



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



JANUARY 14, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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

#### Rectory

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#### Religious Education

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(718) 979-6800    stcharlesccd10306@gmail.com

### 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 - JANUARY 15

8:30 - Rosemarie Truscelli - Mem.  
11:30 - Catherine & Robert J. Kelly - Mem.

## TUESDAY - JANUARY 16

8:30 - Florence Somerville - Mem.  
11:30 - Alfonso & Serafina Campitelli - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 17

8:30 - Cynthia Diaz - Mem.  
11:30 - Anthony & Anna Cinco - Mem.

## THURSDAY - JANUARY 18

8:30 - Laura Klus - Mem.  
11:30 - Leonard Montalto - Mem.

## FRIDAY - JANUARY 19

8:30 - Marion Riordan - Mem.  
11:30 - Nancy D'Amico - Mem.

## SATURDAY - JANUARY 20

8:30 - Joseph Licata - Mem.  
4:00 - Marta Vouriotis - Mem.  
5:30 - Philip Borazzo - Mem.

## SUNDAY - JANUARY 21

8:15 - Edward Kepley, Sr. - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Bruno & Grace Stanger & Angus &  
Nancy Henderson - Mem.  
12:00 - Michael Felumero & Heather Newman -  
Mem.  
1:15 - Mary D'Onofrio - 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 31, 2017

\$12,007.36

December 31, 2016

\$12,249.21

January 1, 2018

\$3083.19

### Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of January 14, - January 20, 2018 are offered in loving memory of **Luigi Gassoso at the request of Attilio & Maria Capalbo & family.***

*The Flowers on the Main Altar for the week of January 14, - January 20, 2018 are in loving memory of **Luigi Gassoso at the request of Attilio & Maria Capalbo & family.***

### 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.*

### January 20 / January 21 Mass Schedule

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

# 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



## MARCH FOR LIFE

The Staten Island Right to Life Committee will once again organize a bus to the March for Life in Washington, D. C. on Friday, January 19. The bus will depart at 7:30 AM from our parking lot following a Mass at 6:45 AM. The bus will make rest stops for lunch and dinner and return between 9:30 - 10:30 PM to St. Charles parking lot. The cost is \$25.00 per person round trip. Additional money will be collected on the day of the trip (\$6.00 for the local train, tip money for the driver). For reservations text Elisa at 347-874-3346, call 718-815-4267 or email [brucebiggins@hotmail.com](mailto:brucebiggins@hotmail.com) and mark the email "March for Life." Donations and reservations can be mailed to Staten Island Right to Life Committee, 299 Davis Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310, Attention: Elisa DiSimone.

## SEAMLESS GARMENT - ANNUAL PRO-LIFE EVENT

This event will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at St. Clare's Church; 1:00 PM Mass in the church followed by a presentation in the school by the Sisters of Life. Come and hear Sr. Shirley Ann of the Sisters of Life speak on how to Advance a Culture of Life including an update on efforts to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 718-984-7873 ext. 1729 or email [csmith@stclaresi.com](mailto:csmith@stclaresi.com).

## Digital Prayer Tools

*FORMED.org* (parish code XQ43Q3)  
[3minuteretreat.com](http://3minuteretreat.com)  
[dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)

## WEEKLY COFFEE HOUR

Just a reminder that you are invited every week after the 9:30 Mass for coffee and donuts in the auditorium.

# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 15, - January 21, 2018

### Monday - January 15

CCD - Closed

Legion of Mary - 6:30 PM; rectory

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

### Tuesday - January 16

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

### Wednesday - January 17

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Cheerleading Practice - 6:00 PM; auditorium

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

Rectory (**changed to Wednesday, January 24**)

### Thursday - January 18

Caregivers - 9:30 AM; rectory

Book club - 4:00 PM; rectory

Cheerleading Practice - 5:30 PM; auditorium

### Friday - January 19

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

### Saturday - January 20

Cheerleading Practice - 10:00 AM; auditorium

### Sunday - January 21

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory

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

Teen Club - 7:00 PM; auditorium



The next book club 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.

## Women's Wednesday Worship

Our Women's Wednesday Worship will begin on **Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30 PM** in the rectory (**changed from January 17**). 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

## Where to Turn Snow Removal

They are looking for students who are willing to help with snow removal for seniors in our community. 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.

