



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Fr. Stefan Chanas

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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 - DECEMBER 4

8:30 - Eugene Brady - Mem.
11:30 - Robert R. Butler - Mem.

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 5

8:30 - Mary & Anthony Battista - Mem.
11:30 - Lauren & Brian Chirichigno - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 6

8:30 - Thomas W. Burke - Mem.
11:30 - Francis Olive - Mem.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7

8:30 - Daniel J. Linton - Mem.
11:30 - Robert R. Butler - Mem.
7:30 - Xeu Qain Zheng - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 8

6:45 - Parishioners of St. Charles
8:30 - Richard Mahinka - Ann.
11:30 - Rose & Charles Thomas - Mem.
7:30 - Herman Paquette - Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 9

8:30 - Lilly & Larry Gorga - Mem.
4:00 - Bodrate & Villani Family - Mem.
5:30 - Deacon Richard Peroda - Ann.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10

8:15 - Genevieve Monaco - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Deacon Vincent Brigande - Mem.
12:00 - Antoinette Savaglia - Mem.
1:15 - Roman Panczyszyn & Theresa Lander - 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

November 19, 2017

\$11,281.02

November 20, 2016

\$12,862.46

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 3 - December 9, 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 December 3 - December 9, 2017 are offered in Loving memory of **John Luzzi** at the request of **Class 8-2**.*

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.

December 9 / December 10 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



1ST ANNUAL ST. CHARLES CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE

Families of St. Charles Parish are invited to dedicate a Christmas Tree during this 2017 Advent Season. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$200 per tree and all proceeds will benefit our parish. Each tree will be about 5 to 6 feet tall, freshly cut and decorated with white LED lights. A laminated dedication card will be displayed on each tree. All trees will be displayed on the parish grounds around the Church. We will bless and light the trees after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, December 16. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served after the ceremony in the auditorium. All are welcome to join us for this ceremony! Please fill out the reservation form below and return the completed form to the rectory office together with your payment by December 5.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please have my dedication card read as follows
(please print clearly):

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Number of Trees Ordered = _____

Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)

3minuteretreat.com

dynamiccatholic.com

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 4, - December 10, 2017

Monday - December 4

Legion of Mary - 6:30 PM; rectory
Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory
Monday Prayer Group - 7:30 PM; church

Tuesday - December 5

Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM; early
bird 7:15 PM
Baptism Class - 8:00 PM; rectory

Wednesday - December 6

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Cheerleading Practice - 6:00 PM; auditorium
Secular Formation Class - 7:00 PM; rectory

Thursday - December 7

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

Friday - December 8

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - December 9

Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium
Cheerleading Practice - 12 Noon; auditorium

Sunday - December 10

RCIA - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon; rectory
Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM;
school
Baptism - 2:30 PM; church
Christmas Concert - 4:00 PM; church
Teen Club - 7:00 PM; auditorium



St. Charles Church Choir

Presents our 37th Annual Christmas Concert

on

Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM

in the Church

The program will include classical, contemporary, gospel and traditional Christmas music.

There is no admission charge for this event.
All are welcome!



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 8th at 6:45 AM, 8:30 AM,
11:30 AM and 7:30 PM.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Elizabeth Linton
Keith Alaimo	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Paul Alaimo Sr	Diego Lopez
Emilia Bizzoco	Helen Mahon
Joan Boragi	Lauren Marie
Madeline Buonpane	Barbara Marino
Mary Campitelli	Raymond Mignone
Clara Carlino	Ann Murphy
Joseph Carrubba	Pamela Murphy
Marty Casey	Gennaro Musto
Anthony Cassaro	Virginia Novaro
Irma Cassella	Erin O'Keefe
Nick Castagna	Anthony Paragone
Grace Castelao	Veronica Parascondola
Antonio Colombo	Mary Parnell
William Connors	Diane Petraglia (McKenna)
Ann Marie Coppola	Marie Petrocelli
Teresa Deegan	Pasquale Petrucci
Philip DeFonte	Ella Reilly
Frances DeMarco	Lee Rhatigan
Randi Dietrich	Stephen Ristano
Michael DiFalco	Joe Romano
Andrew DiPadova	Mary Ruggiero
Mary Driscoll	Rose Russo
Russell Dunn	Vincent Russo
Michael Durante	Dorothy Sabatell
Pearl Dweck	Vincent Santore
Joseph Elia	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Charles Faberzak	Anthony Scocco
Ken Faljean	Jerry Scotti
Gloria Faraci	Susan Sexton
Robert Faraci	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	
Amanda Lavoro	

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*
Carmine Lombardi
Jean Louise Federico
Fay Mauri
Carmine Coronato
Louis Russo



MARRIAGE BANNS

We Celebrate

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

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.



WEDDING MUSIC

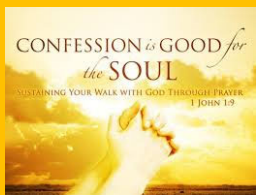
If you are planning a wedding in the near future and would like to arrange for music, please, call the rectory two months prior to the wedding, and leave a message for Paul Light, our Music Director at (718) 987-2670.

