CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES

644 Clawson Street, Oakwood Heights, Staten Island, NY 10306

JULY 5, 2020 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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 & 12 Noon
Saturday         8:30 AM

Holy Days Masses
Eve of the Holy Day  7:30 PM
8:30, 12:00 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 – July 6
- 8:30 - Vincent Martire - Mem.
- 12:00 - Mary Ellen Flynn - Mem.

### Tuesday – July 7
- 8:30 - Elizabeth Clinton - Ann.
- 12:00 - Jenny & Sebastino Caruso - Mem.

### Wednesday – July 8
- 8:30 - Paul Belford - Mem.
- 12:00 - Mario, Oronzo, & Rosanna Rotondo Mem.

### Thursday – July 9
- 8:30 - MaryAnn Tobon - Mem.
- 12:00 - Victim-Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday – July 10
- 8:30 - Francis Olive, Jr. - Mem.
- 12:00 - Kevin McGloin - Ann.

### Saturday – July 11
- 8:30 - Giuseppe Croce - Mem.
- 4:00 - Robert Karbowski - Mem.
- 5:30 - Jennie Scibelli & Deceased Family Members - Mem.

### Sunday – July 12
- 8:15 - Stella & Frank Damiano - Mem.
- 9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
- 10:45 - Giovanni & Liberata Gorga - Mem.
- 12:00 - Dennis J. Heedles - Mem.
- 1:15 - Thomas DeFrancesco - Mem.

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### Weekly Offerings

So many of you have signed up for online giving through Weshare or have mailed your church envelopes to the rectory. Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Charles Church. You have always been so committed to St. Charles parish and continue to do so during this difficult time and we thank you. The link to Weshare is on our website (www.stcharlessi.org).

### 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 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 7:00 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 11:30 AM and on Saturday at 8:10 AM. The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after the 8:30 & 12:00 PM Masses on Mondays.

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**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.
**Parish Ministries**

**Adult Faith Formation**
Wednesday - 1:30; 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 7:00 PM; church

**Legion of Mary**
Wednesday at 4:00 PM; rectory chapel

**Prayer Group & Holy Hour**
First Monday of the month at 7:30 PM; church

**Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry**
Last Friday of the month at 10:00 AM; rectory

**Religious Education Classes**
Monday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 6 & 7
Wednesday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 1-5

**Special Needs:** Monday 5:30 - 6:00 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

**Women’s Wednesday Worship -** Tuesdays at 7:30 PM; via Zoom

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**WEEKLY COFFEE HOUR**
Cancelled until further notice

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**St. Charles School 2020-2021**

**Application and Registration Process for NEW students is NOW OPEN!**

Application and Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open for families interested in Pre-Kindergarten (3 year olds) and grades Kindergarten through 8th.

Families can now begin applying to St. Charles School by accessing the school website at [www.SaintCharlesSchool SI.org](http://www.SaintCharlesSchool SI.org)

**Financial Assistance is available**

After completing the application, the school will contact the applicant and discuss the next steps. Upon registration, all students will require birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable), immunization and physical documentation, and past year report cards and NYS standardized test results (if applicable).

The FREE Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) registration process for children born in the year 2016 will not begin until February 2020. You can stay up to date on the UPK registration process by going to [www.nyc.gov/prek](http://www.nyc.gov/prek).

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a school tour with our principal, Mr. Kiernan, please contact Mrs. Browne in the main office at 718-987-0200 or 718-987-5780.

We hope to welcome you to the St. Charles School family real soon!
WELCOME BACK

We are so excited to be back in our church to celebrate Mass together as a parish family. Although we were able to be together virtually with daily and weekly Masses on Facebook, nothing compares to praying together as a parish family and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Please be mindful of the following changes in our church which have been put in place at the direction of the New York Archdiocese for the safety of all of us:

- Masks must be worn upon entering the church
- Pews are labeled for families, couples and singles with a six foot separation for social distancing
- Ushers will escort you to the pews upon entering the church and will direct you at the end of Mass to exit via the side doors only. We will enter through the front door and exit through the side doors to avoid crossing each other’s paths.
- You will notice hand sanitizer dispensers at the doors of the church for your use.
- All missalettes have been removed to avoid contact spreading of germs. We have provided sheets of paper with Mass responses and ask that you take them home with you for disposal.
- Please maintain six feet from the person in front of you while on the Communion line. The floors are marked for your convenience.
- Overflow for all Masses will be seated in the auditorium where we will have a livestream of the Mass. Priests will distribute Communion there.

PLEASE UTILIZE FLOCKNOTES TO STAY INFORMED OF PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Below are the instructions to sign up if you haven’t already done so!

There are two easy ways to connect.
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.

PLEASE CONSIDER USING OUR ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ST. CHARLES CHURCH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

WESHARE

For your convenience, we offer the opportunity to make your envelope payments electronically through WeShare. For more information, go to www.churchgiving.com or a direct link on our website (www.stcharlessi.org).

