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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

PADRE'S PONDERINGS

The keys to the kingdom...

I remember my elementary school janitor not because he always carried a mop or a broom but because he always carried a **gigantic set of keys**. You could always hear them jangling from his belt when he moved through the hallways. The interesting thing about him was that when anyone needed to get into anywhere, from classrooms to closets, you had to call the janitor! Now this was a man of influence! Only he had access to everything. The problem, of course, was that when the janitor was out of school because of sickness or vacation, no one could get in anywhere. The whole community was crippled. I thought of my elementary school janitor when I arrived here at All Saints. **The picture here is of the keys that I inherited upon my arrival.** I've come to understand that in some ways it's easier when one person has all the keys, because they have all the power. But we know that one person can't do it all, and that if one person does everything, then there's no room for others to assume responsibility and exercise leadership and share their God-given gifts and talents. The great vision of the Body of Christ that Saint Paul provides for us in the twelfth chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians suggests something quite different. **Each member of the body has a part to play, each part needs the other, and all work together for the good of the whole.**

Since I've never been a key collector or hoarder, my time at All Saints has been marked by a desire to yield the various keys to the many doors and closets and cabinets of our parish to people who are eager and willing to take greater responsibility for our community. And I cannot tell you how grateful I am to those who have consistently and joyfully said, "yes!" when they were asked to assume a new role or to participate more fully in parish leadership. **A perfect example of this dynamic was last weekend's Christmas Bazaar.**

With so much confusion regarding changes in staffing and all of the unfortunate intrigue that accompanied it, many said that the bazaar wouldn't get off the ground this year at all. Others said it would fail. But we are better than that as a parish family. **Paul and Denise Bourget and Sue Trinque** generously and selflessly and courageously accepted the herculean task of organizing and executing the bazaar. They spent months preparing, planning and promoting. And their hard work paid off in spades. Their generous team of dedicated volunteers helped to pull off one of the best bazaars in our parish history. Here are some of the comments I heard: *"So many more people were involved this year!" "It was good to see so many new faces." "Everything was amazing!" "Our parish was back in action like the old days!"* And for a bazaar that might not have ever been, a net profit of well over **\$11,000** (significantly higher than last year's) stands as proof that when we come together as a community and pool our gifts and resources—in short, when we're willing to divide up the keys among us—the outcome is always richer. **Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who volunteered in any way and thank**



you to those who patronized our bazaar this year! I am amazed that Paul and Denise and Sue are still talking to me, but so very grateful for the leadership they have modeled in the last several months.

In other news, last weekend, at all the Masses in All Saints, I presented a **"state of the parish"** address. For those of you who were not able to be with us, I highlighted a number of areas of serious concern:

- Continuing downward trends in attendance and in giving
- Unaddressed and increasingly urgent repairs to our church building and the development of a long-term plan for the use/disposition of the parish school and rectory buildings
- The expected closure of Saint Charles and the attendant cessation of a sizable subsidy from that community for staffing and office expenses
- The consideration of the relocation of the Spanish-speaking community to provide for more stable and accessible pastoral care

At a recent finance council meeting, we discussed the difficulties ahead of us and the almost certain prospect of financial insolvency. We discussed that it may be necessary to consider a "yoking" collaboration with another parish community. **It's important to note that no final decisions are being made or have been made.** But the parish trustees, finance council, financial administrator and I **felt it was necessary to communicate to you clearly and transparently about the difficult position we are in.** As I said in my remarks last weekend, we are entering into a period of discernment as a parish community to consider prayerfully what our next steps should be. **I am inviting your feedback.** So please, reach out to me or to one of our trustees, Nel Savaria or Jeff Gaulin, or to our financial administrator, Christine Daneault, or to any member of our parish finance council, if you have any feedback or questions.

I am disappointed to say that we are still trying to get the **heating situation at All Saints** figured out. As I type these words, **John Bileau** is en route, and he and I are going to do a thorough review of the system, including the tricky timer that has been most recently problematic. I can't thank John, who serves on our finance council, enough. He has been generous with his time and talent, and we will all be indebted to him in the coming weeks for helping us get things sorted out.



So here's an "after" picture of my key ring now. It contains only the keys I really need to do my job well, which, as I see it, is to help more and more people in our community become more invested in our mission and our ministry. Oversight and major decision-making are important and

necessary, and often have to be contained to the purview of a few. But nothing should stop us from recognizing each other's gifts and encouraging each other to step up to the plate and maybe be willing to take responsibility for a key or two...

