



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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

*Jesus,  
I Trust in You.*



APRIL 23, 2017 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Louis R. Jerome

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Marius Fernando

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.

### School Principal

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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 - APRIL 24

8:30 - MaryAnn Castelao - Mem.  
11:30 - Eddie Palmieri - Ann.

## TUESDAY - APRIL 25

8:30 - Vincent Imperatrice - Mem.  
11:30 - William Capo - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - APRIL 26

8:30 - Christopher Tobon - Mem.  
11:30 - Theresa & Salvatore Bonanno - Mem.

## THURSDAY - APRIL 27

8:30 - John C. Filipowicz - Mem.  
11:30 - James Jr. & Jim Clark - Mem.

## FRIDAY - APRIL 28

8:30 - Andy Tafuri - Mem.

## SATURDAY - APRIL 29

8:30 - Charles Riordan, Jr. - Mem.  
4:00 - Louis Cavallo - Mem.  
5:30 - Richard Harte - Ann.

## SUNDAY - APRIL 30

8:15 - Sima Stern - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Laretta Gibson - Mem.  
12:00 - Rosario Russo-Alesi - Mem.  
1:15 - Edward Kepley, Sr. - Mem.

## PLEASE NOTE

If a Mass is being said for a member of your family on Saturday evening or Sunday, it would be most fitting if someone from the family would bring up the gifts at the Offertory. Please let one of the ushers **know before Mass.**

## Weekly Offerings

April 9, 2017

\$17,453.82  
(Palm Sunday)

April 10, 2016

\$13,657.97

## Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of April 23 - April 29, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Edward & Louise Solan at the request of their 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.*

## April 29 / April 30 Mass Schedule

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

# 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**

Thursdays - 7:30 PM; rectory

## **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 PM; rectory



## **Religious Education Registration** **2017-2018**

### **Grade 1 and New Families**

Thursday, April 27, 2017 - 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### **Items required for registration:**

Copy of child's baptismal certificate

Parish envelope #

Fee: Cash, money order, or check made payable to St. Charles Religious Education Program  
Transfer letter from previous program for each student

### **Tuition for 2017-2018 Academic Year**

1 Child \$230.00

Family \$300.00

All Tuition for 2016 - 2017 must be paid in full to receive the early bird fee.

### **Special Needs Registration**

There will be a separate cost for registering a child for general Religious Education classes and Special Needs.

**CLASSES MEET 5:30 - 6:00 ON SELECT MONDAYS**

### **Academy Students**

If you are entering a Sacramental grade in September 2017 you must register with the Religious Education Program and provide us with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and a letter from the school stating they are receiving Religious instruction..

\$80.00 registration fee as well as Sacramental fees.

The Religious Education Program is currently looking for volunteers to assist us as Catechists, Catechist Aides, Substitutes, and Office Assistants. For more information please call  
**718-979-6800.**



# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 24, - April 30, 2017

### Monday - April 24

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Tuesday - April 25

St. Anthony Novena; after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

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 - April 26

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

### Thursday - April 27

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory

Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school

Bereavement - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Friday - April 28

Confirmation - 9:30 AM & 12:30 PM ; church

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

### Saturday - April 29

### Sunday - April 30

Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM -11:30 AM;

School

Teen Club - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; school

## Legion of Mary

We will be starting a "Legion of Mary" group in our parish. Start date will be May. Day and time will be determined. For further information, please contact Arlene Rhenos at 347-600-8884.



On Sunday, May 7, we invite all expectant parents and their families to join us at the 9:30 Mass for a special blessing. If you plan to join us, we ask that you please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number with our parish secretary.



Thank you to all those who helped to make Holy Week and Easter so very special. Particular thanks to Paul Light and the choir members, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, Deacon Steve and our Teen Club for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. We also thank our maintenance crew and those who helped decorate the church for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday, all those who baked for Holy Thursday and the moms who served our parishioners with refreshments in the auditorium. The priests wish to thank our parishioners for all the food and the desserts sent to the rectory. It is very much appreciated.

God bless you and your families for your thoughtfulness and service to the parish.

Fr. Jerome

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

## THE GET WELL LIST

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

## 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*  
Charles Pecoraro  
Lucia Maffei  
Dante Giurici

## MARRIAGE BANNS

### We Celebrate



We ask the family of St. Charles to pray for the following couples who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage.

