



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



644 CLAWSON STREET, OAKWOOD HEIGHTS, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10306



JANUARY 8, 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Louis R. Jerome

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Marius Fernando (visiting priest)

Fr. Stefan Chanas

In Residence

Bishop John J. O'Hara

Weekend Associate

Rev. Msgr. Edmund J. Whalen

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Stephen Tobon

Deacon Lawrence Droge

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Jeanine Conlon, O.P.

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Religious Education Coordinator

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Parish Office Hours

Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sacramental Life

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening 4:00 & 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
12:00, 1:15

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 & 11:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy Days Masses

Eve of the Holy Day 7:30 PM

6:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM

Parish Registration

New parishioners need to register at the rectory. Please inform us if you move into or out of the parish.

Confessions

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, after evening Masses, and after Mass on the Eve of a Holy Day.

Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM Instruction for parents of the children to be baptized to be arranged at the rectory. SPONSOR CERTIFICATES REQUIRED for Godparents and also a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Marriages

To arrange a marriage at St. Charles, consult with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the proposed date and before social arrangements. Attendance at Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning Classes is required.

Anointing and

Communion of the Sick

Regular administration of the Sacraments should be arranged for shut-ins by calling the rectory. Emergency sick calls anytime.

Religious Education Program

Instruction for all grade levels beginning with first grade. For information call the Religious Education Office.

LITURGY CORNER

MONDAY - JANUARY 9

8:30 - Lillian Mattera - Mem.
11:30 - Gaetano & Aneo LaBargo - Mem.

TUESDAY - JANUARY 10

8:30 - Bertha & John Merook - Mem.
11:30 - Catherine & William Cross, Sr. - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 11

8:30 - Tony Calabro - Ann.
11:30 - Rosemary Lynch - Mem.

THURSDAY - JANUARY 12

8:30 - Giles Gervais - Mem.
11:30 - Thomas DeFrancesco - Mem.

FRIDAY - JANUARY 13

8:30 - Florence Somerville - Mem.
11:30 - William Joseph Richards - Mem.

SATURDAY - JANUARY 14

8:30 - John Gioia - Mem.
4:00 - Rose Priano - Mem.
5:30 - Anthony Marchese - Mem.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 15

8:15 - Charles Leo Grande - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Michael Riccio - Mem.
12:00 - Rosemarie Truscelli - Mem.
1:15 - Mary & Vincent Ingleterra - Mem.

January 14 / January 15 Mass Schedule

4:00	Fr. Marius	10:45	Fr. Marius
5:30	Fr. Stefan	12:00	Fr. Jerome
8:15	Fr. Jerome	1:15	Fr. Stefan
9:30	Fr. Stefan		



December 25, 2016

\$15,669.67

December 27, 2015

\$12,754.79

Christmas

2016

\$25,092.00

2015

\$41,273.52

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of January 8 - January 14, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Edward W. Solan at the request of his daughter, Barbara.

If you would like to make arrangements to have the flowers for the main altar, the wine & hosts or oils used for the Mass candles in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, please, call the rectory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday at 12:00-5:00 PM in the Chapel

First Mondays at 7:30 PM in the Church

(cancelled in August)

First Fridays at 7:30 PM in the Church

(cancelled in August)

Call Jeannette Burrell (718-979-0034) or

Lois Galvin (718-948-8193) for information

Rosary and Novenas

The Rosary is recited each weekday at 8:10 and 11:10 AM and on Saturday at 8:10 AM.

The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses on Mondays.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM except for the third Wednesday of the month; rectory



Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM; rectory

Bereavement Group

Will resume in the Spring.