Until next week,

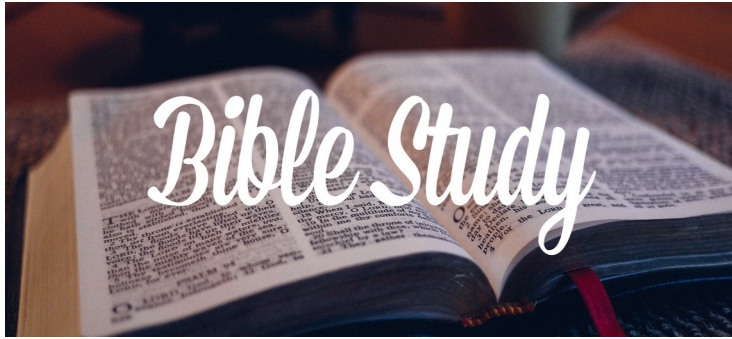
Fr. Joe



VETERANS DAY

WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

In observance of Veteran's Day, the parish offices will be **closed** on Monday, November 11, and the 8am Mass in All Saints is **canceled**. Many thanks to our veterans for their generous service.



WORD ON WEDNESDAYS UPDATE!

Please note that we are resuming our regular schedule this week on Wednesday, November 13. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



THANK YOU!

A huge 'thank you' to the parishioners of St. Charles for their generous donations to the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in the amount of \$297.00.



Grades 1-6

Grades 7-8

Class November 10th 11a Class November 12th 7p

Class November 17th 11a Class November 19th 7p

Family Liturgy: November 17th 10:15am Mass
"Giving Thanks to God"

All grades 1-8 are required to attend



DAILY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning Thursday of this week, the 8am Mass on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in All Saints **will be held in the Adoration Chapel** until further notice. Help us spread the word! The smaller space will permit for a more intimate celebration of the Eucharist and will reduce heating and cooling costs.

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2019

All Saints

Combined collections for All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and regular Sunday collection for November 3rd: **\$5,009**
2nd Collection (Archdiocese of the Military): **\$188**

St. Charles

Sunday Collection: **\$1,154** All Saints' Day: **\$224**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 9th

4:00: (SC) Mary (Molly) Champagne, 4th anniversary, by Molly & Don Burke

4:00: (AS) Vivian Hebert, by M/M Will Arcand

Sunday, November 10th

7:30: Roger Sylvestre, by wife

9:00: Ann Dumouchel, 30th anniversary, by grandson

10:15: Helen Frechette

12:00: Gilberta Polo, 8th anniversary, by granddaughter

Monday, November 11th - Office Closed - No Mass

No Mass

Tuesday, November 12th - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

Wednesday, November 13th - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

Thursday November 14th - All Saints

8:00: Eunice Mabray, 5th anniversary, by her sister Carol

Friday, November 15th - All Saints - Holy Day

8:00: Parishioners of All Saints

Saturday, November 16th

4:00: (SC) Normand Champagne, 14th anniversary, by Molly & Don Burke

4:00: (AS) Parishioners of All Saints

Sunday, November 17th

7:30: Pierre Aucoin, by Beverly Aucoin

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

10:15: Jeff Henault, by a friend

FAMILY LITURGY NEXT WEEKEND

Please join us next Sunday, November 17, at the 10:15am Mass in All Saints for our monthly Family Liturgy. As we look ahead



to Thanksgiving, the children of our religious education program will be given an opportunity to reflect on what they are grateful for and to learn more about the greatest act of Thanksgiving, the Mass. The word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving, after all! Gratitude will be on everyone's minds as we approach Thanksgiving, so let's take an opportunity to be grateful to God for the gift of his Son Jesus in the Eucharist! Join us!

THANKSGIVING

Our parish communities will be celebrating Thanksgiving in two special ways this year. We invite you to participate in both of these upcoming events. Mark your calendars now!

