



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



OCTOBER 29, 2017 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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

Mr. J. C. Kiernan

### Religious Education Coordinator

Ms. Kerry Quinn

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Light

### Contact Information

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### Parish Office Hours

Sunday                      9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

5:00 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, 5:00 - 5:30 PM, 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 - OCTOBER 30

8:30 - Kerry Flanagan - Special Living Intention  
11:30 - Eugene McGarvey - Ann.

## TUESDAY - OCTOBER 31

8:30 - Tino, Sherry, & Susan DeLuca - Mem.  
11:30 - Ruth Finley - Mem.  
7:30 - Nettie & Pete Laieta - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 1

6:45 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
8:30 - George, Edward, & Steven Lauer - Mem.  
11:30 - Ignazio, Marcello, & Domenico Sabella Mem.  
7:30 - Michael Brigande - Ann.

## THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 2

8:30 - All Souls Novena  
11:30 - Rose Brizza - Mem.

## FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 3

8:30 - All Souls Novena  
11:30 - Christopher Tobon - Ann.

## SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4

8:30 - All Souls Novena  
4:00 - Lillie & Anthony Tozzi - Mem.  
5:30 - Michelle Zarra - Mem.

## SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5

8:15 - Gennaro & Josephine DeMartini - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Luigi & Filomena DiRe - Mem.  
12:00 - Maria & Domenico Lombardo - Mem.  
1:15 - For the family of Baby Kristen Pulzone Ann.

### 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**

October 15, 2017  
\$11,508.02

October 16, 2016  
\$12,203.28

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

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of October 29 - November 4, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Ralph Capurso at the request of friends of his loving daughter, Holly Cosoleto.***

*The Oils & Candles for the week of October 29 - November 4, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Ralph Capurso at the request of friends of his loving daughter, Holly Cosoleto.***

### **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.*

### November 4 / November 5 Mass Schedule

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

# PARISH MINISTRIES

## **Adult Faith Formation**

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM;

rectory

## **Baptism Classes**

First Tuesday of the month at

8:00 PM; rectory

## **Bereavement Group**

Thursdays at 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

## **Legion of Mary**

Monday at 6:30 PM; rectory

## **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



## All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM and on Wednesday at 6:45, 8:30, 11:30 and 7:30 PM.

## All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2 is All Souls Day. It is our tradition to place the All Souls envelopes with the names of deceased parishioners and family members on the Altar for the month of November. There are envelopes in your regular monthly packet for your use and also in the vestibule of the church. We will have the Tridium of Masses for the deceased on Thursday, November 2 - Saturday, November 4 at the 8:30 AM Masses. **Also, on All Souls Day at the 11:30 Mass, all the names of the deceased will be read.**

## At Home in the Father's House: Trusting in the Embrace of Divine Mercy

A morning of prayer and recollection in honor of All Souls Day will take place on November 4 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM at Our Lady Help of Christian Church, 7396 Amboy Road. The morning will include Mass, light breakfast, fellowship, discussion, talks and music, Exposition and Benediction. Presentations by Dr. Valentina Diglio, Dr. Connie Salhany, Laura Paris and music by Kristin Koenig Salhany. This event is sponsored by Catholic Mental Health Professionals. Call to RSVP - Dr. Connie or Laura 917-818-5719 or email [info@cognitivetherapysi.com](mailto:info@cognitivetherapysi.com)

## Digital Prayer Tools

*FORMED.org* (parish code XQ43Q3)

[3minuteretreat.com](http://3minuteretreat.com)

[dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)



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DURING SERVICE

# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS October 30, - November 5, 2017

### Monday - October 30

Trunk or Treat - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM; parking lot  
Legion of Mary - 6:30 PM; rectory  
Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Tuesday - October 31

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

### Wednesday - November 1

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

### Thursday - November 2

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory  
Cheerleading Practice - 5:30 PM; auditorium  
Bereavement Group - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM;  
rectory

### Friday - November 3

School Dance 7th & 8th grade - 7:00 PM - 9:00  
PM; auditorium

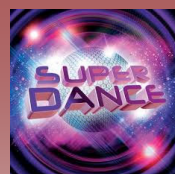
### Saturday - November 4

### Sunday - November 5

RCIA - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon; rectory  
Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM;  
school  
Teen Club - 7:00 PM; auditorium



We're excited to launch our new website at [www.stcharlessi.org](http://www.stcharlessi.org). Please take a look! The old address, [saintcharles.weebly.com](http://saintcharles.weebly.com) is no longer in use.



