

# Saint Charles Borromeo

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday  
of Advent



190 North Main Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

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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.

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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.

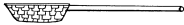
## This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10	4PM - Roger Giguere by Louise and Pete LeBlanc
Sunday, December 11	9AM - Henry E. Krupa by his family
Tuesday, December 13	9AM - Melva R. McMann Alliaire by Friends of Holy Family Church
Wednesday, December 14	9AM - Jeannine Fontaine by her husband, Bernard
Thursday, December 15	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, December 16	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & deceased family members by his sisters
Saturday, December 17	4 PM - Vincent Warren & Annette Bogan by the Bogan family
Sunday, December 18	9AM - Norman Landry Sr. & Norman Landry III by the family

## Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,274.00
Loose Money	\$ 190.00

*Thank  
you*



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\$ 1,464.00

## Scripture for the week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36  
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."*

~Saint Theresa of Calcutta

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 2-11

*"Go and tell John what you hear and see."*

Jesus,  
you make the blind see.

Help us see our neighbors' needs.

You open deaf ears to hear.

Please open our ears  
to hear the cry of the poor.

You made the lepers clean.

Clean us too, we beg,  
of the many wrongs we do  
and the right things we fail to do.

Our mute tongues want to sing your  
praise. We want to leap for joy like a  
stag.

Heal us.

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

*"Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak.  
Say to those whose hearts are fright-  
ened: Be strong, fear not!"*

Flee:

sorrow, grief.

Be strong, O heart.

Christ himself labors within us,  
making our knees strong and our limbs  
hardy.

Come, joy and gladness. Come to us.

Make our prairies and deserts  
bloom into meadows  
of flowers.

O God,  
we watch for you, and  
count the ways  
you come  
to us.

# Announcements



**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** is for the Retired Religious Fund. This annual appeal provides vital support to religious communities in meeting current and future retirement needs. Older religious outnumber younger religious and live longer and cost of care continues to increase. Please give generously.

**THE 2017 PARISH CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** If you have not yet picked up a calendar, there are some left at the entrances.

**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 cele-

brates *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 -**

"The desert and the parched land will exult, the steppe will rejoice and bloom." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.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 Conferences, 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/decemberd.org>. 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.

## HE WHO IS TO COME

From his cell in prison John the Baptist had heard stories about Jesus, and he sent some of his followers to find out if Jesus is the messiah. Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another? they asked Jesus.

Jesus had to reply in such a way that John would have no doubt about the genuineness of his messianic activity, and the message he sent back to John was about the blind receiving their sight, the lame walking, the lepers being cleansed, the deaf hearing, the dead being raised, and the poor having good news brought to them.

He did not say a word about people praying more or going to the synagogue or making God the center of their lives: The age of the messiah, as expressed in this report, does not concern "religion" in the traditional sense of the word.

One knows that the messiah has come because a real change has taken place in society, a change that involves the liberation of those who have always been cut off from the 'main branch' of society.

Jesus is the messiah because those who are blind, crippled, diseased, and poor have been liberated from the things which make them the victims of injustice.

We can turn the statement around to say that if the dregs of society do not experience liberation, then Jesus is not the messiah.

But Jesus is the messiah, and so the dead have come to life: those who have been unable to 'live' in a society that has written them off, are now alive with hope.

The Gospel has truly been a leaven of liberty and progress in human history, even in its temporal sphere, and always proves itself a leaven of brotherhood, of unity, and of peace. Therefore, not without cause is Christ hailed by the faithful as 'the expected of the nations, and their Savior' (Antiphon O for Dec. 23). Vatican II, Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church, section 8

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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