

Saint Charles Borromeo

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Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe



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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 22 4PM - Octave & Elizabeth Bousquet
by family
- Sunday, November 23 9AM - Margaret "Peg" Shiel
by husband & daughter
- Tuesday, November 25 9AM - Charlie & May Bowers
by the family
- Wednesday, November 26 9AM - Mary Dailey
by the parish
- Thursday, November 27 9AM – Parishioners of St. Charles
- Friday, November 28 9AM - Harold King
by his son, Brother Cliff
- Saturday, November 29 4PM - John W. Byers
by P. & R. Angelini
- Sunday, November 30 9AM Maureen Lambert
by the family



Despite the fact that two Jesuits reside in this parish, we have not done anything special this month to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the slaughter of six Jesuits and their cook and her daughter on November 16, 1989. These six Jesuits were members of the Jesuit community on the campus of the University of Central America (UCA) in El Salvador. Most of them were Spanish born. That night soldiers of the military government, disguised as members of an opposition party struggling to overthrow the military government, invaded the home of the Jesuits and ordered them out of their house into their garden. There they blew their brains out. It was a civil war. The Jesuits were attempting to act as a go-between the government and the opposition, but the government saw the Jesuits as part of this rebel group. At the time our US government backed the military government. Indeed the soldiers who killed the Jesuits were trained by our military either in Panama or in Georgia. That is why when you talk to a Jesuit about good president Regan, you may not find much of a reaction.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,333.00
Loose Money	\$ 256.00
Total	\$ 3,589.00

Thank
You



Scripture for the week of November 23, 2014

- 23 SUN** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- 24 Mon** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
- 25 Tue** Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
- 26 Wed** Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
- 27 Thu** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
- 28 Fri** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33
- 29 Sat** Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
- 30 SUN** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Your soul must hold fast to Him, you must follow after Him in your thoughts, you must tread His ways by faith, not in outward show. ~St. Ambrose

The Jesuits were killed in 1989. Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador had been killed in March of 1980 while celebrating Mass. In December of that year three sisters and one lay missionary were stopped in their car, raped and then killed. We honor all these martyrs for their witness to Christ and pray for the conversion of those who killed them.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Please note: Thanksgiving Day Mass (11/27) will be celebrated in lower church at 9AM.

Announcements



SAVE THE DATE! Saint Charles will present a *Christmas Concert* on Sunday, December 21st at 3PM.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – This campaign empowers communities to build a just society for the 46.2 million people in our country suffering from poverty.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 to be a **YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**, to begin on November 30th (the First Sunday of Advent), and ending on February 2, 2016. The diocese of Providence is pleased to participate in the Church's celebration of the rich contributions of men and women religious, as they work to build the Kingdom of God on earth. To formally open the Year, the Diocese of Providence announces an **OPENING PRAYER SERVICE: When: Sunday, December 7 at 4PM WHERE: St. Pius V Parish, Providence.** Bishop Tobin will preside and Brother Mark Hilton, SC, will offer a brief reflection. A light reception will follow in the Church Hall, immediately after the Prayer Service.

GABRIEL is Calling for Help - Saint Gabriel's Call (pregnancy and beyond outreach program) at All Saints can use help on a Monday and Wednesday from 9 AM to 4 PM. We are suggesting 1 or 2 hours on one of those days for someone from the parish to help sort baby clothing. If you can share your time, contact Carol Owens at (401) 421-7833 x 218. Thank you!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - St. Joseph's Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket will be having an Advent Parish Mission Monday through Wednesday, December 8 - 10 at 6:30PM. (Mass and Mission talk each evening.) The Franciscans of the Primitive Observance will preach the Mission, entitled "The Year of Living Biblically: Evangelization in a Secularized World." Free copies of Matthew Kelly's "Rediscover Catholicism" will be given to the first 100 people who attend the Mission. Confessions will also be availa-

ble in the Church throughout the day every day of the Mission, from 8AM to 8PM. For more info please call (401) 766-0626.

The following **MINI RETREATS** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA this fall and winter, on the second Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome. Time: 10AM - 12:30PM. Cost: \$20. Please register at least 2 days in advance by contacting Peggy Pate naude at (508) 548-9149. The fee can be paid on arrival.

Dec 10: In Search for More - We are all seekers of "the more" in life and we may go to great lengths to find it. One place we often fail to look is right where we are—in the ordinary encounters and experiences of our lives. Sometimes we struggle to know more, be more, succeed more and all we really have to do is love more. Perhaps the most "more" we will ever find is in love of one another—a message worth pondering during Advent.

January 8: To Be Faithful - What does it mean to be faithful? Faithfulness can be played out in so many ways, such as, through honoring commitments, maintaining and nurturing relationships, or standing up for one's beliefs. It is not always easy to be faithful, but the fidelity of God's love can not only comfort us when times are difficult, but also remind us of what we too can be.

February 12: Magic Moments of Risk Taking Actress-dancer, Eleanor Powell said, "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." Each of us is blessed with enormous potential to make our lives into a masterpiece. Until the day we die we can choose to keep on growing, but to do so, we must have the courage to take risks. Life is not a dress rehearsal. If we are willing to step outside of our comfort zones, who knows what surprises await us!

EMBODIED LOVE

The Gospel reading for this week is very rich. It invites us to reflect on the difference between true love and its false imitation, between real Christianity and its fake look-alike. It encourages us to exercise ourselves in the care of all God's children. It prompts us to reflect on all the different kinds of hunger there are in the world, and the very different kinds of feeding those various hungers require.

These are all good things to ponder, but there is still more to see. Here is one more thing.

Think about what it is for God himself to be incarnate. A human woman took the Lord to her breast and suckled him there. The apostle John reclined by the Lord and laid his head on the bosom of the Lord. A woman washed the Lord's feet with her tears, and a woman rubbed his feet with lotion. How did those people get so lucky? Of all the millions and millions of God's people, how can it be that so few touched God in the flesh, that only one woman anointed his feet? Wouldn't you have liked to be among these very lucky people?

It is good to have a God who enters human history, but anything in history is local, constrained in time and space, cut off from so many things that aren't right here, right now. How can it be that only those few people, who were there then with Jesus, had access to the Lord flesh to flesh? In desperately sad and stricken moments, what wouldn't you yourself have given to lay your weary head on the breast of your Lord?

The answer to these questions and the consolation the questions seek is in the Gospel reading: whatever you did to one of the least of my own, the Lord says, you did it to me.

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint 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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