Tickets are on sale for the St. Charles Annual Super Dance which will be held on Saturday, November 11th. Tickets are \$100 each which entitles you and a guest to dinner, dancing and a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize \$1,500, 3rd prize \$500 or one of the 10 chances to win a \$100 (winner must be present for the \$100 drawing). Only 250 tickets will be sold, so please call Pete McGovern at 917-538-3749 as soon as possible if you want to join us for this special event and have a chance to be one of the lucky winners.



### St. Charles Book Club

The current read is *The Stone of Destiny - a Sherlock Holmes Adventure* by Staten island, Richard Ryan. This is an easy read and delightful takeoff in the spirit of Conan Doyle. The book club meets on the third Thursday at 4:00 PM in the rectory. Feel free to join in.



### St. Joseph's Seminary & College Master of Arts Program

Programs open to qualified lay men and women, consecrated religious, and priests. Visit the website at [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu) or contact the Associate Dean in the Academic Office: Donna Eschenauer at 914-367-8280.

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

## THE GET WELL LIST


Corrine Alaimo	Trevor Kwatkowski
Keith Alaimo	Dolores Laieta
Paul Alaimo Sr	Amanda Lavoro
Emilia Bizzoco	Elizabeth Linton
Joan Boragi	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Madeline Buonpane	Diego Lopez
Mary Campitelli	Helen Mahon
Clara Carlino	Lauren Marie
Joseph Carrubba	Barbara Marino
Marty Casey	John Mastromarino
Anthony Cassaro	Raymond Mignone
Irma Cassella	Ann Murphy
Nick Castagna	Pamela Murphy
Grace Castelao	Gennaro Musto
William Connors	Virginia Novaro
Ann Marie Coppola	Erin O'Keefe
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Anthony Paragone
Teresa Deegan	Veronica Parascondola
Philip DeFonte	Mary Parnell
Herb DeGroot	Diane Petraglia (McKenna)
Frances DeMarco	Marie Petrocelli
Randi Dietrich	Pasquale Petrucci
Michael DiFalco	Ella Reilly
Andrew DiPadova	Lee Rhatigan
Elizabeth Donohue	Stephen Ristano
Mary Driscoll	Mary Ruggiero
Russell Dunn	Rose Russo
Michael Durante	Vincent Russo
Pearl Dweck	Dorothy Sabatell
Joseph Elia	Vincent Santore
Charles Faberzak	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Ken Faljean	Anthony Scocco
Gloria Faraci	Jerry Scotti
Robert Faraci	Susan Sexton
Kevin Finley	Howard Shock
Dorothy Fleming	Howard Shock, Jr.
Gina Fogliani	Maryann Sparano
Aniel Garcia	Marie Starita
Marie Grzeczka	Dolores Tombolini
Emily Harris	Annette Toratore
Joseph Hosmer	Ann Van Houten
Cheryl Houss	Herb Van Houten
Gianna Incandella	Margaret Ward
Helen Istico	Ella Weaver
Carmella Iucci	Sara Weiss
Jeannette Castelao Keane	Norm Zuniga
John Kelley	

## 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*  
*Ralph T. Desiderio*  
*Michael Joseph Matteo*  
*Catherine Mosquera*

## MARRIAGE BANNS

### We Celebrate

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

*Margaret Sexton & James Harkin*  
*Meghan Ulsamer & Joseph Feld*  
*Rebecca Devolin & Robert Mendes*

## Where to Turn Snow Removal

They are looking for students who are willing to help with snow removal for seniors in our community. They are in the process of matching each student with a senior for the entire winter season. If you are interested, please call 718-966-6531.



