

Saint Charles Borromeo



December 27, 2015
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

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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 26	4PM - Armando Glittone by R. and P. Angelini
Sunday, December 27	9AM - Leo & Martha McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin
Tuesday, December 29	9AM - Deceased of Manigan Family by the family
Wed., December 30	9AM - Francis Warrener by the family
Thursday, December 31	4PM - Jean Cremmen
Friday, January 1	9AM - Parishioners of St. Charles
Saturday January 2	4PM - Pilgrims to St. Theresa's Shrine in Nasonville
Sunday, January 3	9AM - Vincent & Warren Bogan by Kelly and Sheila



This is strange. I am writing these words on the 22nd of December. So Christmas is still three days away. But by the time you read these words, it will be two days behind us all.

These facts remind us of how strange time is, at least as we experience it. We really don't believe that we all have just a certain amount of time to use. It appears to us as something "always there" and therefore unlimited in supply, like something we have too much of and can use at our leisure and as much or little of it as we wish. It is something like having an awful lot of ice cream in the freezer. And then something strange happens. We run out of time. That is, we die. Of course we don't know how we experience that event. But those close to us do. They marvel at the fact that we were there a minute or hour or year ago, and now we are gone. It is strange. We seemed so full of life, so full of time.

This is a kind of sad reflection, especially for this time of year when we celebrate life, the life of Emmanuel, God among us. But it is brought back into the ambit of life when we realize that we are promised life after death. As we pray in the Mass for the Dead, "for your faithful ones, Lord, life is changed, not ended."

Fr. Finnegan, S.J.



Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,330.00
Loose Money	\$ 228.00
	\$ 2,558.00

Thank
you



Scripture for the week of December 27, 2015

Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Monday:	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

"May the Holy Family, icon and model of every human family, help each individual to walk in the spirit of Nazareth."

~St. John Paul II

Announcements



Saint Charles Parish would like to give you a Christmas present! If you have not yet done so, please be sure to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "*REDISCOVER JESUS*" at one of the entrances of the church. According to Matthew Kelly, "*Books change our lives. What we read today walks and talks with us tomorrow.*" We hope this year's featured title will bring you closer to Jesus.

The following **mini-retreats** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat House, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA this winter and spring on the second Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome - men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics.

Time: 10:00am to 12:30pm **Cost:** \$20

Registration: In order to prepare seating and materials, please pre-register at least two days in advance by contacting Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. The fee can be paid on arrival. *A February 10th special flyer with details and a registration form is available. Because of lunch, earlier registration will be required for this retreat.

January 13: *Embracing Mystery*

There is much about life we do not understand. Why do bad things happen to good people? Just how does a seed grow? What happens after we die? Life is filled with mystery, "and by its very nature, mystery cannot be solved; it can only be lived," says physician Rachel Naomi Remen. The darkness of winter is a good metaphor for the soul seeking answers to the unknown. To grow spiritually, we must learn to reverence, embrace and ultimately surrender to Mystery.

February 10, Ash Wednesday: *Growing in Compassion ~ A special all-day retreat ~ 9:00am to 3:45pm

Life provides innumerable opportunities to apply either judgment or compassion. It is often easier to criticize and judge than to try to understand and forgive. Lent challenges us to become more like the all-loving Christ. This retreat day includes Mass, a morning of reflection, lunch, the award winning documentary "Dreamcatcher," (the story of Brenda Myers-Powell, a former teenage prostitute who now is a powerful advocate for change in her community), discussion and prayer. A portion of the day's retreat income will be donated to Sophia's Circle, women in recovery from prostitution and drugs. Brenda is a peer leader in the program, which is co-facilitated by Edwina Gateley and Peggy Patenaude.



Sat. & Sun. Dec. 26 & 27- Feast of Holy Family 4PM & 9AM
Thurs. Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve 4PM
Fri. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary 9AM
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 2 & 3 - Epiphany 4PM & 9AM

If you have not yet picked up a 2016 Parish Calendar, there are still some available in the vestibule of the church.

Please Note: Please pick up a free copy of the January issue of "*Give Us This Day*" Daily Prayer for today's Catholic, featuring Morning and Evening Prayer, Scripture readings and reflection for each day, and much more. You may then subscribe if you wish to continue receiving this invaluable help in bringing you closer to God day-by-day.

The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional School System will be hosting a **Super Bingo** on Sunday, January 10th at Precious Blood Church Hall. A total of \$6,650. in prizes will be given away! Tickets are \$30 for 18 cards plus specials. (Additional cards will be available for purchase.) Only 275 tickets will be sold. For more details on the event or how to purchase tickets, contact GWCRS Regional Office at (401) 762-1095.

If you wish to receive a daily email or text message during the Year of Mercy you can sign up at:

Flocknote.com/mercy



TEMPTED BUT WITHOUT SIN

In the Gospel Reading, when Mary finally finds her almost-adolescent son, she says to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." It is not hard to recognize her lines to him as a rebuke. She has been looking for him for three days!

But here the story has to bump up against doctrine. Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in every way, except that he had no sin (Heb.4:15). Anyone in doubt about the moral seriousness with which Scripture takes honoring one's parents should look again at the First Reading. How is the doctrine that Jesus is without sin compatible with this story in the Gospel about his mother's having to search for him for three days?

The answer lies in the explanation Jesus gives his mother. He says to her, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Gospel)

So, Jesus thought that his mother understood his relation to God and his need to be in God's temple learning at this time. He was wrong, on this score, of course. But it's a kind of wrongness that shows something sweet in him, isn't it? He is attributing to his mother more knowledge, more understanding, than she has.

He is therefore not dishonoring her when he takes off for three days without a word to her. On the contrary, he is in fact honoring her by thinking of her as if she had Christ's own knowledge of his relation to his father.

It is true that I am showing a way in which Jesus in this story is guilty of no sin—but only by virtue of pointing out that he is guilty of a mistake. Yet the Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human. Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is.

Jesus is human enough to learn from his mistake, though. The story goes on to say that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. And so, the story finishes, Jesus advanced in wisdom as well as age.> And that is a good way to age, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump, Philosophy Professor, St. 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 at home.



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