

# Saint Charles Borromeo

December 21, 2014  
Fourth 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 20	4PM - Elanor Kane by the family
Sunday, December 21	9AM - Kennedy, Shiel Families by the families
Tuesday, December 23	9AM - Anthony Caracuzzo by Anne Flood
Wednesday, December 24	4PM - Dominic Gizzarelli by the family
Thursday, December 25	9AM - Saint Charles Parishioners
Friday, December 26	9AM - Charlie & Mae Bowers by the family
Saturday, December 27	4PM - Saint Charles Parishioners
Sunday, December 28	9AM - Leo & Martha McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin



Thanks to all the people who showed up last Friday morning to clean the church. A second session was scheduled for Saturday morning, but so many came on Friday that it was not necessary. For a small parish like ours to produce about fifteen people to clean the church is a wonderful sign of generosity and concern for our church. Thank you.

This Sunday morning we again need some help to set up our crèche. So if you are attending the Sunday morning Mass, please give a hand after Mass.

May our children's concert at 3 P.M. go well this Sunday! Please support the efforts of all those involved, especially of course our music ministers Rebecca and Wayne Kilcline. Wayne, who teaches music in the Providence Public School system, brings some of his students to participate in this concert. We thank him for all the work involved in doing this.

This year is dedicated to religious life. Do you know what is meant by that phrase? Religious life is a life marked by the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. You might not know about it in an abstract way but you are familiar with it in a concrete way. If you attended Catholic schools as a youngster, you were probably taught by Sisters. Sisters were women who took the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. There are still such women today, though they are much smaller in number than they were two generations ago, and their work now is not as concentrated on schools as it was in the past. Poverty for Sisters meant and means that they live out of a "common pot." They depend on their community for the necessities of life, and their earnings go to that common pot. Chastity means that they lead single lives, and obedience means that the major decisions concerning their lives are guided and even decided by those who are chosen for leadership roles in their communities. These three vows are seen as ways of helping those who take them to live Christ-like lives of charity.

I have been speaking of Sisters, but there are men religious as well. Indeed, they are very close to us here at St. Charles, for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart who take these same vows live across the street from our church, and the two priests who serve you at St. Charles are also religious. So, you see, you do know what the phrase religious life means.

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,216.00
Loose Money	\$ 302.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1,311.00
Total	\$ 3,829.00

*Thank  
You*



### Scripture for the week of December 21, 2014

<b>21 SUN</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
<b>22 Mon</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
<b>23 Tue</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
<b>24 Wed</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
<b>25 Thu</b>	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>26 Fri</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
<b>27 Sat</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8
<b>28 SUN</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."  
~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

# Announcements



Saint Charles Religious Education Program will present a ***Children's Christmas Concert*** this afternoon, 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.

*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.*

***"LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT" FOR MEN DISCOVERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:*** Join the Office of Vocation on Monday, December 22 and prepare to welcome Christ, the Light of the World, as we take a pilgrimage to the **La Salette Shrine**, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA. We will meet outside the main church at La Salette (visible from the main entrance parking lot) at 5:30PM. For information, please contact Fr. Christopher Murphy at (401) 331-1316.

**ST. MICHAEL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**, 74 Harris Avenue, Woonsocket will hold its 9th Annual Cookie Walk, on Saturday, December 20th from 9AM to 12 Noon. The church bakers will offer thousands of delectable home made holiday cookies for sale at \$9 per pound. There will also be raffles including gift baskets and

other items. To pre-order 5 or more pounds, call, (401) 765-1410 or (401) 762-3939.

The following **MINI RETREAT** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road in Wareham, MA on January 8. 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.

**January 8: *To Be Faithful*** - What does it mean to be faithful? Faithfulness can be played out in so many ways, such as, through honoring commitments, maintaining and nurturing relationships, or standing up for one's beliefs. It is not always easy to be faithful, but the fidelity of God's love can not only comfort us when times are difficult, but also remind us of what we too can be.

**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.

**FR. PAT'S CONCERTS** at Shrine Church at La Salette, from Thanksgiving—January 4th, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Time of Concerts: Tuesdays - Fridays: 3PM & 7PM, Saturdays & Sundays - 3PM & 7:30PM. (Fr. Pat will not be there on Mondays and on Saturday, December 6).



## THE BUILDING IS GOD'S

By the time of the First Reading, David was King. He had won a lot of victories, and he was rich and prosperous too. He had a marvelous house, built of wood and stones. But that most precious thing, the ark of God, was housed only in a tent.

David thought about the fact that God had only a tent while he, the King, had a great house; and so he made a decision to build a house for God. He made it his responsibility to take care of God, you might say.

And God laughed at him. Through the prophet Nathan, God told David, "I will build you a house!"

And so God did. The Son of God, the one we wait for in Advent, was born of David's lineage. Christ is that house God built for David. The kingly line of David's lineage finds its everlasting fulfillment in Christ.

David's son Solomon did eventually build a house for the ark of God in Jerusalem, and it was magnificent. But any earthly building, even the great temple in Jerusalem, is puny by comparison with the house that God built for David, and for all God's people, in Christ.

David did well to revere the ark of God, just as we do well to revere the Church. But it was foolish of David to feel that it was his responsibility to provide a house for God. God wants our love, but he does not need us to protect him. Without our help, God is still himself, Lord of heaven and earth. It is he who will provide for us, and not the other way around.

When we feel homeless, then, or motherless, or forsaken and abandoned, we can remember the lesson that David learned for us. God has already built us a house in Christ, and every Christian finds a home in that house. Each of us has a home and a welcome in the Son of David, who is the house God built for David, and for us.

And so we can wait for his coming in peace. All the building is God's.

~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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