## The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship Fund

The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship fund has been established to assist our young students in their Catholic education. If you are interested in making a donation to this fund, you may do so by dropping it off at the rectory.

# PARISH NEWS



Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, our Rite of Christian Initiation process is for those who want to be baptized, or receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For further information, contact Deacon Steve Tobon at 718-987-2670.

## St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group

The next meeting of the St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group will be held on Saturday, November 4th in the Presentation Center. They will gather for coffee after the 9:00 AM Mass and prayer begins at 10:00 AM.



## St. Peter's Boys High School 200 Clinton Avenue

Will have its open house on Sunday, October 29 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. For more information, call 718-447-1676



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 will continue to collect Box Tops throughout the school year. For your information, the most popular Box Tops are from: Cheerios, Progresso, Fiber One, Green Giant, Scott, El Paso, and Zip Lock. You can drop off the box tops in the rectory or in the box marked Box Tops in the vestibule of the church. God Bless You for your constant support. (See the attached flyer for participating companies)

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated and supported the St. Charles Teen Club Car Wash fundraiser. Your support helped us raise \$740. The funds were donated to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research. We hope to see you at our next car wash!



## Anointing Mass

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be celebrated on November 19 at the 1:15 Mass. Anointing will take place directly after the Mass. All are invited for coffee and cake in the auditorium following the Mass. Please call the rectory to register for the Anointing Mass.

## 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.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## LIFE IS WORTH LIVING...

Many years ago, there was a famous entertainer by the name of George Jessel. Probably not many people remember him anymore! There's a funny story told about Jessel. As the story goes, one day his wife left him for another man. Well, Jessel was so distraught that he decided to commit suicide. So he downed a few drinks, bought a gun and penned a suicide note.

When he had finished writing the note, Jessel decided to call the famous song writer George M. Cohan and read the note to him. Cohan said to him, "You know something Georgie? You can really do a lot better than that! Come on over here and let's work on it a little bit." So Jessel went over to Cohan's office and brought the suicide note with him which they worked on all afternoon. Cohan then said, "Georgie you really have a great song, a great lyric here!"

The song became known as "Roses in December." Jessel sold it to a song publisher, went out on the town from the money he got as an advance, met a new girlfriend, got married and forgot all about the suicide! Would that every suicide case turned out so well.

I was thinking about this story because just recently I met a parishioner who told me that he works at the Verrazano Bridge. Many times he said there are people who run up the span and try to jump off. The man said a few days ago, he was involved with saving one person's life who was attempting to leap off the bridge. The police were able to collar him before he made the plunge. We can never really understand what goes on inside a person's head that would make them want to take their own life.

One statement that is a cliché but which is so true is that "Life is worth living!" Life is precious and we have a duty to safeguard it. The Catechism of the Church reminds us: "We are stewards, not owners of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of." (Catechism #2280).

I am writing on this topic because in the past year, there was a bill co-sponsored here in New York State by our own Diane Savino which would have made physician assisted suicide a reality. Euthanasia or "Mercy Killing" as it is loosely called is against the fifth commandment: "You Shall Not Kill." In this scenario, for example, if a patient received a bad diagnosis, he or she with the help of a doctor and certain drugs could affect their own demise.

We could understand I think how a person in that particular frame of mind could come to a decision like that. Persons with disabilities, the elderly who are alone and those depressed and overcome with hopelessness would be vulnerable to agreeing to an easy, quick and effortless "end." Thank God, the New York State Court of Appeals ruled that physician assisted suicide is unconstitutional. It was a unanimous decision and a victory for the pro-life cause.

The court rejected the idea that an individual has a constitutional right to aid in dying. Moreover, it said that New York State has a very strong interest in preserving life and preventing suicide. And isn't that just common sense? But as one old teacher of mine used to say, "Common sense is not so common anymore!" How true. Life should be protected and preserved at all stages of development from conception to natural death. Life is worth living!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Jerome