Book Club

Third Thursday each month at 4:00 PM; rectory

Caregivers Support Group

Thursday - 9:30 - 11:30 AM; rectory

Choir (Adult)

Thursday at 7:30 PM; church

Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday at 3:00 PM; chapel

Eucharistic Ministers

First Fridays at 7:30 PM; church

Leisure Group

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; auditorium

Prayer Group & Holy Hour

First Monday of the month at 7:30 PM; church

Religious Education Classes

Monday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 6 & 7

Wednesday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 1-5

Special Needs: Wednesday 5:10 - 5:45 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meeting - Second Tuesday of month at 1:30 PM; rectory

Food Pantry open 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory

Teen Club

Sunday at 7:00 PM; auditorium

Visitation Ministry

Women's Worship Wednesdays

Third Wednesday at 7:30; rectory

Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 20th Annual Staten Island Prayer Service

Will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM here at St. Charles Church. Preaching at the service will be Bishop Victor A. Brown, Senior Pastor at Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. What we now observe nationwide as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in a small chapel at Graymoor in 1908. Graymoor is a ministry of the Franciscan Friar of the Atonement and is home to the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute. Please join us as we welcome our Staten Island Christian neighbors. Refreshments will be served in the auditorium after the service.

You Can Save Your Marriage! Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. For more information, call 732-243-4573, or Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).



PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 9, - January 15, 2017

Monday - January 9

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM ; rectory
Cheerleading - 7:30 PM; school

Tuesday - January 10

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory
Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;
early bird 7:15 PM

Wednesday - January 11

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Cheerleading - 6:00 PM; school
Youth Ministry Teen Leaders Meeting - 6:30 PM; computer room

Thursday - January 12

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school
Cheerleading - 5:30; school

Friday - January 13

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - January 14

Cheerleading 2:00 PM; school

Sunday - January 15

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory



St. Charles is still collecting the Pink Box Tops for Education. They are on hundreds of items and are each worth at least 10 cents. Since this is such an easy way to earn thousands of dollars for our school, please ask family, friends, and co-workers to help us too. Simply place Box Tops in the church vestibule or drop them off in school or rectory. Many thanks for your support and constant help which is greatly appreciated by the children of St. Charles. Here is a list of some of the items: General Mills Cereal, Progresso Soup, Totino's, Betty Crocker, Zip-lock, Hefty, Green Giant Cans, Old El Paso, Scott, Kleenex, and Pillsbury, etc.

St. Charles Church Website

Please take some time to visit our website at www.saintcharles.weebly.com. You will find some history of our parish, as well as current bulletins. If you are new to the area and would like to register with St. Charles Church, there is a link for registration.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Effective this weekend of January 7/8, 2017, we will no longer have a 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening and 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday evening. The Saturday evening 5:15 PM Mass will be changed to 5:30 PM. Confessions will be held after the 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM.



Bingo is held every Tuesday evening in the auditorium starting at 7:30 PM. Early bird is at 7:15 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

WE PRAY...WE CELEBRATE...WE REMEMBER

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Rosalie Leone
Keith Alaimo	Elizabeth Linton
Paul Alaimo Sr	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Joan Boragi	Diego Lopez
Eva Bonafilia	Helen Mahon
Salvatore Caffiero	Lauren Marie
Mary Campitelli	Raymond Mignone
Marty Casey	Jean Monaco
Nick Castagna	Ann Murphy
Grace Castelao	Pamela Murphy
Ann Marie Coppola	Gennaro Musto
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Erin O'Keefe
Nancy D'Amico	Anthony Paragone
Philip DeFonte	Roberta Paragone
Herb DeGrant	Veronica Parascondola
Randi Dietrich	Mary Parnell
Michael DiFalco	Marie Petrocelli
Mary Driscoll	Pasquale Petrucci
Marilyn Droge	Lee Rhatigan
Russell Dunn	Rose Russo
Michael Durante	Vincent Russo
Pearl Dweck	Dorothy Sabatell
Joseph Elia	Vincent Santore
Charles Faberzak	JoAnn Schneck
Gloria Faraci	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Robert Faraci	Anthony & Leonarda Scocco
Dorothy Fleming	Jerry Scotti
Aniel Garcia	Susan Sexton
Robert Gardner	Howard Shock
Marie Grzeczka	Maryann Sparano
Emily Harris	Marie Starita
Cheryl Houss	Dolores Tombolini
Lawrence Iacona	Ann Van Houten
Helen Istico	Herb Van Houten
Jeannette Castelao Keane	Theresa Verry
John Kelley	Mary Woerner
Peggy Kiernan	Sara Weiss
Trevor Kwatkowski	Norm Zuniga
Amanda Lavoro	

Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)
www.wordonfire.org
3minuteretreat.com

WE REMEMBER

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen*
Genevieve Monaco
Patricia Russo
Richard Gelardi
Joan Colliton

WEDDING MUSIC

If you are planning a wedding in the near future and would like to arrange for music, please, call the rectory two months prior to the wedding, and leave a message for Paul Light, our Music Director at (718) 987-2670.

