

# Saint Charles Borromeo

December 29, 2013

Christmas & The

Feast of the

Holy Family



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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. 28	4PM - Eleanor Kane
Sunday - Dec. 29	9AM - Brian & Ashley Kogut
Tuesday - Dec. 31	4PM - Frances Warrener
Wednesday - Jan. 1	10AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Thursday - Jan. 2	9AM - St. Charles Parishioners
Friday - Jan. 3	9AM - Lucille Blake
Saturday - Jan. 4	4PM - Lauri Luzzi
Sunday - Jan. 5	9AM - Dave McKenna



As we step into a new year, our thoughts turn to ideas of reform. After all, we all know about New Year's resolutions. We also know that we often fail to keep them. Why is that? Were we not really convinced of the goodness of the resolution that we made? Maybe we didn't put our whole weight behind it. There is a difference between decisions which we make with "all our hearts" and those we make with "half a heart." Even the first kind, those made with all our hearts can be changed, but with more difficulty than those which we have made "halfheartedly." Maybe not for Hollywood stars, but for most people marriage decisions are made with the whole heart. That is why their removal causes great pain. A person is truly turning himself or herself totally around. That is not the case with a decision about a diet or a daily walk. We make them, at least most of the time, somewhat halfheartedly. And that is right in a sense, because such decisions are not that important. They are helpful, but they do not call for an about-face in our lives. Of course there are exceptions. When we are told that if we do not lose weight, our life may possibly be in danger, then a decision about our diet begins to move into the whole-hearted category. It may be a matter of life or death.

Resolutions and decisions are the bread and butter of human life. Other animals don't make decisions. They act on instinct. We act on reflection. And our relationship with God is based on our decisions. Indeed, all our relations are based on decisions. Our faith tells us that grace precede all our decision. The saints remind us that it is grace which makes our actions possible. And yet decisions come in as the answer to God's graceful promptings. As we begin our new year, let us ask God for grace so that we may make the right decisions in our life this coming year.

### Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 2,458.00
Loose Money	\$ 326.00
Total	\$ 2,784.00

*Thank you*



### Scripture for the week of December 29, 2013

- 29 SUN** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- 30 Mon** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- 31 Tue** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- 1 Wed** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- 2 Thu** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- 3 Fri** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- 4 Sat** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- 5 SUN** Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus... for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.

~St. John Chrysostom

*Fr. Finnegan, S.J.*



# Announcements



**2014 PARISH CALENDARS ARE AT CHURCH ENTRANCES** (thanks to our sponsor - S. DiPardo Memorial Chapel Funeral Home). Please pick one up.

**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**

It's not too late, we are still collecting these items. Won't you please help by purchasing some of these and dropping them off in the collection boxes located at the church entrance? Thanks for your kindness! Yana, James & Joseph

**THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE OFFICE LIFE & FAMILY BUS TRIP 2014 MARCH FOR LIFE IN DC**

The March for Life will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The bus departs from Providence to Washington D. C. on Tuesday, January 21, at 7:30 PM. For list of Pick-up locations/Return trip points, please call (401) 421-7833 (ext 218)

The Youth Rally & Mass (at the Armory Center) - Door open at 6:30 AM Wed. Jan. 22 Confession...Rosary...Popular Catholic Recording Artists...Mass for Life. Following Mass, the March for Life will begin on National Mall, Wed. Jan. 22 Return from DC to Rhode Island on Thurs. Jan. 23, at approximately 2AM. Cost is \$80, which includes bus fare/metro fare per person. Please call Carol at (401) 421- 7833 ext. 218 for more info. Deadline for registration is Friday, January 10, 2014.

**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.

You are cordially invited to attend **"A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life"** on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 9AM at St. Paul Church, Cranston, RI. The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin will be the Main Celebrant Rev. George K. Nixon, will be Homilist. Prior to the Mass (8AM) we will gather at the Broad Street Abortion Clinic for the Rosary. To RSVP: Please call Carol Owens, Life & Family coordinator (401) 421-7833, ext 218 or email her at [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.Org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.Org).

**ST. CHARLES WILL OFFER A PREVENTIVE HEALTH EVENT IN FEBRUARY.** *Life Screening*, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **February 22, 2014.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. See bulletin for more details in coming weeks.

## A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows, we praise You for your unequalled greatness. Thank you for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more, to teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better. We rejoice in the world You loved into being. Thank You for another New Year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown New Year knowing You will go with us. We accept Your gift of a New Year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want...

I say it again, we rejoice! In Jesus name, Amen.

### **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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