

Saint Charles Borromeo

December 18, 2016
Fourth 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.

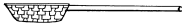
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17	4PM - Vincent Warren & Annette Bogan by the Bogan family
Sunday, December 18	9AM - Norman Landry Sr. & Norman Landry III, by the family
Tuesday, December 20	9AM - Melva R. McMann Alliaire by Friends of Holy Family Church
Wednesday, December 21	9AM - Edward McCarthy by Mary Gizzarelli
Thursday, December 22	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, December 23	9AM - Olivette and Philippe Godin by Sue and Nel
Saturday, December 24	4 PM - Domenic Gizzarelli by the family
Sunday, December 25	9AM - Anthony Caracuzzo (13th Ann.) by daughter-in-law, Anne

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,658.00
Loose Money	\$ 175.00
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	2,833.00

*Thank
you*



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1: 18-24

She conceived
the holy child in her
because

"The Holy Ghost
over the
bent
world
broods

with warm breast
and with ah! bright wings."

Softly caring, watching,
always at hand,
warming
the
world
with love.

God among us.

God with us,
be born for us soon,

soon.

Quote: Gerard Manley Hopkins from "God's Grandeur"

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

*"The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign
from the Lord, your God."*

A virgin would conceive and bear a son
who would be called
Emmanuel.

There in the beginning

and with us now.

And ever will
be with
us.

Emmanuel.

Lord,
guide us to
the signs that tell us
you are with us

Scripture for the week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

"Take time to be aware that in the midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine mystery that looks so common and ordinary yet is wondrously present."

~Edward Hayes

Announcements



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.

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 -

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages 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 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.

BEACON HOSPICE SEEKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

There are many ways you can help!

Beacon Hospice provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally-ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals in your area to spend time with our patients as a volunteer. Volunteers can provide much needed support to patients and their families in a number of ways including: visiting with patients on an on-going basis, sitting vigils, knitting, crocheting, quilting blankets, creating memory posters, providing music therapy, pet therapy, veterans visiting veterans, assisting in veteran pinning ceremonies. There is a free training course that is required on what hospice is and how to interact with hospice patients. The trainings are held locally. For more information, interested volunteers please contact Kristy Corbett, Volunteer Coordinator at (401) 438-0008 or e-mail her at: kristy.corbett@beaconhospice.com

Pro-Life Answers False Pro-Choice Arguments (Part 1) The "fetus"human life or not?

As pro-lifers, we need to educate ourselves and have answers to pro-choice arguments and rhetoric. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the typical pro-choice claims and we will arm you with good and accurate information to refute their misleading and false arguments.

For many years, their most significant and basic argument has been that the so-called fetus is not a human life; it's just a simple mass of tissue or part of the pregnant woman's body. They also claim that the question of when human life begins is uncertain and a religious issue.

However, medical textbooks and scientific reference works consistently agree that life begins at conception, when a genetically distinct individual is brought into existence. Some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians testified to a U.S. Senate committee that human life begins at conception. At these same hearings, pro-abortionists, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would testify that life begins at any point other than conception.

From the moment of conception, the unborn fetus is not simple, but very complex. The newly fertilized egg contains a staggering amount of genetic information, sufficient to control the individual's growth and development for an entire lifetime. The key word is development. Like a toddler or adolescent, the term fetus does not refer to "non-humans", but to humans at a particular stage of development. It is scientifically inaccurate and untrue to say a fetus is not a human being simply because he or she is at an earlier stage of development than an infant.

Being inside something is not the same as being part of something. The mother and the unborn child are two separate individuals and half the time, they are not even the same sex! The child has its own DNA, fingerprints and blood type, distinct from the mother's. The unborn child even takes an active role in his or her own development, even controlling the course of the pregnancy and the time of birth.

GOD WITH US

Sunday's liturgy is about God with us, Emmanuel. We have arrived at the moment of the celebration of God's presence within the human family.

The Emmanuel of Advent-Christmas, the God who is with us, witnesses our social life from within the community, so that God is not far away but is actually among us as we become part of each others lives (and sometimes step on them), as we work together (and sometimes against each other), as we try to support each other (and yet abandon millions of people to the miseries of destitution).

There is no childish game of hide and seek with this God, who is present to witness our good deeds and our misdeeds.

"Let the Lord enter (Ps 24:7c)." We rejoice at the prospect of having God among us, and yet we should also reflect on the awesome responsibility of living in the presence of God.

"We who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ" (Rom 1:6) should imitate Mary, who, when faced with the reality of Emmanuel, "placed her life at the service of God's plan" (Catholic Exchange).

Seeking after the glory of Christ, the Church becomes more like her exalted model, and continually progresses in faith, hope, and charity, searching out and doing the will of God in all things.

Hence the Church in her apostolic work also rightly looks to her who brought forth Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, so that through the Church Christ may be born and grow in the hearts of the faithful also.

Vatican II, Constituion on the Church, 1964:65

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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