

Saint Charles Borromeo

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of
Advent



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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 29	4PM - John W. Byers by P. and R. Angelini
Sunday, November 30	9AM - Maureen Lambert by the family
Tuesday, December 2	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Wednesday, December 3	9AM - James Cote by his wife
Thursday, December 4	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo & Anibal Afonso by the family
Friday, December 8	9AM - Lucille Blake by her estate
Saturday, December 6	4PM - Shirley M. Stearns by Lisa Ethier
Sunday, December 7	9AM - Robert Lachance



This weekend we begin the Season of Advent, our preparation for the Lord's coming to us as a concrete, human person, one "like us in all things but sin." Hence the fundamental joy of Christian faith since it confesses that God loves us so much that He created the world in order to become part of it in one single person and thereby make all of us members of His own Divine family. We rejoice therefore as we begin our celebration of Advent.

There are two other events which we wish to celebrate this week. The first is the fiftieth anniversary of two of our lectors. Arthur Keegan and John (Ron) Bibeault began reading at Mass here at St. Charles in November 1964 when the Second Vatican Council established lectors as permanent ministers at the celebration of the Eucharist. We salute, congratulate and thank them for their fifty years of service to our parish in this capacity. May they continue in this service for many years to come!

The second is the celebration of "Consecrated Life" in our church throughout the world. Consecrated Life, also called Religious Life, refers to those who have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 as the year dedicated to this celebration. Please read about our celebrating it here in the Diocese of Providence in the next column.

There are three reason why we should take part in this celebration. First, Sister Jacqueline Dickey, SSCh, who is the diocesan director of Office for Religious, is a member of our parish and lectors here. Second, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart live in and worship at our parish. And third, two Jesuits, that is, religious priests, serve in this parish.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,215.00
Loose Money	\$ 246.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 958.00
Total	\$ 4,419.00

Thank
You



Scripture for the week of November 30, 2014

- 30 SUN** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- 1 Mon** Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
- 2 Tue** Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- 3 Wed** Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- 4 Thu** Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- 5 Fri** Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- 6 Sat** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- 7 SUN** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundred-fold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ and you will find true life.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Announcements



Saint Charles Religious Education Program will present a ***Children's Christmas Concert*** on Sunday, December 21st at 3PM, featuring the children of St. Charles with special guests from *The Providence Youth Guitar Ensemble*. Please consider bringing a jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food item for Bryan's Pantry.

Adult Christmas Concert will be held on December 24th at 3:30PM before our Christmas Eve Mass.

SAVE THE DATE - Church Cleaning - on Friday, December 12 and/or Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 to 11:30AM. All are welcome. Bring your favorite cleaning materials.

2015 Reflections Catholic Calendars will be at the church entrances the next few weeks. Pick one up if you wish. They are sponsored by S. DiPardo Memorial Chapel Funeral Home.

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.

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 Catholi-

cism" will be given to the first 100 people who attend the Mission. Confessions will also be available in the Church throughout the day every day of the Mission, from 8AM to 8PM. For more info please call (401) 766-0626.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, 415 Olo Street, Woonsocket - Sacred Heart is having Mission Talks December 15 through 18 (Mon. - Thurs.) at 7PM. Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P. will be giving the talks followed by Confessions. All are welcome.

The following **MINI RETREAT** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA on December 10 All are welcome. Time: 10AM - 12:30PM. Cost: \$20. Please register at least 2 days in advance by contacting Peggy Patenaude 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.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT LA SALETTE SHRINE IN ATTLEBORO "**JESUS LIGHT OF LIFE**" is this year's theme. The illuminations will run from November 27 through January 4, 2015 - 5 to 9PM.

FR. PAT'S CONCERTS at Shrine Church at La Salette, from Thanksgiving—January 4th, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Time of Concerts: Tuesdays - Fridays: 3PM & 7PM, Saturdays & Sundays - 3PM & 7:30PM. (Fr. Pat will not be there on Mondays and on Saturday, December 6).



WANDERING OFF

In the reading from Isaiah, the prophet is longing for the love of God. But what he finds instead is what he cannot bear: God angry, God gone. The experience the prophet gives voice to is familiar to all of us. God is angry and has hidden his face; he is somewhere above the heavens, and we cannot find him there.

How can this be? How can this be? Doesn't God love us? Where is he? Why isn't he here?

The prophet answers these questions, but in the saddest way. The reason lies in our sinfulness, the prophet says. God is not gone from us because he has forsaken us. Our sins—our weaknesses, our willfulness, our pride, our failure to love, our failure even to accept the love of others—all these things have made us wither. Desiccated and unclean, we have been blown away from God by the winds of life.

But how are we supposed to be holy, clean and good for the Lord, except by the Lord's own doing? We reject as Pelagian the thought that any one of us can make himself holy by his own efforts. Only God's grace can make a person lovely in holiness.

And so the prophet cries out to God, "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?"

There is an answer in the Psalm. The Psalmist says, "Lord, make us turn to you!" This is a cry from a person who wanders from the Lord. And he wanders because he wants to. But when he cries, "make me turn to you!, his heart wants not to want the wandering it is so prone to want.

And so maybe God lets us do what we want to do, including wandering from him, until we at least want to want him. Maybe we will find him when we can cry with Psalmist, "Lord, make me turn to you!"

~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)

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