



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



John the Baptist said,

- ♦ Mark 1:8 "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

DECEMBER 10, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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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 11

8:30 - Carmela Nix - Mem.
11:30 - Carolyn Rendinaro - Mem.

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 12

8:30 - DeCarlo Family - Living & Deceased
11:30 - Deceased Members of the Diana Family
Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13

8:30 - Anthony Cassella - Mem.
11:30 - Rose LaBargo - Mem.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 14

8:30 - Audrey Murphy - Ann.
11:30 - Edna Carannante - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 15

8:30 - Charles Riordan, Sr. - Mem.
11:30 - Frank & Anna Lombardi - Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 16

8:30 - Grace Bonanno - Ann.
4:00 - Nina Savaglia & Family - Mem.
5:30 - James Ruland - Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

8:15 - Melissa Nelson & Catherine LiDonni -
Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Deceased Members of the Orrico &
Valerio Family - Mem.
12:00 - Lawrence Brady - Mem.
1:15 - Rose & Anthony Gimignani - 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 26, 2017

\$11,948.29

November 27, 2016

\$12,968.29

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 10 - December 16, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **The LaBargo Family at the request of Ascenzia Milazzo.***

*The Oils & Candles for the week of December 10 - December 16, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Suzanne Amendola at the request of Marlene Petrides.***

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 16 / December 17 Mass Schedule

4:00 Fr. Jerome

10:45 Fr. Stefan

5:30 Fr. Marius

12:00 Fr. Jerome

8:15 Msgr. Whalen

1:15 Fr. Marius

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



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.



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 11, - December 17, 2017

Monday - December 11

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

Tuesday - December 12

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - 11:30 AM -
1:30 PM; rectory
Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM; early
bird 7:15 PM

Wednesday - December 13

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - December 14

Caregivers - 9:30 AM; rectory

Friday - December 15

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - December 16

Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium
Christmas Tree Lighting; after the 5:30 PM
Mass; hot chocolate & cookies to follow

Sunday - December 17

RCIA - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon; rectory
Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM;
school
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, contem-
porary, gospel and traditional Christmas
music.

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



There will be no book club meeting in De-
cember. 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 Pa-
dre* by Fr. Daniel Mode. This is the story of
Fr. Vincent Capodanno, native Staten Is-
lander.



PLEASE
SILENCE YOUR
CELL
PHONE
DURING SERVICE!

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
Marianne DelPiano	Lee Rhatigan
Frances DeMarco	Stephen Ristano
Randi Dietrich	Joe Romano
Michael DiFalco	Mary Ruggiero
Andrew DiPadova	Rose Russo
Mary Driscoll	Vincent Russo
Russell Dunn	Dorothy Sabatell
Michael Durante	Vincent Santore
Pearl Dweck	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Joseph Elia	Anthony Scocco
Charles Faberzak	Jerry Scotti
Ken Faljean	Susan Sexton
Gloria Faraci	Howard Shock
Robert Faraci	Howard Shock, Jr.
Dorothy Fleming	Maryann Sparano
Gina Fogliani	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	
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*

*Paul DeCesare
 Linda Vaccaro*

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



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

This 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.

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 10th and 17th. Thank you for your support!



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.



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



CHURCH-NOT CHAT ROOM!

The story is told of six year old Angie and her four year old brother Joel. One Sunday morning, they were sitting together in the church before Mass. Well, Joel giggled, he sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. She said to him, "Joel, you're not supposed to talk out loud in Church!" "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the Church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're Hushers!" Perhaps some of us priests need some "Hushers" at Mass to keep the level of talking and noise down!

In many Catholic churches today, including here at Saint Charles, there is considerable talking at Mass which is not good. Recently, on November 15th at his Wednesday audience in the Vatican, Pope Francis addressed this issue of being more quiet in church. The Pope said, "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those in front of us." However, the Pope continued, "It is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. So silence is important."

I think that Pope Francis is right on with his analysis of the situation within the Church. We live in an age of noise and constant external stimulation. It is indeed hard for all of us to settle down and really focus on the important things that are happening at Sunday Mass. But we have to try.

A priest friend of mine recently told me how disconcerted he was when he came to conduct a baptism at a neighboring parish on Long Island. He said there was so much loud conversation when he entered the Church, he felt like he was at a bowling alley! Well, the Church is not a bowling alley, it is the house of God, and there are two important reasons why we should try to be quieter when we are in Church.

Number one, Jesus is there in the Tabernacle. We Catholics have in the Eucharist what is called the "Real Presence of Christ" in the Blessed Sacrament. The Lord is truly there-not just a symbol! So this calls for reverence, it calls for awe and respect. At Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, they have an adoration chapel. Above the door leading to the chapel there is a sign in Latin which reads: "Silentium!" "Silence." It is just good church manners and Jesus is our most important guest!

Secondly, a quiet church is much more conducive to prayer. Many people who come to Mass or make a visit to church have problems or troubles they are dealing with. They come to talk things over with God and not with us! It reminds me of the story of the little girl who was saying grace at a family Christmas dinner. She was saying it so quietly and someone complained: "We can't hear you!" She replied, "Well, I wasn't talking to you!" In church we should be primarily talking to the Lord and not those all around us.

Now all of us, (priests included) have offended by our "chit chat" in church. Perhaps we might think of the words of Saint Charles Borromeo, our parish patron in this regard. Saint Charles wrote: "Avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter." Something for us all to think about!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome*