

# Saint Charles Borromeo



September 21, 2014  
25th 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.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3: - 3:30PM  
or by appointment

## Adult Religious Education

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

## 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 - Sept. 20	4PM - Kathleen "Penny" Rondeau by sister Molly & family
Sunday - Sept. 21	9AM - Thomas J. Flood by Anne Flood
Tuesday - Sept. 23	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Wednesday - Sept. 24	9AM - Philip Godin by the family
Thursday - Sept. 25	9AM - Mary & Charles Bowers by the family
Friday - Sept. 26	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family by his sisters
Saturday - Sept. 27	4PM - Moreira and Rijo families by niece and son
Sunday - Sept. 28	9AM - Adeline Caracuzzo by her daughter Anne Flood

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,846.50
Loose Money	\$ 176.00
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Total	\$ 3,022.50

Thank  
You



### Scripture for the week of Sept. 21, 2014

- 21 SUN** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- 22 Mon** Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
- 23 Tue** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
- 24 Wed** Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- 25 Thu** Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
- 26 Fri** Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
- 27 Sat** Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
- 28 SUN** Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Yes, the civilization of love is possible; it is not a utopia. But it is only possible by a constant and ready reference to the "Father from whom all fatherhood [and motherhood] on earth is named," from whom every human family comes. ~Saint John Paul II

I think I may have missed my cue. Last week a man called very distraught about what had happened on Saint Paul St. in Blackstone. "Something should be done," he said. I wasn't sure what he had in mind, but I presumed he was thinking of a vigil or prayer service outside the house or in its vicinity. I did not pick up on his invitation. We had already prayed at Mass about the situation, I told him, and I was also conscious of the fact that St. Paul's Church and its pastor were right there. I suggested he contact him. A few days later pictures of the vigil and its participants and a minister from a Congregational church who led the group in prayer were published in the paper.

Maybe I missed my cue. "What is done is done," I was saying to myself, "and it cannot be undone." Similar situations can be avoided in the future if government agencies—and maybe neighbors too—respond more quickly and decisively. But a prayer service? Too late! But that is not true. When something like this happens people need to respond. They need to gather and express their shock and sadness that such things happened right under their noses. They need to promise themselves that they will do what it takes not to let it happen again. I did not take that need into account. Maybe I will do better next time.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



# Announcements



**SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND** - This weekend's Second 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](http://www.srpriestri.org) to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & 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 be very active in ministry.

St. Charles is hosting a *"Ham and Bean Supper"* in the parish hall next Saturday, Sept. 27th at 5PM - after the 4PM Mass. Tickets \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (under 12) will be sold after the Masses this weekend.

**MOVIE NIGHT** - Sacred Heart Church, located at 415 Olo Street, in Woonsocket will be hosting a movie night on Thursday, September 25th at 6:30 PM. They will be showing *God Is Not Dead* in the parish center. All are welcome.

**MASS MOB AT St. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN PAWTUCKET** - A Mass Mob will be held on November 2, the Feast of All Souls at 1PM. Mass Mob was started in the city of Buffalo New York as a way of sharing the beauty of some of our Old City churches especially with older former member and Catholics who live in the suburbs. It is also a way of helping to preserve these churches for the future because they are expensive to maintain by the poorer congregations who now worship in them. St. John the Baptist Church was built in 1925-27. The Architect was Cormier and it is of Italian Renaissance Style and seats 1000 people. You will not be disappointed with your visit to this

beautiful church. Come bring your family and friends. Coffee and pastry will be served following the Mass. For more info, please call (401) 722-9054.

The diocese of Providence is offering a three day healing retreat for women who have survived sexual assault. This retreat is designed to assist participants to begin (or continue) healing their relationship with God, a relationship that may have been damaged by the trauma of assault. ***FINDING HER WAY*** will be held from Friday evening, October 24th through Sunday noon, October 26th, in Ridge End Retreat Center, Westerly, RI. The retreat will be led by Sister Maco Cassetta, a psychotherapist and pastoral counselor with 10 years' experience working in this field. Scholarships are available to assist with the registration costs. For more information or to request a brochure about the retreat, contact Kathy McKeon at (401)421-7833 x 206 or [kmckeon@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:kmckeon@dioceseofprovidence.org)

**MATTHEW KELLY COMING TO RHODE ISLAND** - Are you yearning for a deeper sense of purpose and a clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Perhaps you are looking to re-energize your faith. No matter where you are on your faith journey, this is an event you don't want to miss! Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly is coming to the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Center on Friday, October 3, 2014 to present *"Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose"* provided by the incredibly talented Eliot Morris. Tickets are \$39. and can be purchased at the Stadium Theatre box office, online at [www.stadiumtheatre.com](http://www.stadiumtheatre.com), or by calling (401) 762-4545.

## WHAT IS OWED TO THE LABORERS

In the parable in the Gospel Reading, the laborers who work all day receive the same wage as those who work just one hour, and so they complain.

You can see their point. Justice is giving a person what is owed to him. A person who works many hours deserves a bigger wage than a person who does the same work but for only one hour. Or so it seems.

But think about how Jesus might have unpacked this parable if he had explained to his disciples in the way he showed some of his other parables to them.

Here's one possibility. The vineyard owner is God. The laborers are human beings who are doing God's work in this life. The wage given is eternal life in union of love with God in heaven.

If we think about the parable this way, the laborers' complaint looks a lot less reasonable. When it comes to eternal life, what is justice? What does any person deserve? What is owed to him?

Well, here is the first thing to see: No one—that is, absolutely no one—is owed eternal union with God.

To think otherwise is to suppose that you can work your way to heaven. And you can't. Salvation is God's free gift. He gives it generously to anyone who will receive it, but it is still free gift.

The problem with the laborers who complain, then, is that they think the vineyard owner owes them something. In their eyes, their work deserves a reward, a really big reward, more than the vineyard owner gives them. So here is what we can see about them: they were working for themselves, to get that big reward for themselves.

And that is why, as the Gospel reading concludes, they are last not first, in the final distribution of God's rewards. God's people are meant to work for God, and not for what they can get from God for themselves.

What God gives to people who work in this way is gift, not deserved payment. What's more, the gift is God himself. There is no greater reward than this, and joy is the only right response to the gift.

Those who understand their work and God's wage in this way may have come late to their labor, but they are the ones who are first in God's eyes.

~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)**

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