

# Saint Charles Borromeo

December 22, 2013  
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. 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. 21	4PM - Bob, Georgiana, David Bosco
Sunday - Dec. 22	9AM - Anthony Caracuzzo
Tuesday - Dec. 24	4PM - St. Charles Parishioners
Wednesday - Dec. 25	10AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Thursday- Dec. 26	9AM - Mary P. Bowers
Friday - Dec. 27	9AM - Mary Dailey
Saturday - Dec. 28	4PM - Eleanor Kane
Sunday - Dec. 29	9AM - Brian & Ashley Kogut

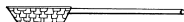


Many thanks to Becky and Wayne Kilcline for producing our Children's Chorus Concert once more this year. They work hard at it, and it shows. Wayne brought the Sackett Street Alumni Guitar Ensemble, and they performed beautifully, and Becky coached our youngsters in singing to the best of their ability. Robert and Joseph Oliver, who have been servers and singers at our church for the past eight years, are gifted with good voices. With Becky's coaching they outperformed themselves. Congratulations to them. Becky also graced us with two songs, one of which, "Mary, Did You Know," gives her the chance to do wonderful things with her beautiful voice. Logan Frappier recited a poem from memory, and Owen Kilcline and Yannah Dubois amazed us with their talents at the key board. Thanks also to Donna Zannelli, our CCD coordinator, and all the mothers who baked for the reception after the concert. Your work was greatly appreciated.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,926.00
Loose Money	\$ 23200
Total	\$ 2,158.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of December 22, 2013

<b>22 SUN</b>	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
<b>23 Mon</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
<b>24 Tue</b>	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25,
<b>25 Wed</b>	Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
<b>26 Thu</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
<b>27 Fri</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
<b>28 Sat</b>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
<b>29 SUN</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice... ~ Pope Paul VI

It is Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, as I am writing this column. The news on the radio this morning informed me that it is Pope Francis' 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations to him. As you know, he has been named "Person of the Year" by Time Magazine. I am sure that he is not very impressed by that fact, if he has even heard about it, given the other people who were considered for that title. Evidently, it is given to the person who has had the greatest influence on world events for the past year, whether for good or for bad. We can presume, I hope, that his influence was considered to be for the good. So congratulations to Pope Francis!

*Fr. Finnegan, S.J.*



# 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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY MEMBERS** wish to thank parishioners for your continued support of their efforts to help alleviate hunger in this area. They are grateful for your donations of both food items and monetary contributions. Your generosity during the annual Fund Drive is greatly appreciated. They wish to convey to parishioners a blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

**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.

## TRADITIONAL LATIN HIGH MASS AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- A traditional Latin High Mass and Christmas Concert will be held at Precious Blood Church, 94 Carrington Avenue, Woonsocket, on Thursday, December 26 at 6PM. Fr. Michael Woolley, Pastor of St. Joseph Church will be celebrant. The Mass will be preceded by a concert of sacred Christmas music at 5:30PM performed by the Schola Sanctae Caeciliae under the direction of Henri St. Louis. A free will donation will be taken up. All are welcome! For more info please call (401) 766-0626.

## FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND "CHRISTMAS ROOM" CRÈCHE

- Mater Ecclesiae College, 60 Austin Drive, Greenville, invites everyone of all ages and faiths to attend its annual Christmas Concert - performed by the 20-voice MEC Choir - and view its room-size Christmas Crèche, the theme of which is "Enter the Mystery of Bethlehem!" Both will be offered on the following dates: Sunday, Dec. 22, 3 to 5PM; Monday, Dec. 23, 7 to 9PM; Saturday, Dec. 28, 7 to 9PM; and Sunday, December 29, 3 to 5PM. Light refreshments will be served. Admission and parking are free. Free will offerings will be graciously accepted. For more info, call (401) 949-2820 or visit [www.mecollege.edu](http://www.mecollege.edu).

## 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

## WINTER RAFFLE

- The Father Marot CYO Center is holding a Christmas Calendar Raffle. Calendars are \$20 each for 13 chances to win up to a total of \$1,000. Please call (401) 762-3252 to purchase a calendar.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Why God Makes Us Wait- The entire life of a good Christian is an exercise in holy desire. You do not see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when God comes you may see and be utterly satisfied.

Suppose you are going to fill some holder or container, and you know you will be given a large amount. Then you set about stretching your sack or wineskin or whatever it is. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it, and your eyes tell you there is not enough room. By stretching it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the sack, and this is how God deals with us. Simply by making us wait God increases our desire, which in turn enlarges the capacity of our soul, making it able to receive what is to be given to us.

~St. Augustine

### **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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