



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



DECEMBER 17, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY CORNER

MONDAY - DECEMBER 18

8:30 - Barbara Lukan - Mem.
11:30 - Robert Fithian - Ann.

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 19

8:30 - Paul LaGrega - Mem.
11:30 - Saverio Volpe - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 20

8:30 - Ann Ferrara - Mem.
11:30 - The Cannon & Turner Families - Mem.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 21

8:30 - Eddie Palmieri - Mem.
11:30 - John J. Coleman - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 22

8:30 - Rev. Fintan Hanley - Ann.
11:30 - William & Mary Capo & Denise Ioviero
Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 23

8:30 - Restituta & Samuel Maturo - Mem.
4:00 - Carmine DeQuatro - Mem.
5:30 - Mary Ramirez - Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24

8:15 - Family of Baby Lily Jo Jurgens &
Rosemarie Truscelli - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Deceased Members of the Lutz & Trey
Families - Mem.
12:00 - Pauline Castagna - Mem.
1:15 - Thomas DeFrancesco - 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

December 3, 2017

\$13,295.47

December 4, 2016

\$14,798.70

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 17 - December 23, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Genevieve Monaco at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Calcagno.

The Oils & Candles for the week of December 17 - December 23, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Carol Slyman at the request of her daughter, Danielle & family.

The Flowers on the Main Altar for the week of December 17 - December 23, 2017 are in loving memory of Barbara Lukan at the request of Al Lukan.

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 23 / December 24 Mass Schedule

4:00 Msgr. Whalen

10:45 Fr. Marius

5:30 Msgr. Whalen

12:00 Fr. Jerome

8:15 Fr. Jerome

1:15 Fr. Stefan

9:30 Fr. Stefan

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

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

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



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 this weekend. Thank you for your support!

Women's Wednesday Worship

Our Women's Wednesday Worship will begin on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Our meetings consist of prayer, bible discussion, and personal faith sharing. Each month has a different topic. Our facilitator is Grace Daquila and new members are always welcome. Suggested donation \$10.00



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)



Stop N Shop A PLUS Rewards is once again giving money to schools when you scan your customer store card. If you registered last year, then you are automatically in it again. Sooooo we only need **new customers** to help us by giving their Bar Code number and first three (3) letters of their last name. You can email the information to us at secretary@stcharlessi.org or give it directly to Sr. Jeanine

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Many thanks for your cooperation

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Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)

3minuteretreat.com

dynamiccatholic.com

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 18, - December 24, 2017

Monday - December 18

Legion of Mary - 6:30 PM; rectory
Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

Tuesday - December 19

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

Wednesday - December 20

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Women's Workshop Prayer Group - 7:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - December 21

Caregivers - 9:30 AM; rectory
Cheerleading Practice - 5:30 PM; auditorium

Friday - December 22

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school
Marian Conference - 7:00 PM; rectory

Saturday - December 23

Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium

Sunday - December 24



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

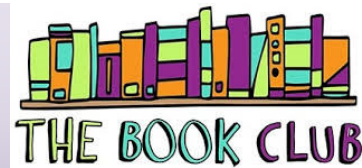
All parishes of the Archdiocese of New York will be hearing confessions from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 18. This is a great opportunity to prepare your heart for the peace of Christ during this Advent season.



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



There is no bingo on December 26. We will resume on January 2. Early bird is at 7:15 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM.



There will be no book club meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 18, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the rectory. The next book that will be discussed is *The Grunt Padre* by Fr. Daniel Mode. This is the story of Fr. Vincent Capodanno, native Staten Islander.



For your convenience in making your weekly contributions, an online service is available at www.churchgiving.com (formerly Parish Pay).



PLEASE
SILENCE YOUR
CELL
PHONE
DURING SERVICE!

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	John Kelley
Keith Alaimo	Amanda Lavoro
Paul Alaimo Sr	Elizabeth Linton
Emilia Bizzoco	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Joan Boragi	Diego Lopez
Madeline Buonpane	Helen Mahon
Mary Campitelli	Lauren Marie
Clara Carlino	Barbara Marino
Joseph Carrubba	Raymond Mignone
Marty Casey	Ann Murphy
Anthony Cassaro	Pamela Murphy
Irma Cassella	Gennaro Musto
Nick Castagna	Virginia Novaro
Grace Castelao	Erin O'Keefe
Antonio Colombo	Veronica Parascondola
William Connors	Mary Parnell
Ann Marie Coppola	Diane Petraglia (McKenna)
Teresa Deegan	Marie Petrocelli
Philip DeFonte	Pasquale Petrucci
Marianne DelPiano	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

