

Saint Charles Borromeo

December 4, 2016
Second Sunday
of Advent



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

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.

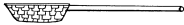
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3	4PM - Peggy Shiel (12th Anniversary) by her husband and daughters
Sunday, December 4	9AM - The Kennedy and Shiel Families by the families
Tuesday, December 6	9AM - Rosa, Alfredo and Anibal Afonso by the family
Wednesday, December 7	9AM - Melva R. McMann Alliaire by Friends of Holy Family Church
Thursday, December 8	9AM - Holy Day - Mass of the Day
Friday, December 9	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, December 10	4 PM - Roger Giguere by Louise and Pete LeBlanc
Sunday, December 11	9AM - Henry E. Krupa by his family

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,631.00
Loose Money	\$ 203.00
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*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of December 4, 2016

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

A WOUNDED GOD

"The Lord took his wounds with him to eternity. He is a wounded God; He let himself be injured through his love for us. His wounds are a sign that he understands and allows himself to be wounded out of love for us. These wounds of his: how tangible they are to us in the history of our time! Indeed, time and again, he allows himself to be wounded for our sake. What certainty of his mercy, what consolation do his wounds mean for us! ... And what a duty they are for us, the duty to allow ourselves in turn to be wounded for him!" ~Pope Benedict XVI

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3: 1-12

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

John cried out in
the desert,

Prepare!

Repent! Reshape your lives!
Change your minds, change your
hearts!

The one is coming who brings the
Spirit of God!

Christ, we want these.

Talk to our hearts.

Set us on fire

with flames

that are

your

Father.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11: 1-10

*"A shoot shall sprout from the root
of Jesse. The spirit of the Lord
shall rest upon him."*

Jesus,

we wait for you.

Pour your Spirit upon our lives
like water rushing
down to the
sea.

Fill us

with your

gifts of wisdom,

understanding, counsel,

strength, knowledge, wonder and awe.

Reshape us with your own love,
God's own peace.

Come, Lord Jesus,
come.

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for Christmas Flowers to decorate our sanctuary.

THE 2017 PARISH CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please pick one up at the church entrances as you leave.

THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON On Sunday, December 11th at 3PM, the Gregorian Concert Choir, the Prout High School Chorus and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, 'The Sounds of the Season' in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On' Campaign. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert).

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS CONCERT our adult choir, and Wayne's student guitar ensemble will be presenting a short Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00PM, upstairs in the church, Admission, as always, is free, but you are encouraged to bring a non-perishable for Bryan's Pantry.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH - St. Joseph's, 1200 Mendon Road will be having an Advent Parish Mission on Monday, December 12, Wednesday, December 14, and Thursday, December 15 at 6:30PM. Mass and Mission talk each evening with Fr. Christopher Murphy. The theme is The Christmas Mysteries. Call 766-0626 for more info.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL Join Bishop Thomas Tobin as the Diocese of Providence celebrates *A Year with Mary our Mother*. The Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Portugal commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Marian Apparitions at Fatima. The nine day pilgrimage departs Boston on August 10, 2017 and returns August 19th, 2017. For further info, please contact Touring International at (800) 975-1761.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - "May

the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us live in our marriages with endurance and encouragement. Explore how by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next WWME weekends are January 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingston, RI. For more information, visit at www.WWME.org or call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at (800) 710-9963.

PLEASE NOTE that in the upcoming cold months if there is no school in Woonsocket due to snow days or inclement weather, there will be no morning Mass.

PLEASE NOTE As of January 1st, 2017 the stipends for weekend Masses will be \$25. Weekday Mass stipends will remain at \$10.

DECEMBER DAY OF RECOLLECTION at Enders Island in Mystic, CT with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC, on Thursday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Begins at 10 AM, includes 2 Conferencences, Mass, Reconciliation, and a hot served lunch. \$50 per person. Ends at 3:30 PM. For more info, call (860) 536-0565 or visit: <http://enders.is/decemberdor>. See flyers on bulletin boards.

BEREAVEMENT DAY RETREAT at Enders Island in Mystic, CT with Fr. Ed Dempsey on Sunday, December 11th. Coping with Death, Bereavement, Grief and Mourning. Begins at 10 AM. Same format and additional information as above December Day of Recollection. See flyers on bulletin boards.

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. All ages of couples come to Retrouvaille from many walks of life and ethnic backgrounds. Some have already separated or divorced, but want to try again. Many are struggling to stay together. What all these couples have in common is a sincere desire to build a stable loving marriage. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin and orientation, but is open to all married couples regardless of religious background. Upcoming weekend is 1/13-15/2017 in Framingham, MA. For more info see www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Tess and Sawn Yates at (508) 271-7155.

ROOT CAUSES

Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist clashing with the Jewish religious authorities. We are told that the Pharisees and Sadducees were stepping forward to be baptized by John.

These people "did not believe him" (Mt 21:32), but they came forward anyway, boasting of the claim that "Abraham is our father." John recognized them for what they were, people of privilege

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," he told them (Mt 3:8). He did not object to their coming forward; he objected to their lack of concern for real change in society.

In his brief discourse to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John described the action that was taking place: "Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree (Mt 3:10)." Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees.

The changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have.

The uniqueness of the Christian message does not so much consist in the affirmation of the necessity for structural change, as it does in the insistence on the conversion of people which will in turn bring about this change.

We will not have a new continent without new and reformed structures, but, above all, there will be no new continent without new people, who know how to be truly free and responsible according to the light of the Gospel.

Bishops of Latin America, Medellin Documents

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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