



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



FEBRUARY 18, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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 - FEBRUARY 19

8:30 - Stephen Crea, Jr. - Mem.  
11:30 - Deceased Members of the Tutrone & Varacchi Families - Mem.

## TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 20

8:30 - Noelia Molinary - Mem.  
11:30 - Mario D'Amico - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 21

8:30 - Paul DeCesare - Mem.  
11:30 - Robert Gardner - Mem.

## THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 22

8:30 - Paul LaGrega - Mem.  
11:30 - Amendola & Esposito Families - Mem.

## FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 23

8:30 - Michelle Zarra - Mem.  
11:30 - Filomena Cassella - Mem.

## SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 24

8:30 - Rose Figliolo - Ann.  
4:00 - BiFulco Family & Mario & Antoinette Abbatiello - Mem.  
5:30 - Noberini Family - Mem.

## SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25

8:15 - Helen Rufolo - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Filomena DiRe - Mem.  
12:00 - Michael Riccio - Mem.  
1:15 - Frank Serpico - 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**

February 4, 2018

\$13,485.77

February 5, 2017

\$13,971.67

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

*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.*

### February 24 / February 25 Mass Schedule

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 4:00 Fr. Stefan   | 10:45 Fr. Jerome |
| 5:30 Fr. Jerome   | 12:00 Fr. Stefan |
| 8:15 Msgr. Whalen | 1:15 Fr. Jerome  |
| 9:30 Msgr. Whalen |                  |

# 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



## Women's Wednesday Worship

Our Women's Wednesday Worship will held on **Wednesday, February 21 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

## STATEN ISLAND YOUTH CELEBRATION

All 8th grade through 12th grade students are welcome to the 4th annual SI Catholic Youth Celebration which will be held at Moore Catholic High School (100 Merrill Avenue) on Sunday, March 11th from 12 noon to 5 PM. Our theme for the day is "You're Not alone." Join us for a chance to win up to \$500 in cash prizes! Food, fellowship and music will be provided as well as 4:00 PM Mass with Bishop O'Hara. All are welcome! #Staten\_Island\_CYO on Instagram and SI Catholic Youth Celebration event on Facebook. All must register at <https://oymny.org/sicyc> to attend. For any questions, please email [cyminsi@gmail.com](mailto:cyminsi@gmail.com)

## ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER 850 Hylan Boulevard

Eat, Pray, Play Father-Son Celebration to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and boys in grades K - 5th grade, join together to celebrate your special bond on Saturday, March 24th. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM followed by activities honoring your father-son relationship. The morning will conclude with 11:00 AM Mass. Please register by March 19th at [SJRetreatCenter.org](http://SJRetreatCenter.org) or call 718-720-1097.



# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 19, - February 25, 2018

### Monday - February 19

School Closed

CCD Closed

Legion of Mary - 6:30 PM; rectory

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Tuesday - February 20

School Closed

Youth Ministry Meeting - 7:30 PM; rectory

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

### Wednesday - February 21

School Closed

CCD Closed

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Cheerleading Practice - 6:00 PM; auditorium

Women's Workshop Prayer Group - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Thursday - February 22

Caregivers - 9:30 AM; rectory

Cheerleading Practice - 5:30 PM; auditorium

### Friday - February 23

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

### Saturday - February 24

Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium

### Sunday - February 25

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory

Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM; school

Teen Club - 7:00 PM; auditorium



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 begin applying to Saint Charles School by going to the school website at

**[www.SaintCharlesSchoolSI.org](http://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.

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

## THE GET WELL LIST

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Corrine Alaimo           | Diego Lopez               |
| Keith Alaimo             | Helen Mahon               |
| Paul Alaimo Sr           | Lauren Marie              |
| Joan Boragi              | Barbara Marino            |
| Christopher Buono        | Mary McKeever             |
| Madeline Buonpane        | Gennaro Musto             |
| Mary Campitelli          | Virginia Novaro           |
| Joseph Carrubba          | Helen O'Brien             |
| Marty Casey              | Maureen O'Brien           |
| Nick Castagna            | Erin O'Keefe              |
| Grace Castelao           | Eileen O'Neill            |
| Antonio Colombo          | Veronica Parascondola     |
| Ann Marie Coppola        | Mary Parnell              |
| Jeannie Corbo            | Kristina Patafio          |
| Glen Clausen             | Diane Petraglia (McKenna) |
| Teresa Deegan            | Marie Petrocelli          |
| Randi Dietrich           | Pasquale Petrucci         |
| Michael DiFalco          | Louis Principato          |
| Andrew DiPadova          | Eileen Raineri            |
| Mary Driscoll            | Ella Reilly               |
| Russell Dunn             | Lee Rhatigan              |
| Michael Durante          | Mary Ruggiero             |
| Fred Esposito            | Jeanine Russo             |
| Charles Faberzak         | Rose Russo                |
| Ken Faljean              | Vincent Russo             |
| Gloria Faraci            | Dorothy Sabatell          |
| Robert Faraci            | Vincent Santore           |
| Dorothy Fleming          | Dolores & Tony Sclafani   |
| Lois Galvin              | Anthony Scocco            |
| Aniel Garcia             | Jerry Scotti              |
| William Glick            | Millie Shea               |
| Marie Grzeczka           | Howard Shock              |
| Harry Guarneri           | Howard Shock, Jr.         |
| Josephine Guarneri       | Toni Smith                |
| Emily Harris             | Maryann Sparano           |
| Joseph Hosmer            | Marie Starita             |
| Cheryl Houss             | Barbara Swartz            |
| Sara Iosue               | Ann Van Houten            |
| Helen Istico             | Herb Van Houten           |
| Colleen Kaplan           | Theresa Verry             |
| Jeannette Castelao Keane | Margaret Ward             |
| Amanda Lavoro            | Sara Weiss                |
| Elizabeth Linton         | Norm Zuniga               |
| Anthony Locicero Jr.     |                           |



