

Saint Charles Borromeo

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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 6	4PM - Shirley M. Stearns by Lisa Ethier
Sunday, December 7	9AM - Robert Lachance by the family
Monday, December 8	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles 7PM - Holy Day - Im. Conception
Tuesday, December 9	9AM - Dennis Forget by Susan Dutcher
Wednesday, December 10	9AM - Jeanne Fontaine by her husband Bernard
Thursday, December 11	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Friday, December 12	9AM - Mark Rutherford by the family
Saturday, December 13	4PM - Bob, Georgiana & David Bosco by Bobby Bosco
Sunday, December 7	9AM - Roger Giguere



It is that time of year when people experience both good and bad feelings. There is a happiness to the season, even for those who do not celebrate it religiously, but it is also a time of stress for many because of the work to be done for family celebrations or the pain felt more intensely at this time of year in broken families. How does a son or daughter feel who has not had contact with a mother or father for a long time, and vice versa? One can live with this brokenness at other times of the year, though not well, but at this time of year when family becomes more important, the pain increases. Yet it is precisely because of such pain that the Lord has come in the flesh. Early Christians were known by their love for one another. "See how they love one another," was what others looking at their Christian brothers and sisters said of them. May that continue to be the case today! May we be recognized by the love which we practice among ourselves and for all men and women. May broken families be healed!

The pope has visited Turkey. The city of Istanbul, the city formerly called Constantinople after the Emperor Constantine, though now largely Muslim in population, is still the seat of the most important patriarch of the Orthodox Churches, who is called the ecumenical patriarch. The present patriarch's name is Bartholomew. Francis and Bartholomew have called for an end to the violence against Christians and other Muslims in the Middle East by Isis (the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq). Isis must be resisted by military means, they believe, but humanitarian aid must accompany these military efforts. Francis also met with the grand mufti of Istanbul and has stated that the Koran is against the violence which Isis embraces.

These meetings of the pope with the patriarch and the grand mufti are very important. It means that Muslims and Christians, of both the east and the west, are united in seeking to confront ISIS. They are also making it more and more possible to envision a day when the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches will again be united in faith and love. The two separated a thousand years ago (1054). It is time, Francis and Bartholomew are saying, to come back together so that the world may see that we love one another. It is time to heal this family rift. *Fr. Finnegan, S.J.*

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,892.00
Loose Money	\$ 293.00
Annual Collection	\$ 1,590.00
Total	\$ 3,775.00

Thank
You



Scripture for the week of December 7, 2014

- 7 SUN** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- 8 Mon** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- 9 Tue** Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
- 10 Wed** Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- 11 Thu** Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- 12 Fri** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- 13 Sat** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- 14 SUN** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

The gifts of grace increase as the sorrows increase.
~St. Rose of Lima

Announcements



Next Weekend's Second Collection is *THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS* Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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 7th, 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 Catholicism" 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.

COMFORT

In the First Reading, the prophet reports the command of the Lord: "Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God!" In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Who would not melt with gratitude at the tender comfort of God?

But what is comfort?

When we want it, sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep. We don't want to walk along the road of our life to the Lord. We want God to carry us.

But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on.

And comfort isn't a matter of giving weakness. It's a matter of giving strength—strength for walking, even over very rough roads.

In fact, the "fort" in "comfort" comes from the Latin word for "strong." The "com-" in "comfort" is from the Latin word for "with." To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him.

But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it?

The Gospel says that Christ baptizes his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ.

And so no one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism walks the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him. If God is for us, even within us, who can be against us? This is strength indeed.

And so no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is "the Comforter."

~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

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