

Saint Charles Borromeo

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27th 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

Adult Religious Education

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 AM

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, October 3 4PM - Roger and John Dwyer
by family
- Sunday, October 4 9AM - Tom O. Flood
by wife Anne
- Tuesday, October 6 9AM - Stanley Cybulski
by Pauline Beauregard
- Wednesday, October 7 9AM - Hubert Legare
by the family
- Thursday, October 8 9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Annibal Afonso
by the family
- Friday, October 9 9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family
by his sisters
- Saturday, October 10 4PM - Edouard Lanctot
by Richard and P. Angelini
- Sunday, October 11 9AM - Joan Maney Carbone
by her family



The pope has come and gone. What an experience for Cuba and the United States! May much good come out of it! I don't know about you, but I find it hard to remember what he has said. Of course he gave many talks and homilies, but, at least for me, it will be necessary to get hold of his speeches and digest them.

I was able to be present at the Mass he celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, PA, on Saturday morning, the 26th of September. The Mass was attended by the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A fellow Jesuit from St. Joseph's University in the city who had a ticket gave it to me. So I was able to be present. The pope entered very simply to much applause from the congregation, and then proceeded to celebrate Mass for us. He gave his homily in Spanish, but said the opening and closing prayers in English. His English is easy to understand because he takes his time.

The next day I was able to be on the Ben Franklin Parkway for the Mass he celebrated there. Again, a Jesuit gave me a ticket. I thought that meant that I would get a seat, but that was not case. So I stood for the entire time with thousands of others, all of us shoulder to shoulder. Somehow or other, all of us were able to get to the barricades surrounding us to receive Holy Communion. No one shoved. Everyone was polite, even reverent with each other. So an experience of faith in a multitude of people.

May God grant Pope Francis health to perform his duties "ad multos annos." Well, if not many, then at least for five or so.

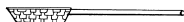
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,777.00
Loose Money	\$ 146.00
	\$ 1,923.00

Thank
you



Scripture for the week of October 4, 2015

- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
- Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

"Extend mercy toward others, so that there is no one in need whom we meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw mercy from us?"

~St. Vincent de Paul

Announcements



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday in the upper church from 1 to 2 PM.

This weekend's **Second Collection** is for **SEMINARIANS' EDUCATION**.

Talks on Pope Francis' encyclical "**OUR CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**" continues this Tuesday and the next three Tuesdays. Presenters are Fr. Finnegan, Fr. St. St-Godard and Fr. Kiley.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH - Help support the Pro-Life Cause: In honor of Respect Life Month, in the coming weekends there will be envelopes in the pews to help support Pro-Life Billboards in Rhode Island. Donations in any amount would be appreciated and helpful. More information will be in next weekend's bulletin.

DROP IN DAY AT MERCYMOUNT! - Experience a personal look at Mercymount on Thursday, October 22 at 9:30AM. New families welcome for Fall 2016...or for this year! We offer Preschool (3 years old) through Grade 8. Mercymount is located at 35 Wrentham Road in Cumberland close to Routes 295 & 495. Please register at www.mercymount.org. For questions, feel free to contact Lisa H. Lydon, Director of Development (401) 333-5919 Ext. 14

St. Pius X Respect Life Committee will again sponsor the "**Annual Walk for Life**" on Sunday, October 18. The walk will begin at 12 Noon in front of St. Pius X Church, 44 Elm Street, Westerly. This will begin a three-mile prayerful walk. Walkers will process through the town of Westerly, then walk to the **Tomb of the Unborn** at St. Sebastian's Cemetery for a brief prayer service. The walk will end at St. Pius X Church with a light reception for all participants. All proceeds benefit local pro-life community ministries. Families are encouraged to participate. For more info, please call Val & John Sistare (322-1138 or Deb at rectory office (596-2535)

PRO LIFE HOST HOMES NEEDED - The **Little Flower Home** for Homeless Pregnant Women is a Catholic Charity home which has operated for over 30 years, and are seeking volunteers to act as Host Families - to welcome homeless pregnant women into your home, as your guest, for stays of up to 3 to 6 months. If you believe God is calling you to live the Gospel in this Pro-Life ministry that actively saves babies lives, then please call George at (401) 301-5307 to learn more. All guests undergo background checks and the Little Flower Home and our volun-

teers are insured under Safe Families.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH HARVEST BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR - Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 especially for 2015 Bazaar Shoppers: Specialty Gift Basket Raffle; Large Penny Social; Gently-used Books; Kid's Penny Social; Pick-a-Straw Game; Lollipop Game; Bakery Table with Fudge and Pastry Items; Kitchen with Meat Pie, Dynamites, Soup; Burgers, and much more; Country Store; Craft Vendors; Grand Raffle—10" tablet with wireless keyboard; Split the Pot. Saturday, Oct 17th 9AM to 3PM and Sunday, Oct 18th 9AM to 1PM. Church Hall Entrance on Hamlet Avenue. Parking - Handicapped Accessible

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH BAZAAR - OCTOBER 17TH (9AM TO 4PM) OCTOBER 18TH (9AM TO 12PM) 414 South Main Street Penny Social Gift; Certificate Raffle; Vintage Items; Jewelry table; Grandma's Attic; Handmade Items, Book Nook; Baked Goods, Breads, Organic Local Honey, Jams & Relishes. Kitchen Open—Dynamites, French Meat Pie, Homemade Soup & Baked Beans, Meatball Sandwiches. Sunday Breakfast - French Crepes.

HARVEST BAZAAR AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, 415 Olo Street, Woon. on Saturday, November 7th (9AM to 4PM and Sunday, November 8th (9AM to 1PM). Major Raffle with \$300. money tree, Lottery Wreath, Split-the-Pot, Penny Social, Gramma's Attic, Kid's Corner, Grab Bags, Gift Certificates, Sweet Shop, Wines. From the kitchen, dynamites, meatball, sausage and pepper sandwiches, meat pies and more. Handicapped accessible. For more info, call (401) 766-3150 Monday through Thursday 9AM—2PM.

ST. LUKE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: *Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy* - a live multimedia Drama with a Modern Message of Mercy on Friday, October 23, at 7:30 PM at Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, RI. Admission \$12 each - suitable for ages 13 & up. For tickets, call Ana (401)749-6999 after 5PM. Mail check to St. Martha's Church, 2595 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914, or you can purchase tickets online at <https://membership.faihtdirect.net/events/details/94> Sponsored by St. Martha Church.



MARRIAGE

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriage: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in itself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form that angel.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about our rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-Fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings as embodied and gendered creatures, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-Fall world Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against both divorce and adultery.

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)

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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