

Saint Charles Borromeo

December 6, 2015
Second 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, December 5	4PM - Ashley Signorello, by Bill & Claudette Kerrigan
Sunday, December 6	9AM - The Kennedy & Shiel families by the family
Tuesday, December 8	9AM - Laval Legare by wife Thérèse 7PM - Holy Day - Mass of the Day
Wednesday, December 9	9AM - Henri Paul by the family
Thursday, December 10	9AM - Loretta Lamarche & Theresa Beausoleil by Helen Lamarche
Friday, December 11	9AM - Aldo Rossi & family by his sisters
Saturday December 12	4PM - Ashley Signorello by Bill & Claudette Kerrigan
Sunday, December 13	9AM - Kennedy and Shiel Families by the families



Our Children's Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 20th, at 3 P.M. We hope you can attend. If you are a parent or grandparent, of course the idea that you would not attend is out of the question. But even the unrelated might enjoy the sight and sound of the next generation praising God in song.

Our pope has completed his trip to three countries of Africa: Kenya, Uganda and the Central African Republic. In the last of the three countries he placed himself in danger because of the civil war going on there between Christians and Muslims. The papers talk of Christian militia. Is that a contradiction in terms? There have been times and places when it seemed that Christians were called by God to war. But has that time past? What if countries gave wars and all Catholics refused to attend? Would we make a difference? Could we teach the world a different way of living? Maybe these extremes ideas are no longer so extreme, given our time and our situation. In any case, the pope survived his trip to this war-torn country and visited a mosque where he told those present that Christians and Muslims are brothers and must behave as such with each other.

Most of us are not very worried about the future of the world, even though the readings for Advent remind us of the fact (and the belief) that our world will one day end, but many people are worried about the harmful effects our present way of living is having on the future of our planet. So let us pray for all these world leaders now gathered in Paris attempting to plot a course of survival for our planet. We do not want to leave our world as "a pile of filth" (Pope Francis's words in his Letter on Care of Our Home) to future generations.

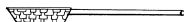
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,576.50
Loose Money	\$ 260.00
	\$ 1,678.50

Thank
you



Scripture for the week of December 6, 2015

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

"Nothing is more harmful to a man than his resistance to Grace."

~Fulton J. Sheen

Announcements



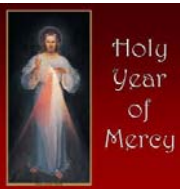
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held every Friday in the lower church from 1 to 2 PM.

On December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Day Masses will be at 9AM and 7PM in the lower church.



Our annual **St. Charles Borromeo Christmas Concert**, featuring both the children and the adult choir, will be on Sunday December 20th at 3 PM in the upper church. FREE concert... donations of a non-perishable food item accepted.

Next weekend's SECOND COLLECTION is for *THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS* - This fund distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs. Please be generous.



Jubilee Year of Mercy - Opening of the Cathedral Holy Door of SS. Peter and Paul by Bishop Tobin will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 1PM. The erecting of a Holy Door at a church of prominence during a Holy Year or Jubilee Year is a very ancient custom. The first accounts of a Holy Door in Christianity dates back to the 15th century as a way to mark "sanctuary" for those who are oppressed or in need of assistance. For our generation, this door is not only the threshold into a sanctuary or safe haven, but the gateway to God's Grace. It is a reminder that during a Jubilee Year, Catholic Christians are expected to make a pilgrimage to a holy site. It's a spiritual journey to encounter the divine in the midst of the secular world in need of God's Mercy and Grace. Everyone is invited to attend.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY members would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations during our annual Fund Drive. We appreciate the support the parish gives us in our effort to pro-

vide food assistance to those in need. May you enjoy the Christmas season knowing that you helped others in need.

When writing your Christmas cards this year, please consider sending a card to a recovering veteran.

Address to: A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY presents "*LESSONS AND CAROLS*" an Advent Service of Prayer and Song on Sunday, December 13th at 6PM at Precious Blood Church, 94 Carrington Ave. Woon.

Featuring students of Mount Saint Charles Band, Chorus, Dance, and Hand bells. Tickets are free, but necessary for admission Call (401) 769-0310.

ST. MICHAEL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 74 Harris Avenue is hosting it's 10th Annual *COOKIE WALK 2015* on Saturday, December 19 from 9AM to Noon. \$9.00 per pound specialty cookies, cakes, pies and more! Penny Social Raffle. Need to pre-order 5 pounds or more? Call Eleanor at (508) 883-7176.

The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse or has credible knowledge of such abuse, by any member of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island, to report the information to Kevin O'Brien, Director of the diocesan Office of Compliance at (401) 941-0760. To seek assistance for victims or family members affected by such abuse, please contact Paula Loud, Director of the diocesan Office Outreach & Prevention at (401) 946-0728.

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be hosting a **Super Bingo** on Sunday, January 10th at Precious Blood Church Hall. A total of \$6,650. in prizes will be given away! Tickets are \$30 for 18 cards plus specials. (Additional cards will be available for purchase.) Only 275 tickets will be sold. For more details on the event or how to purchase tickets, contact GWCRS Regional Office at (401) 762-1095.

THE END OF THE STORY

Each person has a life story. It begins when a person is born, helpless and naked, infinitely valuable to his mother maybe but not of much account in the world at large. From the first chapter on, each person is trying to get somewhere, to be something. At every stage, he is hoping that if he could only—only what? Only ride the bike, win the girl, finish the degree, land the job, buy the house, get the raise—then, oh, then, he would have gotten what he wanted to have. He would be what he wanted to be.

But what is it we really want to have and to be? What is the point of anything we strive for in our lives? When all is said and done, none of us is getting out of this world alive. When we face that fact, what difference does anything make? Each chapter of a person's life leads inexorably to the next, until it leads to death. As we face death, will we care at all anymore about all those things that we struggled to have and to be during any of the earlier chapters of our lives?

It can be that we will care. A person can write the story of his life in such a way that the main theme is the Lord and the things of the Lord. Those things last through death, into the world that is the ever-lasting last chapter for the lives of the Lord's people.

The Psalm illuminates that last chapter brilliantly. In that world, on the other side of death, all the failures, all the sins, all the pains—everything that caused tears in earthly life—will be redeemed into joy. Even if a person ended the earthly story of his life with only seeds of faith, hope, and love, he will reap the fruit of those seeds with rejoicing in the world to come. At that time, each of the Lord's people will look at what he has gotten and think he must be dreaming. He will look at what he himself has become and find it so hard to believe and so good that he bursts into laughter of joy.

This end of the story is what is worth living for.

~Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor 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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