



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



JANUARY 29, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.

### School Principal

Mr. J. C. Kiernan

### Religious Education Coordinator

Ms. Kerry Quinn

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Light

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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 30

8:30 - Peace - Special Intention  
11:30 - Grace Commoratto - Mem.

## TUESDAY - JANUARY 31

8:30 - John Ryan - Mem.  
11:30 - Joseph Martire, Frank Santa Maria &  
Louise Casamassino - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 1

8:30 - Angelo Adiletto - Mem.  
11:30 - Anthony J. Caggiano - Mem.

## THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 2

8:30 - Maria Nicola & Salvatore DeSantis -  
Mem.  
11:30 - Ignazio, Marcello, & Domenico Sabella  
Mem.

## FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 3

8:30 - Helen McMahon - Mem.  
11:30 - Jeremiah W. Hanley - Ann.

## SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 4

8:30 - Genevieve Obszarny - Mem.  
4:00 - Robert Karbowski - Mem.  
5:30 - Peter Castello - Mem.

## SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5

8:15 - Frances & Philip Corsello - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Caterina & Rafella Milano - Mem.  
12:00 - Nicodemo Lombardo - Mem.  
1:15 - John Michael Donza - Mem.

### February 4 / February 5 Mass Schedule

4:00	10:45
5:30	12:00
8:15	1:15
9:30	



January 15, 2017

**\$12,158.04**

January 17, 2016

**\$13,145.81**

## **Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils**

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of January 29 - February 4, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Thomas A. Coppola** at the request of his mother and father.*

*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



## Welcome to our Neighborhood Ministry

If you know someone new to your neighborhood, please contact the rectory to obtain a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" packet which includes a welcome letter from Fr. Jerome, a bulletin and a bottle of holy water. In the spirit of hospitality, your new neighbor does not have to be Catholic, we just want to welcome them to the neighborhood. We ask that all of you, our parishioners, be the "welcomers", but if you do not feel comfortable visiting a new neighbor, let us know and we will take care of it, care of our welcoming committee.

## Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victim of war, oppression and disasters.

## Ignatian Spirituality

The next session of Ignatian Spirituality will be on Saturday, February 4th in the Presentation Center (169 Lindenwood Road) at St. Clare's parish. They will meet right after the Saturday 9:00 AM Mass (optional) and the one hour session will begin at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!



One of our parishioners is in dire need of a one bedroom apartment to rent. If you know of any, please call the rectory.

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.

# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 30, - February 5, 2017

### Monday - January 30

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

### Tuesday - January 31

Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;  
early bird 7:15 PM

### Wednesday - February 1

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory  
Cheerleading - 6:00 PM; school

### Thursday - February 2

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

### Friday - February 3

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; auditorium

### Saturday - February 4

Cheerleading - 2:00 Pm; school

### Sunday - February 5

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory  
Teen Club - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; school

## An Irish Celebration

A St. Patrick's luncheon and dinner cabaret show, starring Ireland Premier Entertainer, Tony Kenny, along with Victoria Kenny, comedian Seamus Kennedy, the Dublin City Dancers with the Trinity Dublin Band will be held on Monday March 6th at Buckley's Restaurant (2926 Avenue S, Brooklyn. For more information, call Regina Dunn at 518-624-2102 or email [RegnaDunn@aol.com](mailto:RegnaDunn@aol.com)

## Registration Information

### NEW Family Registration for the 2017-18 Academic School Year

Registration for NEW families interested in enrolling in grades Pre-Kindergarten 3 and Kindergarten through 8th grades for the 2017-2018 academic school year is now open. To fill out an online application, please go to the school website: [www.SaintCharlesSchoolSI.org](http://www.SaintCharlesSchoolSI.org) and click on the "APPLY NOW" button.

After completing the application process, the school will contact you to set up a meeting and interview. At the time of the interview, please bring the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization records, report cards and NYS ELA and Math scores (grades 3-8).

The application period for all Universal Pre-Kindergarten/Pre-K For All students will begin on **January 17, 2017** and end on Friday, **February 24, 2017**. All children born in 2013 who live in New York City are eligible to apply to PreK for All for the Fall 2017 school year.

The application can be done over the phone by calling 718-935-2067, in person at 715 Ocean Terrace, Building A, Staten Island, NY 10301 or on-line at [schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline](http://schools.nyc.gov/ApplyOnline). No UPK applications can be submitted to St. Charles School. To be considered for the St. Charles UPK program, families will need to use the Saint Charles school code: 31RABM. If you have any UPK registration questions, please call Ms. Eileen at the school at 718-987-0200.