*Samantha Portagallo & Vincent Monteleone  
Mary Ellen Ryan & Edward Sosa*

### Prayer to obtain graces through the intercession of Saint Faustina

O Jesus, who filled Saint Faustina with profound veneration for Your boundless mercy. Deign, if it be Your holy will, to grant me, through her intercession, the grace for which I fervently pray... My sins render me unworthy of Your mercy, but be mindful of Sister Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition which, with childlike trust, I present to You through her intercession.

Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory....Saint Faustina, pray for us.

# PARISH NEWS



## 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the rectory to register. The closing date to register for the Mass at the Cathedral is Friday, May 12th. The 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place here at St. Charles on Sunday, May 21st at the 9:30 Mass. Please call the rectory to register.



## Book Club

Our book for April is : "An Invisible Thread". This inspirational New York times bestseller chronicles the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. We meet the 3rd Thursday each month in the rectory basement at 4:00 PM.

## Ablaze

### New York Catholic Youth Day 2017

Will take place on April 29, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Seminary. Registration is \$20 per person (includes lunch, bag and t-shirt) (\$10 late fee after April 10) No walk-ins. To register, go [www.oymny.org/ny-catholic-youth-day](http://www.oymny.org/ny-catholic-youth-day) or call 914-367-8329



You may be wondering why we haven't started up the Annual Cardinal's Appeal for 2017. St. Charles is launching "Renew and Rebuild", a five year campaign to raise funds for some very exciting parish initiatives. Every parishioner will be asked to play a part in our campaign. We will not conduct a separate Cardinal's Appeal this year. You will be hearing more about "Renew and Rebuild" very soon. In the meantime, please pray for the success of this very important undertaking.



St. Charles Cheerleading is holding tryouts for all girls entering Grades 2 through 8 for the 2017-2018 school year on the following dates:

**Monday 5/8/17 from 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Wednesday 5/10/17 from 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Friday 5/12/17 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

All three dates are mandatory! A full info packet will be distributed the first day of tryouts. Please send your daughter in shorts, t-shirt and light sneakers. Questions? Please call Beth McGovern at 917-538-3756. Thanks and hope to see you there!

## Digital Prayer Tools

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

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## MERCY SUNDAY...

Today, The Second Sunday of Easter, is also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." What is Divine Mercy all about? Well, it really goes back to a very humble, uneducated Polish nun by the name of Sister Faustina Kowalska. Sister Faustina, because of her lack of education, was usually given the most menial tasks in the convent.

Despite her humble position, the Lord showered upon her some extraordinary revelations about mercy and compassion for sinners. Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina and pointed to His heart out of which appeared two rays, one red and the other white. The two rays represented the blood and water that flowed from our Lord's pierced side as he hung upon the cross. Sister recorded her spiritual experiences in a diary which runs over 600 pages.

In her diary, Sister Faustina related that Jesus asked that a special picture of her vision be painted. Perhaps many of you are familiar with this beautiful image of the Divine Mercy. We have purchased a painting of the Divine Mercy and soon it will be mounted on the side wall of the Church here at St. Charles!

Jesus told Sister Faustina that the hour of three o'clock was to be known as the "Hour of Mercy." Of course, it was at this hour of 3:00 PM that the Lord died upon the cross. In many churches and chapels across the world people gather to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at that time. In this prayer we say the inspiring words: "O Jesus, you expired, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself upon us."

Thinking about that prayer brings to mind the wound that our Lord suffered immediately after His death. A soldier pierced His side with a lance and immediately blood and water flowed out. It was Saint Thomas the Apostle whom we read about in the gospel for this Sunday, who was privileged to touch our Lord's wounded side. By touching our Lord's wounds, he was healed of the wound of his disbelief.

I think that this Gospel is an appropriate one for Divine Mercy Sunday. Many people, like Saint Thomas are "Doubters" when it comes to believing in the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus. Perhaps such individuals see God as a harsh "Judge" ready to pounce on them for every single infraction and weakness.

There's a story told about a priest who was rather harsh in confession and lost his patience one day with some poor penitent. Suddenly, the priest heard a voice that said, "Listen, I died for His sins not you!" Yes, Jesus died to save sinners, not the perfect! And let's face it, none of us are perfect!

In the Gospel, the Lord reveals Himself as a kind, merciful and compassionate shepherd. All of us need a greater consciousness of the Lord's tender mercy. As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, may we come to know more fully the kindness and tender mercy of the Lord for each and every single one of us!

Sincerely, in Christ,  
Father Jerome

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