

# Saint Charles Borromeo



November 8, 2015  
32nd 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, November 7	4PM - Normand Champagne by the family
Sunday, November 8	9AM - Michael Zannelli by the family
Tuesday, November 10	9AM - Mark Kendrick Rutherford by the family
Wednesday, November 11	9AM - Ellen Brancheria by the parish
Thursday, November 12	9AM - Marguerite Fagan by the parish
Friday, November 13	9AM - James Finegan by the family
Saturday November 14	4PM - Conrad "S." Cote & Pat Salois by the family
Sunday, November 15	9AM - John Tempest by the family



Was All Saints a holy day this year, some asked me. Yes, I replied, but it was on Sunday. So if you went to Mass on Sunday (or even on Saturday since liturgically Saturday is Sunday in our parish and most parishes) you satisfied your obligation twice: the Sunday obligation and the holy day obligation. Two for the price of one! A shopper's delight.

All Souls Day was on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We celebrated Mass for our beloved departed and signed their names in the Book of Life. And so, as the leaves fall and another year grows closer to its end, we remind ourselves that our faith promises us life after death. But our faith also tells us that entry into this new life is conditioned by how we live our lives here and now. We beg for the grace to know how we should live our daily lives? Do they have the characteristics of a life lived in imitation of the Lord himself? That is the question we have to ask ourselves.

This past week we celebrated the feast of our patron saint, Charles Borromeo. In his honor we will have a feast on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. There will be good food and good music presented by our choir members who will turn their talents to more secular songs for the occasion. We hope you can come.

This week please read the annual parish report attached to this bulletin.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,620.00
Loose Money	\$ 285.00
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	\$ 2,905.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of November 8, 2015

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

"These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer."

~Pope Francis

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



# Announcements



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

**TICKETS FOR OUR PASTA DINNER** on November 14 will be on sale after the Masses this weekend and next Saturday. 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.

**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.

**HELP WANTED:** Part-time Teacher Aide - 7 hours a week (Monday and Wednesday 8:30AM to 12 Noon) Teacher Assistant Training Certificate required. If interested, call (401) 762-1095 for more information.

**EMMAUS MINISTRY** for Grieving Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause **ONE DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT** on Saturday, November 21, at St. Theresa Parish, 265 Stafford Road, Tiverton, RI. Call Barbara, Melissa's Mother, at (401) 624-8746, or Diane, Paul's Mother at (617) 542-8057, or see <http://www.emfgp.org/>

**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 our 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.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** - St. Edmund's Retreat, Mystic, CT "*Biblical Thoughts of Mercy*" with Fr. Imad Barakeh on Monday, November 16 10AM—3:30 PM. Includes two conferences, Mass, confessions, time to explore the island and a hot served lunch. Please call (860) 536-0565 to pre-register. St. Edmund's Retreat Enders Island, Mystic, CT \$50 per person.

**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, in Framingham, MA. To register for a weekend or for more information, call 1 (800) 470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



## IN TEACHING US CHARITY

Today's liturgy reveals some important facts about the poor.

1) The poor are blessed because they have a greater recognition of their need for God. The two widows in the readings give up everything, totally trusting in the goodness of the Lord.

2) The poor are therefore more generous than others. Jesus made it very clear that "this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury." Recent studies in the United States reveal the same phenomenon: relative to their resources, lower income people are the most generous.

3) The poor may or may not have society on their side, but there is no doubt where God stands: The Lord "secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets captives free, gives sight to the blind, raises up those that were bowed down, protects strangers, and sustains the fatherless and the widow."

Those among us who are not poor receive the challenge to be poor in spirit. We pray at the start of this liturgy for freedom of spirit " ... so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all."

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.

Pope Paul VI, Octogesima Adveniens, 1971: 23

Gerald Darring

### 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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