Staten Island Centering Prayer Group

Invites you to begin 2017 with us to come pray, be still and rest in God's presence. They will meet at St. Joseph's Retreat house, 850 Hylan boulevard on Wednesday, January 11 from 7:30 - 9:00. They will meet once per month on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Anne-Louise DePalo at 7818-351-3748. (\$20 good will offering)

St. Charles Choir Trip

On June 28, the St. Charles choir will be leaving for a concert tour of Ireland. All are invited to join the choir, singers and non-singers. The group will be staying in Dublin and will go sightseeing and singing in the surrounding area. The return date is July 5. Anyone interested in joining the choir should stop by the rectory office and pick up an information packet.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Epiphany

Use the words on the camels
to fill in the blanks in the story below.



_____ heard that _____ were
looking for _____. He asked them to
return and tell him where they found the baby.
The _____ followed a star that led
them to _____. They gave him very
special gifts. A dream warned them not to
go back to _____. And so the
_____ took another way home.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE EUCHARIST AND THE EPIPHANY...

Someone asked recently what would have happened if there had been three "Wise Women" instead of three "Wise Men?" The answer? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made dinner and brought practical gifts! Well, we can only speculate about that.

This Sunday the Church celebrates the great feast of the "Epiphany." On this day we recall the visit of the Magi, (The Wise Men) to the stable of Bethlehem to adore the new born Christ Child. The Magi came from the East; they were non-Jews. To these mysterious visitors God chose to reveal his Divine Son. This visit signified that salvation in Christ was not to be restricted just to one particular nation or race but was open to all peoples and nations.

The star led the Wise Men to Christ and of course, they brought their precious gifts to the infant Savior: Gold, because Jesus was a king. Incense, for He was divine and myrrh, a spice used in embalming to signify that He was to die on the cross. St. Matthew tells us this in his Gospel, "They prostrated themselves before Jesus and did Him homage." In other words, they adored this little baby in the manger before them.

Yet, in reality, there was nothing that was particularly significant about this new born. He seemed like any other child and in fact, the extreme poverty that Jesus was born into, argued against his divinity and kingship. Despite that, the Magi prostrated themselves and worshipped Him. More than the star in the heavens, it was the star of faith in their hearts that enabled these men to recognize in that poor, defenseless baby of Bethlehem the Lord and the true ruler of all the Earth.

Now fast forward over two thousand years later. Today, Christ no longer appears physically to us as a little baby. However, Jesus does manifest His special presence to all of us in a different way in our time and that is through the Holy Eucharist-The Blessed Sacrament.

Every altar in each Catholic Church around the world could be considered as something like a manger where Christ is born again sacramentally under the veil of Bread and Wine at Mass. In reference to the Eucharist, the Church talks about a "Real Presence." The Lord is truly on the altar, body, blood, soul and divinity! I don't know about you, but that certainly awes me and impresses me.

If we knew that the President, the Pope or a great sports figure was coming to our neighborhood, we certainly would go out to meet them and spend time with them. Well, on the altar and in the tabernacle after mass, we have Jesus with us, the Son of the Living God. Yet so few Catholics even when they have Jesus so near, are as "Wise" as the Wise Men who made a long and perilous journey to glimpse the new born Christ Child.

How fortunate we are at St. Charles to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 12-5 PM from Monday to Friday! This new year 2017, let us try to be, all of us, "Wise Men" and "Wise Women" by coming to adore Jesus Christ in His sacramental presence. We may not have gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but let us offer Him the gift of ourselves and our homage!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jerome

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