

Saint Charles Borromeo



October 25, 2015
30th 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 24	4PM - Raymond Richardon by wife & family
Sunday, October 25	9AM - Stanley Cybulski by Pauline Beauregard
Tuesday, October 27	9AM - Mary & Terrance Murphy by the parish
Wednesday, October 28	9AM - Ernest & Therese Cotnoir Marriage Anniversary
Thursday, October 29	9AM - Raymond & Alice Guerin by Barry & Lorraine
Friday, October 30	9AM - Mary & Terrance Murphy by the parish
Saturday October 31	4PM - Jennifer Morrisette by her Mom & Dad
Sunday, November 1	9AM - Leo & Martha McIntyre by Roger & Barbara Peloquin



The synod of bishops in Rome is drawing to a close. We shall soon hear its results. The bishops will come up with proposals which Pope Francis will receive and then publish. But the pope can accept or reject or modify what has been given to him. Of course he would not reject all this work unless he was completely convinced that it was not the work of the Holy Spirit. Our church is a human organization made up of people, and with respect to its officials, of men, of bishops from different parts of the world with different experiences, but all of them marked by their life in the Church and their contact with Rome's bishop who represents Peter among them. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will have worked to the utmost to bring all these bishops into unity. May they do what needs to be done to help our Church today, flourishing in some parts of the world but suffering decline in others. What is needed, some believe, is a new language which is more audible to contemporary ears. Let us pray that the bishops find the right notes of this new language to speak to people today.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,036.00
Loose Money	\$ 334.00
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Thank you



Scripture for the week of October 25, 2015

Sunday: Jer. 31:7-9, Ps. 126: 1-6, Heb. 5:1-6, Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Rom. 8: 12-17, Ps. 68:2 & 4,6-7,20-21, Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom. 8: 18-25, Ps. 126: 1-6, Lk 13: 18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2: 19-22, Ps. 19: 2-5, Lk 6: 12-16
 Thursday: Rom. 8: 31-39, Ps. 109: 21-22, 26-31, Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rom. 9:1-5, Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20, Lk. 14: 1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11: 1-2, 11-29, Ps. 94: 12-18, Lk. 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Rev. 7: 2-4, 9-14, Ps. 24: 1-6, 1 Jn 3: 1-3, Mt 5: 1-12

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust in God."

~Pope Francis

Again thanks for the support of our lectures on Pope Francis' Letter "On Care for our Common Home." We have had about forty people at each of the six presentations. What Pope Francis urges in this letter is that we have an "ecological conversion." This means that we see care for the earth as an essential part of our commitment to Christ. He writes: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Announcements



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

TICKETS FOR OUR PASTA DINNER on November 14 will be on sale after all Masses the next three weekends. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will also be available at the rectory during regular office hours.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH - Help support the Pro-Life Cause: In honor of Respect Life Month This weekend and the next few weekends there will be envelopes in the pews to help support Pro-Life Billboards in our city. Donations in any amount would be appreciated and helpful.

MOUNT SAINT CHARLES ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:

Sunday, November 1, - 2 to 4 PM Co-ed, grades 6-12
800 Logee Street, Woonsocket—(401) 769-0310 - More information at <http://www.mountsaintcharles.org>. Entrance exams will be on Saturday, December 5th and Saturday, December 12th. Registration begins at 8AM and application/test fee is \$30/

AUTUMN LEAVES BAZAAR - at St. Theresa's Church, 35 Dion Street, Harrisville, on Sunday, Oct. 25 (9AM to 2PM.) The kitchen will be serving a full breakfast. Bazaar will feature Cash Raffle, Penny Social, Homemade Knitted and Craft Items, Holiday Gifts, gift baskets and much more!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Gentiva Hospice is looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers to provide companionship and 1:1 interaction to terminally ill patients in the community. Your smile, friendship, and a few hours each month can improve the quality of

someone's life, including yours! Please call Gentiva Hospice (401) 738-1492 and ask for the Manager of Volunteer Services.

MINI RETREATS at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road in Wareham, MA on November 11th is entitled: *Abundant Blessings*

Our happiness depends on the depth of our gratitude. Traditionally, November is a time to remember our gifts, but how can we maintain an attitude of gratitude throughout the entire year? It is not always easy to think positive, especially when the going gets rough. A "new way of seeing" can improve the view and enable us to celebrate life every day.

And on December 19th, another Mini Retreat entitled: *Come to the Quiet* - When we move too quickly amidst noise and obligation, it's easy to become fragmented and fatigued. We can even lose our sense of purpose. Silence holds many gifts and making time to explore the treasures of silence might just be what our souls need as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Mini Retreats begin at 10 AM until 12:30 PM. Please call Peggie Patenaude at least two days in advance to register: (508) 548-9149. At times, Mass is celebrated at 9AM. Ask Peggie when you call to register.

Struggling in Your Marriage - You Are Not Alone

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. The upcoming New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends in 2016 will be held on: Jan 8-10, 2016, April 8-10, 2016. To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1 (800) 470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

In the Gospel Reading, blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him.

And at this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does get to Jesus, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind! And why does Jesus say that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved?

And yet notice what Bartimaeus actually says. He does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity, which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in some ways from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives him a small space in which to consider what he really wants before Jesus asks him. And when Jesus does ask him, the presence of Jesus and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to one heart's-desire. And he finds it: I want to see.

Seeing, however, isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself.

And so Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver along with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going off, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him.

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

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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