

## PADRE'S PONDERINGS

Con amor te presento, Señor, lo mejor de mi vida With love I present to you, O Lord, the best of my life

As a priest, one of the most powerful moments for me during the celebration of Mass is the offertory. The faithful present their offerings: the fruits of their labors along with the bread and wine, symbols of their very lives. I have the great and humbling honor of receiving those gifts and laying them on the altar, presenting them to God himself. This moment was all the more poignant for me this past Sunday as we gathered at the 12nn Mass in All Saints. Our talented choir beautifully and movingly sang the words: "Con amor te presento, Señor, lo mejor de mi vida...te presento. Señor, mi esperanza...Con mi ofrenda también vo te doy lo mejor de mis lágrimas. Te presento, Señor, mi dolor..." "With love I present to you, O Lord, the best of my life...I present to you my hopes...With my offering I give you the greatest of my tears. I present to you, O Lord, my sorrow." What a beautiful prayer of self-offering!

As we gathered this past Sunday to commend to God the son of one of our parishioners who had died suddenly and tragically several weeks ago, these words took on even greater significance. There are just some hurts and losses and sorrows so deep that we cannot help but simply give them to God, to hand them over to him in faith and hope that in his hands, we can be freed of their burden and that some grace can be worked in and through them. I thought of that as I watched the offertory procession on Sunday: God's people presenting their offerings, the bread and the wine, along with their very selves, hurting, grieving, weary yet filled with faith and hope and love. What an honor and a privilege to be able as a priest to receive those gifts, to unload the burdens of God's people at the altar, and place them in the wounded hands of the One who promised to make all things new.

Speaking of the efforts of the Church to minister to grieving and wounded hearts, I am pleased to announce that Sr. Jackie Dickey, SSCh., has graciously aggreed to serve as our parish Bereavement Minister. Sr. Jackie has many years of experience in diocesan service, community outreach and parish ministry. She will accompany families of deceased parishioners through the process of planning the funeral rites. I know that she will be a presence of support, comfort and peace. Thank you, Sr. Jackie, for your willingness to serve in this capacity!

A few invitations for the week ahead: October Devotions on Monday, Word on Wednesday, Woonsocket Day of Prayer on Saturday, and Saint Charles Legacy Committee on Sunday. There is information about all of these events elsewhere in the bulletin. And as always, thank you for your presence and your support of our parish communities!

Until next week, Fr. Joe



# SAINT CHARLES **BORROMEO** LEGACY COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Legacy Committee for Saint Charles will be held on Sunday, October 20, at 10am in the church hall. Frs. Finnegan and Kiley, along with Sr. Jackie Dickey, have all agreed to serve on the committee. We looking for other interested parishioners to join the team and help honor the legacy of Saint Charles parish

through a series of events. Preliminary discussion has already yielded some ideas: a church tour, a parish banquet, a meet-and-greet with area clergy, among other events. But more input is desired! In the meantime, the committee is interested electronically obtaining any photos or perhaps a succinct memory of the parish to be shared in the parish bulletin between now and January. Please send any photos or memories or anecdotes to Deb at allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com.



# **OCTOBER DEVOTIONS**

The parish communities of All Saints and Saint Charles invite you to come together in prayer on the Mondays of October as we commemorate the Month of the Holy Rosary. Each evening will be held in Saint Charles Church and will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Please join us and bring a friend or two along!

> Monday, October 14, 6pm—Fr. Kiley Monday, October 21, 6pm—Fr. Upton Monday, October 28, 6pm—Fr. Kiley







### **COLUMBUS DAY SCHEDULE**

Our rectory office will be closed on Monday, October 14th, for Columbus Day. Mass will **NOT** be offered on Monday, October 14th at 8am in All Saints.



### WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

Word on Wednesdays continues to meet each week. Our parish bible study on the Gospel of John meets on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the meeting room off of the sanctuary in All Saints, and again at 6:30pm in All Saints Rectory. All are welcome!



### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR UPDATE

Save the date! Our bazaar committee has been hard at work organizing our upcoming Christmas bazaar on November 2. But we need your help! Please set aside **Friday, October 18, from 1pm to 5pm**, to help bring decorations from the school building to the parish hall. And please set aside **Saturday, October 19, from 9am to 2pm** to help set up the decorations under the careful direction of our subcommittee! We need volunteers with a knack for decorating. All are welcome. If you can only make one of those days, please plan on helping. All hands on deck. Reach out to Paul (paul@bourgetgroup.com), Denise (sneeze87@hotmail.com) or Sue (maskaraid@comcast.net) if you are willing to commit to both or either of those days! Please help make this upcoming bazaar our best yet!

### WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 29th, 2019

THANK YOU

for your generosity

All Saints

1st Collection: \$3,297.50 2nd Collection: \$1,176

St. Charles

1st Collection: \$921

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 12th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles

4:00: (AS) Lucien & Priscilla Daneault, by the family

(AS) Rachel Bouchard, by family

Sunday, October 13th

7:30: Roger Sylvestre, by wife 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

10:15: Guy Guilbault, 2nd anniversary, by wife & son
Monday, October 14th - All Saints - Closed for Columbus Day

No Mass

Tuesday, October 15th - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish Wednesday, October 16th - St. Charles
9:00: Muriel Bouthillette, by Connie

Thursday October 17th - All Saints

8:00: Marie Blandine N'Diaye, 5th anniversary, by Leocadie Diouf

Friday, October 18th - All Saints

8:00: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Saturday, October 19th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

4:00: (AS) Roland Bastien, by wife

(AS) Donald L. Vadeboncoeur, 8th anniversary, by Uncle Bob

Sunday, October 20th

7:30: Pierre Aucoin, by M/M Peter Godon 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish 10:15: Florida Dubois, by Bob & Patty Dubois

Joseph Cam Parenteau, birthday remembrance, by wife Lucille

and daughters



All Saints Church Hall Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gift card wreath raffle worth a minimum of \$1000,12 Days of Christmas raffle cards, theme baskets, penny social, pick-a-straw, 50/50, baked goods, kitchen, pick- a- card, lovingly made knit products, religious goods, and more, plus SANTA CLAUS all day!

> Treasure Island has returned! And introducing a new feature: Wisdom of the Ages!

Stay tuned for more information and plan on joining us!



#### Bakers Needed!

We are in need of bakers for our Bake Sale table at the bazaar. If you would like more information, please call Keryn Paul 508-494-9995. She will be available at the church for drop offs on Friday November 1st from 8am to 4pm.



Grados 7-8

Oct. 20 @11am

Oct. 22 @5:30pm **Movie Night** 

Oct. 27@10:15am Family Liturgy Oct. 27 @11am

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# Reflexiones del padre

Con amor te presento, Señor, lo mejor de mi vida

Con amor te presento, oh Señor, lo mejor de mi vida Como sacerdote, uno de los momentos más poderosos para mí durante la celebración de la misa es el ofertorio. Los fieles presentan sus ofrendas: los frutos de sus labores junto con el pan y el vino, símbolos de sus propias vidas. Tengo el gran honor de recibir esos regalos y ponerlos en el altar, presentándolos a Dios mismo. Este momento fue aún más conmovedor para mí el domingo pasado cuando nos reunimos en la misa de la 12 en Todos los Santos. Nuestro talentoso coro cantó las palabras bellas y conmovedoras: "Con amor te presento, Señor, lo mejor de mi vida... te presento, Señor, mi esperanza... Con mi ofrenda también yo te doy lo mejor de mis lágrimas. Te presento, Señor, mi dolor... "" Con amor te presento, Oh Señor, lo mejor de mi vida ... Te presento mis

esperanzas ... Con mi ofrenda te doy la mayor de mis lágrimas. Te presento, oh Señor, mi dolor". ¡Qué hermosa oración de

Cuando nos reunimos el domingo pasado para recomendar a Dios el hijo de uno de nuestros feligreses que había muerto repentina y trágicamente varias semanas atrás, estas palabras adquirieron un significado aún mayor. Solo hay algunas heridas, pérdidas y penas tan profundas que no podemos evitar simplemente dárselas a Dios, entregárselas con fe y esperar que en sus manos podamos liberarnos de su carga y que se pueda obtener algo de gracia. Trabajó en y a través de ellos. Pensé en eso mientras veía la procesión del ofertorio del domingo: el pueblo de Dios presentando sus ofrendas, el pan y el vino, junto con ellos mismos, heridos, afligidos, cansados pero llenos de fe, esperanza y amor. Qué honor y privilegio poder como sacerdote recibir esos dones, descargar las cargas del pueblo de Dios en el altar y colocarlos en las manos heridas de Aquel que prometió hacer nuevas todas las cosas.

Hablando de los esfuerzos de la Iglesia para ministrar a los corazones afligidos y heridos, me complace anunciar que la Hna. Jackie Dickey, SSCh., Se ha unido gentilmente para servir en el Ministerio de Duelo en nuestra parroquia. Hna. Jackie tiene muchos años de experiencia en el servicio diocesano, alcance comunitario y ministerio parroquial. Ella acompañará a las familias de los feligreses fallecidos a través del proceso de planificación de los ritos funerarios. Sé que ella será una presencia de apoyo, consuelo y paz. ¡Gracias, Hna. Jackie, por su disposición a servir en esta capacidad!

Algunas invitaciones para la próxima semana: Devociones de Octubre el Lunes, Palabras el Miércoles, Día de la Oración en Woonsocket el Sábado y Comité de Legados de San Carlos el Domingo. Hay información sobre todos estos eventos en otras partes del boletín. Y como siempre, igracias por su presencia y su apoyo a nuestras comunidades parroquiales!

- Fr Joe

ofrenda!

### WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,

No matter your current family or marital status,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality,
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected
at All Saints and Saint Charles Borromeo.
We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



### **ALL SAINTS PARISH**

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**Daily Masses:** 

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8am

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 10:15am and 12n (en Español)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3pm

### SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH

Phone: 401-766-0176
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**Daily Masses:** 

Tuesday & Wednesday at 9am
<u>Weekend Masses</u>:
Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9am
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>:
Saturday at 3pm

#### Parish Office

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

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# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ..." In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was uphold by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, "Show yourselves to the priests." The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

"As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

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