## RETROUVAILLE...A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend is February 9-11, 2018. For more information, please call 732-562-1900 Ext. 4573. To register call Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671

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

## THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Carmella Iucci
Keith Alaimo	Colleen Kaplan
Paul Alaimo Sr	Jeannette Castelao Keane
Emilia Bizzoco	Amanda Lavoro
Joan Boragi	Elizabeth Linton
Christopher Buono	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Madeline Buonpane	Diego Lopez
Mary Campitelli	Helen Mahon
Clara Carlino	Lauren Marie
Joseph Carrubba	Barbara Marino
Marty Casey	Raymond Mignone
Anthony Cassaro	Ann Murphy
Irma Cassella	Pamela Murphy
Nick Castagna	Gennaro Musto
Grace Castelao	Virginia Novaro
Antonio Colombo	Erin O'Keefe
William Connors	Veronica Parascondola
Ann Marie Coppola	Mary Parnell
Jeannie Corbo	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	Barbara Swartz
Marie Grzeczka	Dolores Tombolini
Emily Harris	Annette Toratore
Joseph Hosmer	Ann Van Houten
Cheryl Houss	Herb Van Houten
Gianna Incandella	Margaret Ward
Sara Iosue	Ella Weaver
Helen Istico	Sara Weiss
	Norm Zuniga



## 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*

*Dawn Marie Arroyo*

*Dominick Attarid*

*Antonino Borgia*

## PRE-CANA CLASS

Pre-Cana Class will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM in the **St. Patrick's School Building**. To register, please call St. Patrick's Parish Office at 718-979-4227.

## 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.



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



**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](mailto: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**



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)

## STATEN ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES 20TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Staten Island Council of Churches will host its annual service marking the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at Zion Lutheran Church, 505 Watchogue Road. The service will begin with songs at 7:00 PM. The preacher is Msgr. Richard Guastella. All are welcome to attend.



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.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## SMARTPHONE - A BLESSING?

Recently, I heard about a priest by the name of Fr. Alessandro Palermo who is assigned to the Church of St. Matthew in Marsala, Sicily. Fr. Palermo who is a young priest, only 30 years old, asked his parishioners to bring their smartphones and tablets to the church for a special blessing just before Christmas. In his blessing, the priest said this: "With the advent of the internet, our smartphones have become very important; we keep them always with us."

Through the years, I have been asked by people to bless many things - motorcycles, lotto tickets and even once a cat that was dead for three days (no kidding!). However, I have never been asked to bless a phone! There is no ritual blessing for a cell phone or an iPad as far as I know, so Fr. Palermo must have made one up. It was the priest's intention when blessing the smartphones and tablets that those who use them would employ them in a good way and not for immoral purposes.

With all the social media and technology prevalent in our day, we might wonder from time to time if it has become a blessing or a curse. On a journey to midtown Manhattan recently, I was noticing just how many people walk down the streets not looking up but gazing at their phones. That could be hazardous to your life! According to one study, American adults eat, sleep and breathe media - consuming an average of 12 hours a day.

One critic has stated that there is an addiction problem for some people when it comes to smartphones. They cannot put them down or part with them - this is especially true of our young people. At family parties at times instead of conversing, my nieces and nephews are texting. Maybe you have noticed that in your own families. Some studies have linked the increased use of technology with decreased concentration, lower problem solving skills - "brain drain" and even depression. Perhaps for Lent some of us should give up the internet instead of cookies or candy - it would be more of a sacrifice.

Certainly, social media can be a good thing. For instance, through Facebook, I have been able to keep in touch with old parishioners who I hadn't heard from in years. Like anything else, however, technology can be misused and abused. Social media is addictive and a lot of us waste hours on it - time which would be employed in much more productive ways.

It seems too in our American society that we never get away from noise - too much media - we're saturated. One African cardinal by the name of Robert Sarah has written an interesting book with this title: The Power of Silence. In his book, Cardinal Sarah writes, "Our world no longer hears God because it is constantly speaking, at a devastating speed and volume, in order to say nothing. Modern civilization does not know how to be quiet. It holds forth in an unending monologue." The Cardinal's words are something for us all to think about.

A good practice for our spiritual and religious lives is to take some time out each day and silently reflect upon a passage from the Bible. In order to concentrate and to pray, however, we need to turn the media and the cellphones off so as to really hear what the Lord is saying to us in His revealed word.

All of us can live without a smartphone but in the long run, we cannot live without God. Let us be smarter in our use of technology. May it truly be a blessing and not a problem!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Jerome