



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



DECEMBER 24, 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Louis R. Jerome

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Marius Fernando

Fr. Stefan Chanas

In Residence

Bishop John J. O'Hara

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Deacon Lawrence Droge

Pastoral Associate

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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 25

Christmas Day - see Christmas Mass schedule

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 26

8:30 - John C. & John K. Filipowicz - Mem.
11:30 - Angela Saverino - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 27

8:30 - Henry, Helen, & Elaine Sanjurjo - Mem.
11:30 - Thomas Delahanty - Ann.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 28

8:30 - Anthony Rocco DeCarlo - Mem.
11:30 - Domenica Cilento - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 29

8:30 - Anthony Labasin - Mem.
11:30 - Otto Stemwede - Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 30

8:30 - Thomas Dicks - Mem.
4:00 - Dolores Laieta & Frank & Catherine
Griesi - Mem.
5:30 - Stanley Ehresman - Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31

8:15 - Heinrich & Lilly Mary Lukan - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Grace & Angelo Novaro & family - Mem
12:00 - Kevin Walsh - 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 10, 2017

\$10,556.81

December 11, 2016

\$12,231.33

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 24 - December 30, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Edward & Louise Solan at the request of their daughter, Barbara.

The Oils & Candles for the week of December 24 - December 30, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Mathias & Mary Schmuck 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 30 / December 31 Mass Schedule

4:00 Fr. Stefan

10:45 Fr. Jerome

5:30 Fr. Jerome

12:00 Fr. Stefan

8:15 Fr. Marius

1:15 Fr. Marius

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



We Invite You to Become a Parishioner

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket next weekend. A census card will be mailed to you for your completion then return it to the rectory.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



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 22 12 38 89 34 48 7 (CON) for Conlon.
Many thanks for your cooperation

Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)

3minuteretreat.com

dynamiccatholic.com

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 25, - December 31, 2017

Monday - December 25
See Christmas Schedule

Tuesday - December 26
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory
There is no Bingo on December 26

Wednesday - December 27
Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Cheerleading Practice - 6:00 PM; auditorium

Thursday - December 28
Caregivers - 9:30 AM; rectory
Cheerleading Practice - 5:30 PM; auditorium

Friday - December 29
Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - December 30
Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium

Sunday - December 31
RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory

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. There is a great need for help with this and it is a great way to work on service hours. If you are interested, please call 718-966-6531.



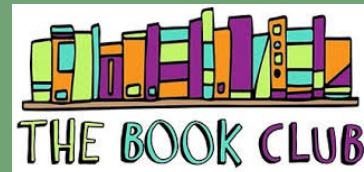
We're excited to launch our new website at www.stcharlessi.org. Please take a look! The old address, saintcharles.weebly.com is no longer in use.



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.



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



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.



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
Lois Galvin	Marie Starita
Aniel Garcia	Dolores Tombolini
Marie Grzeczka	Annette Toratore
Emily Harris	Ann Van Houten
Joseph Hosmer	Herb Van Houten
Cheryl Houss	Margaret Ward
Gianna Incandella	Ella Weaver
Helen Istico	Sara Weiss
Carmella Iucci	Norm Zuniga
Jeannette Castelao Keane	



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
John Riviuccio & Priscilla Paladino*

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

Arcadio Rosario

Clement J. Palumbo

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

To meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of *any* age have died by *any* cause - no matter how long ago- the Family Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique, faith-based program providing spiritual retreats *for* grieving parents offered *by* grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry provides a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope, at least for a time. The entire retreat focuses on the parents' personal spiritual journey, where you can engage as much or as little as you want. To register: www.emfgp.org/2018-archny or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

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

New Years Day Mass Schedule

8:30 AM, 11:30 AM 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



MAYBE CHRISTMAS MEANS A LITTLE MORE...

There is a story told about two little boys who were staying at their grandmother's house the week before Christmas. One boy was saying his night prayers and saying them rather loudly. "Dear God, he prayed, please send me an "Xbox", a Lego set, Nintendo and a new bicycle!" His brother looked over and said, "Why are you praying so loudly? God isn't deaf you know!" "Yeah, I know," said the brother, "But grandma almost is!"

Then I heard about a child who wrote in response to a letter from Santa Claus: "Dear Santa, sorry for what I did in the past and thank you for the Christmas letter-I love it! But what I really want for Christmas is 53 billion dollars." That kid knew the value of money!

Maybe it's appropriate to talk about children a bit as we celebrate Christmas tomorrow. After all, Christmas is about a child-the Christ Child who was born in Bethlehem. Jesus Christ assumed our humanity so that we could become sharers in his divinity. The Christmas story is one that is so familiar to us-the Baby in the Manger, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Three Kings. We have heard it before and yet maybe this year we should reflect upon it a little bit deeply.

At this time of the year we are accustomed to giving gifts to each other. We do this actually in reference to Jesus Christ who was the greatest gift given in to this world. Perhaps there are some gifts that the new born Christ Child could confer upon each of us during this most joyful season. What gifts?

How about the gift of peace? When Christ was born, the Angels sang out, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will." We all know that the modern world is very far from peace with all the terrorism, crime, sexual scandals and you name it. The result is so much anxiety. The new born Baby Jesus can bring us His peace if we allow Him to come into "the Inn" of our own hearts! He is just a prayer away!

Then the gift of joy. The Gospel tells us that when the Magi, the Three Kings saw the star of Bethlehem and the Christ Child, "they had great joy" maybe there is a lesson for all of us. If we follow the "star" that is Jesus Christ, He will lead us to true happiness in this life and everlasting joys in the world that is to come. Jesus teaches us that joy does not come from a bottle, from unlimited material things or sensual pleasures, but rather from doing His will and living a moral life.

Finally, the gift of prayer and adoration. Mary and Joseph adored the Baby Jesus and then they offered that gift to the shepherds and the Magi. This same special gift is offered to all of us Catholics in our churches. The Eucharist after all is the real presence of Jesus Christ. Every tabernacle could be considered something like the manger in Bethlehem where we can discover our Savior wrapped not in swaddling clothes but under the veil of the Blessed Sacrament. O Come let us Adore Him!

This Christmas can be a little different. Let's not be so stressed out but step back a little and reflect on "The Reason for the Season." As the Grinch who stole Christmas put it: "Maybe Christmas perhaps doesn't come from a store maybe Christmas means just a little bit more!" May the peace of the Christ Child be with you and your families on this special day.

Sincerely,
Father Jerome