PARISH NEWS



FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will take place next Sunday, December 10 at the 9:30 AM Mass. Please bring your children for special family prayer time!



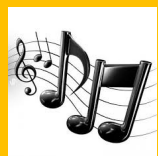
RECONCILIATION MONDAY

All parishes of the Archdiocese of New York will be hearing confessions from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 18. This is a great opportunity to prepare your heart for the peace of Christ during this Advent season.



RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Next weekend the second collection will be the annual Archdiocesan collection for the retired religious. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer our religious, in return for all they have done for us, our love and support helping to provide for their needs. There is an envelope for this collection in your weekly packet or in the vestibule of the church.



RICHMOND CHORAL SOCIETY

Presents *Holiday with Brass* on Saturday, December 16th at 8:00 PM at Church of St. Clare, 110 Nelson Avenue. General Admission is \$20.00; \$15.00 for seniors; \$10.00 for students with ID; children under 12 are FREE. For more information, call 718-448-3656.



GIVING TREE

Once again we are asking you to purchase gift cards which will be given to families in need for Christmas. If possible, purchase the cards in the amount of \$20.00 and place them in the box in front of the altar. Gift cards from J.C. Penney, Target, Babies R Us, Stop N Shop, Shop Rite, Kohls, Macy's, Sears or Visa Cards would be greatly appreciated. **Deadline for your donation is December 10.** May God bless you for your kindness to others during the Christmas Season.



SUPPORT OUR CHEERLEADERS

St. Charles cheerleaders will be selling 22" fully decorated fresh pine wreaths after Masses on December 2nd and 3rd. Each wreath is \$20.00. This year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Charles Church.

ST. CHARLES TEEN CLUB

The Teen Club will be selling Christmas magnets (\$5.00), Christmas ornaments (\$3.00) and Christmas lawn signs (\$15.00) after all the Masses on the weekends of December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Thank you for your support!



PLEASE PRAISE
SILENCE YOUR
CELL
PHONE
DURING SERVICE!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE STRANGER IN THE MANGER?

I was privileged to serve at a wonderful parish for seven years-St. Patrick's in Yorktown Heights, New York which is in Northern Westchester. St. Patrick's is a very large parish of about 5,000 families. Right out in the front of the new Church, they had a beautiful life size nativity set. One of the neighbors that lived near the Church came to Monsignor Brennan with a concern about the nativity. He said, "Listen, Monsignor, you need to take some security precautions for that outdoor manger... You never know, some drunken guy might come along and steal the Baby Jesus."

Although the pastor could not believe that someone would have the nerve to do that, he decided to follow the advice. A couple of days later, the figurines were tied down with cables, a camera was set up, and a security guard hired to stand watch in the days before Christmas,

The first night it was really cold out, and so the Monsignor invited the security guard in for a cup of coffee. The man, not Catholic, refused the offer. But then he went on to say, "Monsignor, I think we have a problem already!" Monsignor Brennan, a bit concerned, said, "What could possibly be the problem?" The guard replied, "I don't know how to tell you this, but the kid's not in the box!" The pastor then went on to tell him that "the kid" as he referred to the Baby Jesus did not go "into the box" until Christmas Eve!

It sort of seems incredible that somebody would steal the Baby Jesus from the manger, but it does happen and a few wise men have been stolen as well! But in a way, in reference to that story, a good number of people today try to steal away the real meaning of Christmas by having us focus on the wrong things!

We have today, entered upon the Season of Advent. The word "Advent" really means coming. The next four weeks should be a time for us to center our thoughts on the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. In the Gospel, Our Lord told his disciples, "Be watchful, be alert! You do not know when the time will come." The words of Jesus are a good reminder for us to think a little bit more about our soul and its condition. It's often the last thing that we think about.

A priest friend of mine told me that he went to the doctor recently and the doctor said, "Father, you have to lose at least thirty pounds." Well this priest was relating this news to a friend who said, "Listen Al, if I were you, I'd get another doctor!" Well, Jesus is our divine physician and He does not want to look at our physical condition but rather our spiritual one! Advent, the start of a new church year, is a time for us to get a "spiritual checkup" and maybe a tune-up!

Here are some suggestions for a more productive Advent. How about attending Mass during the week? We are blessed here at Saint Charles to have two daily Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM. Let's make some more room for Christ in the "inn" of our hearts. The best way to do that is to receive His sacred presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is God's greatest gift to us on this earth and it comes without a price tag for all of us!

Secondly, if we can't make it to Mass, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament is highly recommended! The Eucharist is exposed in our Chapel from 12-5 PM, Monday to Friday. Just knock on the door and spend time with Jesus-it is the best time that you will spend on this earth!

Finally, the Sacrament of Penance, confessions are heard here in the church every Saturday from 11:30-12:30 and again at 5:00 PM. It has been said that "Confession is good for the soul." It's a relief to shed the "excess baggage" of sin that can weigh us down spiritually speaking. Let's not waste the four weeks of Advent now before us so that the Baby Jesus will not be the stranger in the manger come December 25th...

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome*