

Saint Charles Borromeo

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26th 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. 27 4PM - Moreira & Rijo families
by niece and son
- Sunday - Sept. 28 9AM - Adeline Caracuzzo
by Anne Flood
- Tuesday - Sept. 30 9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
- Wednesday - October 1 9AM - Tom Kirby
by the family
- Thursday - October 2 9AM - Michael Cote
by his Mom
- Friday - October 3 9AM - Lucille Blake
by her estate
- Saturday - October 4 4PM - George S. DiCesare
by the Angelini's
- Sunday - October 5 9AM - Tom Flood
by his wife Anne

Last Sunday (9/21) there was a celebration in the cathedral in Providence to congratulate couples on their wedding anniversaries. These celebrations have been taking place for the last ten years or so, and we have had couples from our parish at different times. This year it was the couple Mary and Marion (Mike) Petrowicz who celebrated sixty-five years of marriage. The cathedral was almost full (that is a lot of couples and families!) and Mary and Mike were joined by their children and families. So a wonderful salute to them for their years of marriage and a prayer as well that the Lord will continue to bless them.

Did you see that Bishop Tobin made the front page of The Journal this past week? Normally he has been classified as a more conservative bishop, but this time he is being classified (and castigated by some) for his more liberal position on divorce and remarriage in the church. As you may know, this coming month the bishops of the Church will meet in Rome to discuss family life. Bishop Tobin has said that unless they come up with less complicated processes for the annulment process, they will have failed.

The Church is trying to be faithful to the Lord's teaching in Matthew 19:9 where he upholds the indissolubility of marriage as being God's wish from the beginning and interprets the allowance for divorce by Moses as a concession to the hardness of heart of the people. The bar is high. But we know that today many people find it impossible to continue in a marriage, and it is not always because of the hardness of their hearts. And so the bishops meeting in Rome will try to interpret the Lord's teachings for our age, using the Lord's commands and listening to the minds and hearts of faithful people confronted with a breakdown in their marriage.

They need our prayers. Marriage is so important as the foundation of family life.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,557.50
Loose Money	\$ 195.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 1205.00
Total	\$ 2,957.50

Thank
You



Scripture for the week of Sept. 28, 2014

- 28 SUN** Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
- 29 Mon** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
- 30 Tue** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
- 1 Wed** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
- 2 Thu** Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- 3 Fri** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
- 4 Sat** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
- 5 SUN** Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

God's plan remains God's plan despite our sin.

Announcements



"Ham and Bean Supper" in the parish hall this Saturday, Sept. 27th at 5PM - after the 4PM Mass. Tickets \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (under 12). Tickets available at the door

TO THE ST. CHARLES FAMILY - Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Nahman on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity. In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family.

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 x206 or
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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 at 7PM 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 wwwstadiumtheatre.com, or by calling (401) 762-4545.

HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR - 414 South Main St, Woonsocket - Saturday, October 25th from 9AM to 6PM and Sunday, October 26th from 9AM to 12 Noon. Please join us!

DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Attleboro, MA.** Main Speaker Padre Bernardin Bucci, member of the Tribunal for the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, **Luisa Piccarreta** will speak on **"The Book of Heaven—The Call of the Creature to the Order, the Place and the Purpose for which He was Created by God"** and his personal experiences of knowing her. For registrations contact: Sandy and Ed Duggan (978) 443-5097 or email: dianne10e@gmail.com. See bulletin board for more info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to deliver Meals On Wheels to frail and homebound people in the community. There is a critical need at this time to find volunteers who are willing to give an hour or two, one or more days per week. Deliveries are Monday through Friday from 10AM to 1PM. Any contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated. Please call Senior Services, Inc. (401) 766-3734 if you can help.

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The parable in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!" And that son says, "NO!" Then the father says to his other son, "Go to work in my vineyard, Son!" And that son says, "YES!"

Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven?

You might sensibly enough think it is the son who says "YES" to his father.

After all, what could be worse than saying "NO!" to God the father? Who would think that rebellious NO-sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven?

And so it seems clear that the YES-sayers are the ones who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven and those wretched NO-sayers will wind up in the other place.

But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the NO-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven and not the YES-saying son.

Why would Jesus assert this?

Well, the son who says "YES" to his father doesn't actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the NO-saying son who actually goes to work in his father's vineyard.

And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the NO-saying son says is contrary to God's will. But what he does is in accordance with it.

It is just the other way around with the YES-saying son. The words of the YES-saying son are obedient to God's will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the YES-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the YES-saying son rejects God's will, however much acceptance there is in his words.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say yes to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say yes to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless. ~Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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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