## MARRIAGE BANNS

### We Celebrate

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

## 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*

*James Molloy*

*Raffaella Cosentino*

*Carolyn Montaperto*

## 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.

## CLOVE LAKES HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Clove Lakes Health Care and Rehabilitation Center located at 25 Fanning Street is looking for volunteers to assist in the Coffee Shop. Hours and days of volunteering are flexible. To hear more about this and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Eileen Bardel, Volunteer Coordination at 718-289-7114.



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

# PARISH NEWS

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be conducted after the 11:30 AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. **The Teen Club will conduct Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23rd and Friday, March 30th at 8 PM in the Church.**

## ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday**, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

## FASTING

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted. There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause of excuse. A more serious excuse is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence. During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed time of fasting and generosity to local, national and worldwide programs of sharing.

## Lenten Prayer Tools

*FORMED.org* (parish code XQ43Q3)  
Lentreflections.com  
dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

## **10 Innovative Things to Consider Giving Up For Lent**

1. Vending machines of any kind: snacks, soda or even lottery tickets
2. Using the word "I": would certainly force you to say and think about things from a different perspective
3. Plastic bags: Take your own re-usable bags to the store with you
4. Offering constructive criticism: Only offer compliments
5. Throwing away plastic baggies: find at least one or two other uses after the initial use to make the product last longer.
6. Pie: Don't give up all sweets and set yourself up for failure; just pick one and stay true to your commitment.
7. Name calling: Stop being judgmental by calling others "lazy", "evil", "scary" or "weird".
8. Excess shopping: During Lent only buy items that are essentials to you and your household. Buy for "need", not "want".
9. Blame: During Lent you will not blame anything on anyone- take responsibility where needed and let the rest go.
10. Internet: Outside of work requirements and paying bills, unplug yourself from the information superhighway. Your emails, jokes, recipes and games will still be there in forty days.

So what will you give up for Lent? Will you pick something easy like not walking and chewing gum at the same time or something a bit deeper such as refraining from using profanity words? Whatever you choose, remember that Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for you; therefore make your sacrifice a noble one for Him.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## GOING FOR THE ETERNAL RING...

*There's a story told about a Catholic priest who was working in the inner city. One evening when he was on his way back home, a young thug came down an alley behind him and poked a knife against his back. The man said, "Give me your money!" So the priest opened his jacket and reached into an inner pocket to remove his wallet, thus exposing his clerical collar. "Oh, I am sorry Father," said the thief. "I didn't see your collar-I don't want your money."*

*Trembling from the scare, the priest removed a cigarette from his shirt pocket and offered it to the young man. "Here, he said, "Have a smoke on me." "No, I can't do that" the mugger replied, "You see, I gave them up for Lent." I guess you can tell that's an old story! Thieves these days probably don't think too much about Lent and if they do, they should give up stealing!*

*Well, we are now in the first week of Lent which is the Church's forty day season of preparation for Easter. We should have by this time, decided to do something for Lent-a form of penance. This penance could indeed involve "giving up something" like cigarettes, deserts, alcoholic drinks or candy.*

*But perhaps a Lenten penance could also mean "doing something" as well. That "doing something" could mean praying more each day, attending daily Mass or the stations of the cross. It could mean assisting our neighbor in some way or being a little more charitable to family members-perhaps visiting a sick relative or friend. It might involve helping out in a soup kitchen or helping out around the parish in some capacity. Whatever our penance is, it should be authentic and sincere.*

*What is the idea behind self-denial and penance? Is it because the Church is a real "kill joy" and wants none of us to be happy on this earth? Absolutely not! The Church wants us to do penance so that we can truly be happy. By getting "a hold on ourselves" and our selfish tendencies we can become much happier people. By saying "No" to the cocktail, the cookies or the ice cream sundae we are in reality strengthening our moral muscles which tend to get flabby.*

*Recently I read about Tom Brady, the quarterback for the New England Patriots. He is over forty years old but is in excellent physical shape thanks to a very healthy vegetarian diet and an intense exercise routine that he performs every single day. That kind of a regimen might not appeal to most of us, but for Brady and his team it does get results-five Superbowl wins and the ring-although not this year!*

*Our prize as Catholic Christians is not a Superbowl ring but a greater one-eternal life and happiness with Jesus Christ. Saint Paul tells us: "Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things; they do this to win a crown of leaves that wither-but we a crown that is imperishable."*

*We might consider Lent as our "spiritual spring training" as Christians. Oftentimes we can get out of shape physically as the years go by. But maybe the same thing could be said about our souls-maybe we're "out of shape" when it comes to our religion and the things of faith. This forty day Season of Lent is a time for us to get back in the game-to do better and to be better followers of Christ.*

*Let's make this Lent really count this year so that on Easter Sunday morning we can really celebrate the glorious and risen Lord!*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Jerome*