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

Marie Popino

Michael Ognio

Adeline Orrico

Fred N. Marino

Anthony J. Contessa

Charles J. Rizzo



MARRIAGE BANNS

We Celebrate

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

Christy Lutz & Benjamin Lenning

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

4:00 PM - Auditorium

4:30 PM - Church

6:00 PM - Church

12:00 Midnight Mass

Preceded by carols with the choir at 11:30 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 12 Noon and
1:15 PM



FLOCKNOTE

Cardinal Dolan together with Fr. Jerome want to communicate more effectively with you through the technology of today. The Archdiocese has provided us with a tool called Flocknote so that we will be better equipped to keep our parishioners informed of parish events, Archdiocesan announcements, etc. There are two easy ways to connect.

1. Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/SCBstateniland and sign up.
2. Text stcharlesb to 84576 from your cell phone to subscribe to Flocknote.

This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged into things going on in our parish and to increase engagement here in our community.



St. Charles School application process for **NEW** students entering **PK-3** and grades **Kindergarten through 8th** for the **2018-2019 school year** is officially open.

Families can not begin applying to Saint Charles School by going to the school website at www.SaintCharlesSchoolSI.org

Once on the school website:

1. Click on the **“Apply Now for 2018-2019.”** You will then be asked to follow the simple three step process for submitting an application.
2. Please be sure to choose the **“Fall 2018-Spring 2019 School Year”** option
3. After choosing the school year, information regarding the application and financial assistance will appear. At the bottom of the page **“Click Here to Apply”** when ready to begin.
4. Families will be able to apply for **Financial Assistance** during this process.
5. You will be asked to create a TADS+ account.
6. After the process is completed, the school will call families to continue the application process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Browne in the main office at 718-987-0200.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



CONFESSING BY EMAIL?

Recently a priest I know was asked this question by a parishioner: "Father, can I confess my sins by E-mail?" No," the priest replied, "We don't allow that yet!" Well confessing "in person" is not easy but it is good for us and we need it!

This Monday, December 18th, has been designated by the Archdiocese of New York as "Reconciliation Monday." What is Reconciliation Monday? Well, it's really a great opportunity for us to get to confession if it's been some time since we've been away from that healing sacrament.

On this day, every parish will have four straight hours of confession. Here at Saint Charles, confessions will be heard from 4-8 PM in the church. I want to encourage as many as possible to come on that day. Now that we have had Black Friday and Cyber Monday, how about a day devoted to our spiritual condition? Why do we need to go to confession? Well, simply put, it's because we're sinners!

In line with this, I heard a moving story about the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Back in January of 1979, Bishop Sheen was invited by President Jimmy Carter to be the speaker at the national prayer breakfast. This was just a few short months before the Bishop's death and his doctor had advised against the trip. However, Sheen made it and delivered a stirring talk.

This was how he opened his remarks. Pointing to the President of the United States, he said, "Mister President, you are a sinner. "Well, there was a shocked silence in the room. Pointing to himself, Sheen continued, "I am a sinner... and we are all sinners in need of God's mercy!" Those words really sum up why we need the Sacrament of Penance! Unlike the Blessed Virgin Mary, none of us were immaculately conceived!

How can we make a good confession? Well, there are a few important steps. The first is to pray to God for the light to see our faults and missteps. When we look at a painting in a dimly lit room, we cannot discern any defects or imperfections. Only when light is applied do we see clearly the gaps. It is really the same with our souls.

Along with prayer, we need to examine our conscience. This simply means to look at ourselves to determine those areas where we might have "gone off the track" spiritually speaking. When we examine our conscience, it is good to use the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Church as our guide.

Next, after determining what sins we do have, we confess them- tell them to the priest. Recall from the Baltimore Catechism that there are two types of sins-Venial and Mortal. A Venial sin is not a serious offense against God but a lighter one; it does not destroy God's grace in our souls. However, a Mortal sin is a different story. That is a serious transgression against the Lord and His Church and completely eradicates His grace within us. Mortal sins should be confessed in name and number.

Once we have told our sins, the priest will assign us a "Penance." It is best to do this penance right after we leave the confessional. More often than not, we will receive some prayers to say. Finally, the Absolution. Christ, through the instrument of the priest forgives our sins. Father extends his right hand over us and prays, "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

What a relief to hear those words from the Lord's minister! It has been said that "Confession is good for the soul." In this sacrament, all of us sinners get a new chance to start over again. Let us not waste the opportunity. See you on Monday!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome