

Saint Charles Borromeo



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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 27	4PM - Vincent & Warren Bogan by the family
Sunday, December 28	9AM - Leo & Martha McIntyre by Barbara & Roger Peloquin
Tuesday, December 30	9AM - Lucille Blake
Wednesday, December 31	4PM - Frances Warrener by the family
Thursday, January 1	9AM - Saint Charles Parishioners
Friday, January 2	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday, January 3	4PM - Ashley E. Signoriello by P. and R. Angelini
Sunday, January 4	9AM - Normand Landry III by the Millette Family



As I write these words, it is still the Monday before Christmas. But by the time you read them Christmas 2014 will be a memory, a fresh one but still a memory. This year's Christmas evoked memories of a Christmas a hundred years ago. In 1914 the Great War, later known to us a World War I, had just begun. German and English troops faced each other in Flanders in Belgium. At the time many thought that this war would be over in a few months, but it stretched on for four more years, claiming millions of young lives. But on Christmas Eve in 1914, as young soldiers faced each other, something extraordinary happened. The English soldiers could see that the German soldiers were placing little Christmas trees on the top of their trenches. And then someone began to sing a Christmas carol, one originally written in German but by then well known to the English soldiers as Silent Night. Miracle of miracles, the soldiers emerged from their trenches and moved towards each other, cautiously, no doubt, at first, but then with more confidence. Language must have been a barrier, but some of the Germans knew some English, and eventually the men began to exchange little gifts like cigarettes and candy. Then they played games of soccer. This truce did not last long. Eventually, the men returned to their trenches and the war began again. Twenty-two years later, despite the slaughter of the First World War, Europe engaged in another world war. We humans do not learn quickly. We keep making the same mistakes again and again. Theologically we could say that each generation commits its own sins. And those who pay for our sins are the young. It sounds foolish, but how about making a new rule. If nations wish to go to war, then let those who decide to do so be those who actually go. Not the young, but the middle-aged and older men and women making these decisions. Let them go first. That might put an end to war. At least it would slow it down.

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,027.00
Loose Money	\$ 227.00
Total	\$ 3,254.00

*Thank
You*



Scripture for the week of December 28, 2014

- 28 SUN** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40
29 Mon 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
30 Tue 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31 Wed 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
1 Thu Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
2 Fri 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
3 Sat 1 Jn 2:29-36/Jn 1:29-34

The Magi are filled with awe by what they see; heaven on earth and earth in heaven; man in God and God in man; they see enclosed in a tiny body the One whom the entire world cannot contain. ~St. Peter Chrysologus

But for the moment we pause and rejoice in the presence among us of the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Lord, and ask him to make us peaceful people. Fr. Finnegan, S.J.

Announcements



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.

The following **MINI RETREAT** will be held at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road in Wareham, MA on January 14. 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 14: "A Fresh Start" - With the beginning of a new year, we typically look forward with a sense of renewed hope and commitment. Many of us even make resolutions to improve our lives. In spite of certain challenges and perhaps even failure to achieve our goals, we can still succeed, for it has been said, "The only time you fail is the last time you try." What do you most want for yourself in 2015? It's time for a fresh start!

Women's Retreat: "On the Way" will be held January 16-18, 2015 at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. For more information, contact Peggy Patenaude at (508) 548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net

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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 at



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