECTING THE GOSPEL

#### *...to the first reading:*

Both readings describe the mercy God extends to sinners, whether the sin is idolatry (First Reading); dissolute living (younger son); or anger, resentment, and jealousy (older son). Such divine mercy begets new life.

#### *...to experience:*

Many parents anguish as they watch a son or daughter go astray in life. They will do anything to help their children come to their senses and turn their life around. Parents only want life for their children, although sometimes children seem to choose death for themselves.

# Announcements



**NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION** will be for *The Senior Priest Retirement Fund*. Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. This fund is a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. No longer able to rely on parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund or to make a donation online, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org)

**CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF MERCY WITH AN AFTERNOON OF SONG AND PRAYER WITH FATHER PAT** (from La Salette) this Sunday, September 11th at 2 PM at All Saints in the Church. Father Pat will bring the Icon of Mercy with veneration of the relic of the True Cross. Cost: Free. A free will offering will be accepted.

## **Please Note:**

Please call the rectory office if you or a loved one is sick and you would like to add your name to the sick list to be prayed for at our weekend Masses.

**EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH IN TIVERTON, RI** is offering a One Day Spiritual Retreat for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child of Any Age, By Any Cause on Saturday, October 15th from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Losing a child under any circumstances is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He comforted His grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry. Join other Emmaus Parent Companions and our St. Theresa Retreat team in a warm and loving place - to think, to talk, to feel, and to pray. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time. All are welcome. Donation: \$25 Individuals; \$40 Couples. For more info, call Barbara,

Mother of Melissa at (401) 624-8746 or Diane or Charley, Paul's Parents at (800) 919-9332. Registration Form is available at the Rectory if interested. Call Lucille.

## **PIZZA ON THE PATIO**

The Office of Vocations will be kicking off the monthly discernment meetings with the 3rd Annual *Pizza on the Patio* night at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence (485 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI) on Friday, September 16th at 6P.M. For more information or to RSVP if you plan to attend, please contact Fr. Chris Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director at (401) 331-1316 or [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com).

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS**

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12 Noon to 5 PM. Join us in praying the "master of the harvest send out laborers for his harvest."

## **A New Global Nuclear Arms Race: Risks, Prevention and Moral Imperatives - An Evening of Education, Discussion, and Reflection**

Wednesday, September 21st International Peace Day - 7 PM McVinney Auditorium, Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. The US plans to spend over \$1 trillion over the next 30 years on a new generation of nuclear bombs, bombers, submarines and missiles. Tensions between the US, Russia, China and other nuclear weapons states are on the rise. Hundreds of US and Russian nuclear weapons remain on hair trigger alert ready to be launched in minutes. If nuclear weapons are ever again used, the human, economic and environmental consequences would be devastating. Do nuclear weapons make us safe? Are they necessary? Can we reduce the risks they pose? How can you as a concerned citizen get involved and help influence these critical decisions in the months and years ahead after the 2016 elections?

## MERCY AND MORAL IDIOCY

In the First Reading, the Israelites have made molten metal into the statue of a calf and declared that the calf is their God who brought them out of Egypt.

In consequence, God is very angry at the people. They are hopeless, God says to Moses; I ought to destroy them and make a new Israelite people out of you, Moses. But God means to be merciful to the Israelites, and he is inviting Moses to be merciful by first showing Moses the evil of the people. If you don't see the evil in what others are doing, you aren't merciful. You are just a moral idiot.

In response to God's anger at the Israelites, Moses is merciful; and he wants God to be merciful too. And so the reply of Moses to God's anger teaches us something about mercy.

Moses does not try to see what the Israelites are doing as not so bad, as somehow acceptable or excusable. If he did, then Moses really would be a moral idiot. But he doesn't. Rather, Moses entreats God to be merciful by reminding God of the past history of the Israelites. Don't you remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses asks God? They were your servants and so pleasing to you! For the sake of what the Israelite people were in the past, have mercy on them now!

The Second Reading is about mercy too. Paul explains that he once was a persecutor of God's people. He doesn't gloss over his own evil then or make himself a moral idiot, any more than Moses did. But Paul obtained mercy from God anyway, Paul says, because God could see the man Paul could become. For the sake of the man Paul could be in the future, God had mercy on him.

Here is one moral of the readings then. You must not be a moral idiot. When you look at the conduct of your father, or your friend, or your boss, if that person is being sinful, then you need to see clearly that he is. But what you see when he is evil is not all there is to him. There is what he was in the past, the small boy his mother loved, for example. He wasn't always the sinner he is now. And then there is what he could become. Maybe like Paul, who once was the chief of sinners, your sinning friend could become glorious in the service of the Lord in the future.

So see clearly the evil in your neighbor now, but remember that what you see is not all there is to him. Like the Lord in the Readings, have mercy on him, for the sake of all the rest of him, the person that he once was and the person that he can still be. Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor, 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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