

# Saint Charles Borromeo

December 1, 2013  
First Sunday in  
Advent



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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Brazilian Mass** 12:00 noon

Rev. Almir Urbano, M. S.

## Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

## Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

## Holy Days

7:00 p.m. (Vigil) and 9:00 a.m.

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## 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 - Nov. 30	4PM - Mass of the Day
Sunday - Dec. 1	9AM - Kennedy & Shiel Families
Tuesday - Dec. 3	9AM - Paul "Zeb" Rich
Wednesday - Dec. 4	9AM - Mary Dailey
Thursday - Dec. 5	9AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Friday - Dec. 6	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday - Dec. 7	4PM - Rose & Edward Crepeau
Sunday - Dec. 8	9AM - Constance & Raymond Patras



Tempus fugit. "Time flies" would be a fairly accurate translation of this Latin phrase, and at this time of year it seems very appropriate. Our Thanksgiving is done and we now move on to Christmas, and then another year will be upon us. And for those of us who have seen many years, they all seem to go faster and faster and blur into each other. That in turn can remind us who are older that our years may be few. We are advised by our culture to have a bucket list, that is, a list of things to do before we "kick the bucket." From a Christian point of view the three things on our wish list should be one thing: an increase in faith, hope and charity. If our bucket is full of these, we will be ready to kick it.

We will have our Parish Council Meeting this Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11 A.M. downstairs. The annual parish report is also available at the entrances to the church. Please take one.

In this time of giving please remember the "Haven of Grace" which needs to raise \$23,000 for a new boiler. The address is P.O. BOX 224, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Thanks again to Karolyn Baril and her helpers for their hard work on our Bazaar. The final total of money earned was \$11, 873. 93. That is a significant contribution to our parish's annual budget. We are grateful.

*Fr. Finnegan, S.J.*

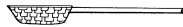


"The Word Among Us" booklets of daily Mass readings and meditations for the Advent season are available at the church entrances. Please pick one up as a help for Advent prayer in preparation for Christmas.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,518.00
Loose Money	\$ 306.00
Annual Collection	\$ 1,635.00
Total	\$ 3,459.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of December 1, 2013

- 1 **SUN** Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- 2 **Mon** Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
- 3 **Tue** Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- 4 **Wed** Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- 5 **Thu** Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- 6 **Fri** Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- 7 **Sat** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- 8 **SUN** Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

"We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story: each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is...." ~Pope Francis

# Announcements



**Saint Charles Borromeo Religious Education Program presents... "A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT"** ...featuring the children of St. Charles Borromeo with special guests - the Sackett Street Alumni Guitar Ensemble on Sunday, December 15, at 3PM at St. Charles Church. Please consider bringing 1 jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food item for Bryan's Food Pantry.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS:** A new person is being sought to chair the Christmas Bazaar. Having held the position for three years, I have decided that it is time to put family first. Please contact Fr. Finnegan or me, Karolyn Baril (401) 762-5108 as soon as possible, if you are interested. Committee members need to plan accordingly, as shopping for the 2014 Bazaar begins on December 26th.

**"EMMANUEL - A CHRISTMAS CONCERT EXPERIENCE"** by INTERNATIONAL SINGER TAJCI, at St. Philip Church in Greenville, RI on Tuesday, December 17 at 7PM. Having grown up in what was then communist Yugoslavia, Tajci became a pop music superstar in Europe at the age of 19, and found that the price of fame included isolation, loneliness and emptiness. She shocked friends, family and fans when she left it all behind and traveled to America to find God, herself and her purpose in life. She has traveled throughout the world, bringing her sacred music and inspirational message to millions. If you participate in only one event this Advent season, this should be it! Tickets are available for a nominal fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A family ticket is also available. To obtain tickets, please call (401) 949-1130, ext. 110. For more information about Tajci and to hear samples of her music, visit [www.idobelong.com](http://www.idobelong.com). See flyer on bulletin board

**MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY PRESENTS LESSONS & CAROLS** - An Advent Service of Prayer and Song on Sunday, December 8 at 6 PM at Precious Blood Church featuring Students of Mount Saint Charles Band, Chorus, Dance, and Hand bells. For tickets (free) call Main Office at Mt St. Charles 769-0310.

## DECEMBER MINI-RETREATS:

**"LONGING FOR GOD"** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA on Wednesday, December 11.

**"IN GOD'S HEART"** will be held at La Salette Retreat House in Attleboro, MA on Tuesday, December 17.

Both retreats, led by Peggy Patenaude of **Taking Time Out** are part of the monthly *Spirituality for Everyday Living Series*. Time: 10AM to 12:30PM. Fee: \$20. Pre registration is required. Contact Peggy at (508) 548-9149 or at [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net) For more information and retreat descriptions, visit [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com)

**SAINT BLAISE PARISH RENOVATION RAFFLE** - St. Blaise Parish, located at 1158 South Main Street, Bellingham is sponsoring a **MONEY RAFFLE**. Grand Prize is \$20,000. along with five (5) \$1,000 winners!

Each raffle ticket is \$100 and only 500 will be sold! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the parish office Monday through Thursday 9AM to 2:30PM. The drawing will take place at St. Blasé Parish on Sunday, December 15 at 11:30AM. For more information, a complete list of raffle guidelines or to purchase tickets, please stop by the office, or contact Paula Nieva, Parish Business Manager (508) 966-1258

**The Confirmation Class of 2014 needs your help!** With the coming of the cold weather, the Confirmation Class wants to help our local shelters by coordinating a collection of the following necessities:

Deodorant	Soap	Toilet Paper	Shaving Cream
Scarves	Hats	Gloves	Socks
Books			
Toothpaste	Tooth Brushes		Dental Floss
Mouthwash	Razors	Blankets	Washcloths

There is nothing like helping others to put us in the Christmas Spirit. Won't you please help by purchasing some of these items and dropping them off in the collection boxes located at the church entrance? Thanks for your kindness! Yana, James & Joseph

# PRAYING TOWARDS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

**"Therefore, stay awake! ... So too, you also must be prepared."**

**Come, Lord Jesus, make us ready.**

**Beat swords into plowshares. Missile cruisers into lifeboats.**

**No more war! War never again! Let us drop our weapons!**

**Let us be brothers and sisters, prepared, waiting, ready,  
with hearts open wide.**

**"For I greet him the days I meet him and bless when I understand."**

(quotation from G.M. Hopkins, S.J. "Wreck of the Deutschland", stanza five )

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Confessions are available on Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please call the rectory at least six months prior to the date of your wedding.

## **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)**

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or at home and unable to get to church, especially those who are homebound and may wish to receive Holy Communion at home.



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