

Saint Charles Borromeo

September 18, 2016
25th 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.

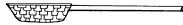
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17	4PM - Kathleen "Penny" Rondeau by Molly and family
Sunday, September 18	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, September 20	9AM - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, September 21	9AM - Thomas J. Flood (24th Ann.) by daughter-in-law Anne
Thursday, September 22	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, September 23	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & deceased family members by his sisters
Saturday, September 24	4 PM - The Moreira & Rijo families by niece and son
Sunday, September 25	9AM - Adeleine Caracuzzo (Birthday Rem.) by daughter, Anne

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,505.00
Loose Money	\$ 172.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of September 18, 2016

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

"Christianity is the meeting point of earth and heaven. It lays claim to the whole person, body and soul, intellect and will, inducing him to raise his mind above the changing conditions of this earthly existence and reach upwards for the eternal life of heaven where one will find unfailling happiness and peace." ~Pope St. John Paul II

WORKING WITH THE WORD

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Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

The wily servant has concern only for his immediate future and uses underhanded means to assure that his needs are met. In his efforts to protect his future, however, he limits it—he will only be welcomed into the homes of those whose favor he bought dishonestly with his mater's wealth. By serving himself, the wily servant ultimately limits his world of possibilities. By contrast, disciples are to serve in such a way that they open their future to unending possibilities. Faithful disciples first choose not themselves nor the things of this world, but to serve God and others. This choice leads to eternal future ("eternal dwellings").

CONNECTING THE GOSPEL

...to the first reading:

The First Reading presents the same scenario about the future as does the gospel. God will hold accountable those who serve themselves for personal gain, and will never forget "a thing they have done."

...to experience:

In everyday humdrum of life, we rarely think about the ultimate future. Life itself pressures us into shortsighted choices for living. Discipleship, on the other hand, calls us to live in such a way that our daily choices form patterns of behavior that move us toward God's promise of life eternal.

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION supports *The Senior Priest Retirement Fund*. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship and Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years - years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

Our Religious Education Program is now merged with the All Saints Program.

REGISTRATIONS FOR CCD will be held at All Saints Church Hall this Sunday (9/18) and again next Sunday (9/25) after their 10:15 Mass (approximately 11:15 AM). Classes for Grades 1 to 6 will begin on October 16 and Grades 7 & 8 classes will begin on October 4th at All Saints Church Hall.

At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged. Many families have lost everything. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a **SECOND COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses on September 24/25. Thank you for your support in helping those in need.

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?

This weekend, we are pleased that **MAGNIFICAT** has donated copies of its September issue. **MAGNIFICAT** is a very popular Catholic worship resource in the United States. It's perfect for anyone who wants to stay in touch with the Eucharistic and prayer life of the Church on a daily basis. It features daily mass readings, morning and evening prayers, daily meditations and commentaries on art. Several copies will be on the table at the back of the church. Take home a copy and use it prayerfully this month. Information for subscribing is included. You can also visit www.magnificat.com for more info, to request a complimentary copy for a friend or to download a free one month trial of the iPhone/iPad app.

DIOCESE TO CELEBRATE BLUE MASS TO PRAY FOR POLICE OFFICERS - The Diocese will host an inaugural Blue Mass for Police officers this Sunday (9/18) at 10 AM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests of the diocese concelebrating. Everyone is invited to come together to support police officers who serve and protect our communities in Rhode Island and pray for their safety.

Take a step to end poverty and join **SAINT VINCENT de PAUL RI** for our annual "*Friends of the Poor Walk*" on Sunday, September 25th, in Garden City, Cranston. All proceeds go to help our Rhode Island friends and neighbors in need. Registration at 10 AM, Walk begins at 11 AM Please see www.svdpri.org for more info.



WHAT GOD WANTS

In the Second Reading, Paul says it is the will of God that every human being be saved.

But it is part of Christian doctrine that not all human beings are saved. Not all human beings go to heaven when they die. How could it be that an omnipotent God wills something, and yet it doesn't happen?

Here we need to remember that heaven is more like a marriage than it is like a place. For a human person to be in heaven is for her to be united in love to God. Now, union between God and a human person requires two minds and two wills, in order to have two things to unite together in love. If God's mind and will are the only ones present, then whatever there may be, it isn't union.

In consequence, God cannot bring about union all by himself. God can do all the work needed for union. He can offer the grace necessary for it as a gift. But if the will of a human person rejects that grace and refuses God, then even an omnipotent God can't get union with that person. God cannot succeed in giving grace if a human person chooses to refuse it.

And that is why the will of God is that every human being be saved, but not all human beings are saved.

We have to see therefore that there are some things that God wants and does not get.

But there is no frustration of God's will as a result.

God wills to let a person's salvation depend entirely on her—not, of course, in the Pelagian sense that she can save herself without grace, but in the sense required by the First Reading: it is up to her and her alone whether or not she refuses the saving grace of God. And if she refuses it, then because God willed to create her as a person with a will of her own, God cannot give her the grace that she will not have.

God wants lovers, not slaves. And that is why, although it is God's will then that all human beings be saved, when some are not saved, God's will is still fulfilled, only in a different way.

~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)

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