

Saint Charles Borromeo

December 15, 2013
Third 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. 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

to be announced.

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 - Dec. 14	4PM - Yvette M. Paquette
Sunday - Dec. 15	9AM - Mariette & Roger Giguere
Tuesday - Dec. 17	9AM - Paul "Zeb" Rich
Wednesday - Dec. 18	9AM - Jack and Jim Moran
Thursday - Dec. 19	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & family
Friday - Dec. 20	9AM - Mary Mello & I & A Cesaroni
Saturday - Dec. 21	4PM - Bob, Georgiana & David Bosco
Sunday - Dec. 22	9AM - Anthony Caracuzzo



Christmas is upon us—well, almost. This Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. our children will present their Christmas concert. I attended a rehearsal a week or so ago and was delighted to see Becky Kilcline teaching the Oliver boys how to use their singing voices. They have good voices, but she is a professional and can teach them how to make the best use of their instruments. I asked her to help me too. I don't have much of a voice, but a little coaching on her part might go a long way. Let's see what the results will be for them, and perhaps for me too. Wayne Kilcline is also going to bring the Sackett Street Alumni Guitar Ensemble to play. We are grateful to him and to them for being willing to be part of our concert. The mothers of the children are also going to provide a reception for us after the concert. So please come if you can.

The response to the plea for toiletries to be distributed by our confirmation class was very good. If you did not respond as yet and wish to do so, you will find a bin at the back of the church for your gifts. Thank you.

If you would like to do a little dusting or help set up our crib or arrange the flowers on the altar for our Christmas Masses, please come to church on Monday, the 23rd of this month, at 10 A.M. The work is usually done by twelve or one o'clock.

Lombardi Construction has been working very hard on our sacristy door. The remains of one wall have to be removed because the wall was moved ten inches from its original position. It will be interesting to see the results of all this labor. However, I suspect that if it is successful, everything will look just as it was. And that will be good!

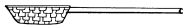
Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,078.00
Loose Money	\$ 367.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 942.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,387.00

*Thank
you*



Scripture for the week of December 15, 2013

15 SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
16 Mon	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
17 Tue	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18 Wed	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
19 Thu	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
20 Fri	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
21 Sat	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
22 SUN	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

"Solitude is the place of purification."

Announcements



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS

SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM

Christmas Morning Mass - 10:00 AM

New Year's Day Mass - 10:00 AM

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 this Sunday, December 15, at 3PM at our 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.

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.

DECEMBER MINI-RETREATS:

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

The retreat, led by Peggy Patenaude of **Taking Time Out** is 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 For more information and retreat description, visit www.timeoutretreats.com

HELP WANTED: Part-Time Medication Nurse 2 hours per day from 11:30AM to 1:30PM to administer medication, etc. at Msgr. Gadoury Catholic Regional School and Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School. Applicant must be a licensed R.N. in R.I. and must have transportation. Great job for a retired nurse! Please call (401) 762-1095 for details if interested.

LA SALETTE 2013 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (November 28, 2013 through January 5, 2014 - Daily Illumination from 5 to 9PM. Free Admission and Free Parking.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS WITH FATHER PAT at Shrine Church on Tues. Wed., Thu. & Fri. 3PM & 7PM; Sat. & Sun. 3PM & 7:30PM

ADVENT PRAYER

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light! (Isaiah 9:1)

God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT THIS WEEK

There is no better Advent companion than Mary. The first Advent touched her most deeply. Her time of Advent was longer than ours. Her 'holy waiting' lasted nine months until her promised son saw the light of day. We can learn from her.

Everything in her life centers on this child. She is totally self-forgetful. She grasps in some deep way that the God of majesty, known through mighty deeds on Sinai and in the Exodus from Egypt, is coming into her world. The God who created the world in all its beauty, the God who met Moses in the burning bush, the God who swore everlasting love to his people, this God is coming to birth in her. As she makes a meal, trims a lamp and prepares baby-clothes, she knows that something much bigger is going on which gives all these actions new meaning. There is a new horizon to her life. The sequence of days is no longer aimless. It has a purpose, a divine purpose. Every day brings God closer. The future, she sees, IS God, present among us!

She is open to surprise. That God should ask her - of all people - to bear the Son of God! That from now on people would find themselves bumping into God when they ran into Jesus! She wonders how they will respond. Will they take the child to their hearts?

All human hopes are dashed: she waits silently at the Cross for she knows not what. But what is given is the ultimate surprise of God; her son's rising from the dead.

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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