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 3pm
Saint Charles Borromeo Church

Join together with other local clergy from the City of Woonsocket to thank God for his many gifts and to invoke his continued blessing over our city. Fr. Kiley, as a native son of Saint Charles, will preside and Fr. Joe will preach.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 9am
Saint Charles Borromeo Church
"From Our Table to Yours"

Join our parish communities for the greatest act of thanksgiving, the Eucharist, on Thanksgiving morning. We invite you to bring from your homes food or drink that will be blessed during the Mass and then shared with your loved ones later in the day. A table will be prepared at the front of the church for you to place your own item. It could be a loaf of bread, a side dish, a bottle of wine, a dessert, even a bit of salt and pepper. Bring anything that you will share at your own meal to be blessed and then shared from our table to yours! (Please note that there will be no 8am Mass on Thanksgiving Day in All Saints.)

Las lecturas de la semana del

10 de Noviembre de 2019

- Domingo:** 2 Mac 7, 1-2. 9-14/Sal 17, 1. 5-6. 8. 15 [15]/2 Tes 2, 16—3, 5/Lc 20, 27-38 o 20, 27. 34-38
- Lunes:** Sab 1, 1-7/Sal 139, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10 [24]/Lc 17, 1-6
- Martes:** Sab 2, 23—3, 9/Sal 34, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 [2]/Lc 17, 7-10
- Miércoles:** Sab 6, 1-11/Sal 82, 3-4. 6-7 [8]/Lc 17, 11-19
- Jueves:** Sab 7, 22—8, 1/Sal 119, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175 [89]/Lc 17, 20-25
- Viernes:** Sab 13, 1-9/Sal 19, 2-3. 4-5 [2]/Lc 17, 26-37
- Sábado:** Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9/Sal 105, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43 [5]/Lc 18, 1-8
- Domingo siguiente:** Mal 3, 19-20/Sal 98, 5-6. 7-8. 9 [cfr. 9]/2 Tes 3, 7-12/Lc 21, 5-19

Hoy Domingo, 10 de Noviembre de 2019, la Santa misa es en honor a

GILBERTA POLO en su aniversario #8
Que Dios la tenga en su Santa Gloria!



Grados 1-6

Nov. 10@11am

Nov. 17@10:15am
Family Liturgy

Nov. 17@11am

Grados 7-8

Nov. 12 @7pm

Nov. 17@10:15am
Family Liturgy

Nov. 19@7pm

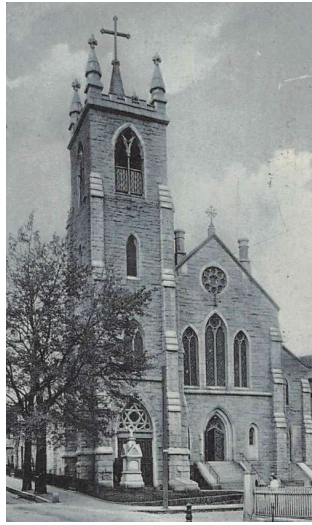
WELCOME!

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 in Christ with you!

SAINT CHARLES LEGACY COMMITTEE UPDATES

As our Legacy Committee continues to work at organizing events to commemorate the parish life and historical legacy of Saint Charles, please keep these dates in mind. **We ask that, especially for the final Christmas Concert and Banquet, that you reach out to former parishioners or friends who might be interested in these events.** As we only have on hand a database of presently registered and active parishioners, it would be helpful to have some assistance in spreading the word!

- **Sunday, December 1, 2pm—Church Tour of Saint Charles:** An opportunity to learn about the art and architecture of Saint Charles and their theological meaning and symbolism.
- **Sunday, December 15, 2pm—Final Christmas Concert followed by catered Parish Banquet in Saint Charles Church Hall:** This will be the final social gathering of our parish community. While the concert is open to the public, the dinner afterward will be ticketed. An announcement will be made regarding availability of tickets in the very near future.
- **Tuesday, December 24, 4pm—Final Christmas Eve Mass in Saint Charles Church**
- **Wednesday, December 25, 9am—Final Christmas Day Mass in Saint Charles Church**



SAINT CHARLES PARISH: A MORE THAN 170-YEAR LEGACY OF FAITH, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

In this space, we hope to include pictures and memories shared by Saint Charles Parishioners. Thanks to Wayne and Becky Kilcline for sending these along! Email any pictures or memories to Deb at allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com.



Bill & Gail Kilcline, World Marriage Day 2000



Halloween Mass with Fr. Finerty 2003



Arthur and Mary Keegan at Fr. Finnegan's 40th Jubilee, 2007