# 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
Mary Campitelli	Lauren Marie
Marty Casey	Raymond Mignone
Nick Castagna	Ann Murphy
Grace Castelao	Pamela Murphy
Ann Marie Coppola	Gennaro Musto
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Erin O'Keefe
Philip DeFonte	Anthony Paragone
Herb DeGrant	Roberta Paragone
Frances DeMarco	Veronica Parascondola
Thomas Dicks, Sr.	Mary Parnell
Randi Dietrich	Marie Petrocelli
Michael DiFalco	Pasquale Petrucci
Mary Driscoll	Lee Rhatigan
Marilyn Droge	Rose Russo
Russell Dunn	Vincent Russo
Michael Durante	Dorothy Sabatell
Pearl Dweck	Vincent Santore
Joseph Elia	JoAnn Schneck
Charles Faberzak	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Gloria Faraci	Anthony & Leonarda Scocco
Robert Faraci	Jerry Scotti
Dorothy Fleming	Susan Sexton
Aniel Garcia	Howard Shock
Robert Gardner	Howard Shock, Jr.
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*

*Frank Barone*

*Salvatore Caffiero*

*Nancy D'Amico*

*Antoinette Marinaccio*



Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away. Starting Sunday, January 29 through February 5, we will conduct the Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign. Some simple ways to participate and contribute to the Campaign are:

- Donate money to support emergency food programs in the Archdiocese
- Donate food which can be dropped off at the school entrance
- Volunteer your time and support at a local food pantry.

For more information, contact [edna.mincey@archny.org](mailto:edna.mincey@archny.org) or call 718-292-6214 ext. 17.

Website: [www.catholiccharitiesNY.org/feedingourneighbors](http://www.catholiccharitiesNY.org/feedingourneighbors)



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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## OFFICER MCDONALD AND THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS...

A Rabbi told the story about a man who took some very fine material to a tailor and asked him to make a pair of pants. Well, he went back a week later and the pants were not ready. Two weeks went by and still the pants were not ready. Finally, after six weeks, the pants were ready. The man tried them on and they fit perfectly. As he was paying for the new pants he said to the tailor, "Listen; it only took God six days to make the world, and it took you six weeks to make just one pair of pants!:" "Yes," the tailor said, "But look at that pair of pants (Perfect!) And look at the world, "It's a mess!"

Well, it's not God's fault that the world is in such a mess today! Whose fault is it? Well, we know the fault lies in ourselves, all of us frail, defective human beings that we are. We could say that each of us has potential. We have the potential to be very good or at the opposite end of the spectrum-to be quite evil. The choice is ours.

As Catholics, as followers of Jesus Christ, we need to give testimony to our belief in him. What is the evidence of our faith, of our testimony to Christ? The answer of course is in our actions, in our moral goodness and holiness of life. As Catholics our lives are meant to be different.

A priest told me an interesting story one time. He was driving around his parish one afternoon and he was stopped behind a man at an intersection that had an interesting bumper sticker on the back of his car. The sticker read: "Honk-if you love Jesus!" The priest, inspired that a true Christian, a true believer was right in front of him, decided to honk his horn. When he did that however, the man in front had sort of a different reaction, he gave him the middle finger! Not such a Christ like reaction!

The point is, and there is a point-is that we need to change our lives around and become holier people. We can only do that, if we tap into God's grace given to us through prayer and the sacraments.

In this regard, I was thinking about New York City Police Officer Steven McDonald. Officer McDonald died this past week from a sudden heart attack. I think most of us know his story. Back in 1986, Officer McDonald was shot in Central Park when he tried to arrest some kids who had stolen bicycles. Steven, who was newly married, was never the same again physically. He regained the use of his voice, but he was paralyzed and needed a breathing apparatus.

About six months after he was shot, his son Conor was born. Officer McDonald said that he felt this was a message from God that he should live differently because he had been filled with terrible hate and anger. He said, "I prayed that I would be changed, that the person I was would be replaced by something new. That prayer was answered with a desire to forgive the young man who shot me."

Steven McDonald did indeed forgive that man and he spent the rest of his life speaking everywhere about God's love and mercy. Because he was a true believer in Jesus Christ, he followed the Lord's example and took his faith seriously. Through God's grace, he was able to change from hate to love.

That is a great story of how one heroic man gave testimony to his faith in Jesus Christ. Most of us won't have to make such a hard or heroic sacrifice the way he did. But let us begin to work on our conversion-so that we too might give greater evidence of our Catholic belief in our world today, the oftentimes messy world that is 2017, a world that is desperately in need of such a good example!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jerome

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