In considering whether or not to attend Mass at Church, please keep in mind that those of us who are “advanced” in age and/or have underlying health conditions should be more cautious than others. Dispensation is still in effect if you do not feel comfortable attending at this time.
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St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of police officers and military personnel. In Catholics writings and traditions, he acts as the defender of the Church and chief opponent of Satan and assists persons at the hour of death. The world can use prayers against the wickedness of Satan. Below is the Prayer to St. Michael.

**Today’s Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.

26 Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

28 “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Fr. Jerome will continue to do a live stream daily and Sunday Masses (schedule to follow) on Facebook—St. Charles Staten Island page. You can also get to it by going to our website at www.stcharlessi.org.

In addition, below are various websites and TV channels that offer live streams of Masses as well as links to assist you in your prayer life during this difficult time. We hope that this will help to give you peace.
Mass will be celebrated on Catholic Faith Network—Channel 296 Fios and Channel 162/471 Spectrum—at 12 Noon from St. Agnes Cathedral and 6:30 PM from St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Mass is also celebrated on EWTN—Channel 285 Fios and Channel 460 Spectrum at 12 noon daily.

MISSION APPEAL

Every year we conduct a Mission Appeal to support Catholic mission work throughout the world. This year because of the pandemic the church collection has been canceled. Of course, your support is very much needed despite the fact that we are not having an “in church collection”. Therefore, if you would still like to support this worthy cause, you can do so by going directly to the following website which is the link to the St. Charles Church Mission collection: https://www.missio.org/fundraisermcpprofile.aspx?fundraiser_id=505099&localization=EN.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry will begin servicing our community again in July on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 11–1 (July 14th and 28th). We are in the process of restocking our shelves and are in need of non-perishable food items. Donations can be left in the vestibule of the church or brought to the rectory. Suggested items are: pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, pasta and jar sauce, tuna fish, coffee, juice, condiments. This pantry services those in need in our parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated. If you or someone you know is in need of food before July, there are emergency bags available. Please call the rectory to arrange for pickup.
CATHOLIC MARRIAGE IS DIFFERENT...

Just recently, I received a call from a young man who used to be an old parishioner of mine up in Westchester. Tom told me that he was planning on getting married this year and that he needed to know what to do. So I met with Tom and his fiancé, a very pretty girl by the name of Kathy.

During the interview, I discovered first of all that this couple planning to be married, sacramentally, had no real parish church and that they were living together (not uncommon these days for engaged couples sadly). Tom and Kathy are both professionals in the financial field and are doing very well.

Tom said, “Father we would like to take you out for dinner,” so we drove over to a local restaurant in his new Lexus. On the way there, I said that after the marriage, both he and Kathy should raise a family. He said, “Oh Father, that’s not for me. I would just like to have one child!” Even his fiancé disagreed with that. When I questioned him about why he just wanted one child, Tom Explained that his finances really would not allow more than one! It seemed like the Lexus and his fancy clothes belied that assessment.

Frankly, I told Tom that his priorities were mixed up. I tried to explain to this personable and handsome young man that Catholic marriage is different. Today, many of our young people are steeped in the materialism of our society. The spiritual/sacramental aspects of marriage may be lost on a couple who come to the Church often seeking “The Bella Figura” (The Big Show), as one old pastor of mine would put it.

In the short time that priests spend with engaged couples and in “Pre-Cana” classes, prospective brides and grooms are educated about the Church’s teaching on marriage. What does the Church teach about marriage? We speak about three “goods of marriage.”

The first is the good of children. One of the questions that the bride and groom are asked before marriage is, “Do you understand that one of the main purposes of marriage is to have children and to raise a family?” Of course, they always say, “Yes, Father” to that question. But in reality, like Tom and Kathy, they might put financial considerations higher than the most important duty of bringing new life into the world.

The Church tells us that married couples must be open to children. Every sexual act should be open to the transmission of new life as that is what God intended. That being said, Catholic couples should space children in a responsible way and for selfish reasons such as wanting more income or elaborate vacations. Natural family planning is endorsed by the Church and is recommended to engaged couples when they come to the rectory to speak to a priest.

The second good of marriage is faithfulness. Married couples, as we all know, take vows. A vow is a solemn pledge made before God. In the marriage vows both husband and wife pledge to be faithful to each other in “good times and in bad, in sickness and in health until death.” Quite an awesome thing! While faithfulness is difficult in today’s world where there is so much infidelity, the Church holds up this standard of loyalty and adherence to one another in all the trials and stresses of life.

Finally the good of marriage is what we call the “Good of the sacrament.” Christ elevated matrimony to the status of a sacrament. The sacramental bond of marriage, once entered into, means that this bond couldn’t be dissolved by any human power. Since marriage is a sacrament too, Christ confers upon both partners special graces to help in living out their commitment. Many times, young people are not aware of the graces, the divine help that is there for them through the sacrament they have received.

Yes, Catholic marriage is different. It is special and truly a vocation that should be lived out in holiness and fidelity!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome