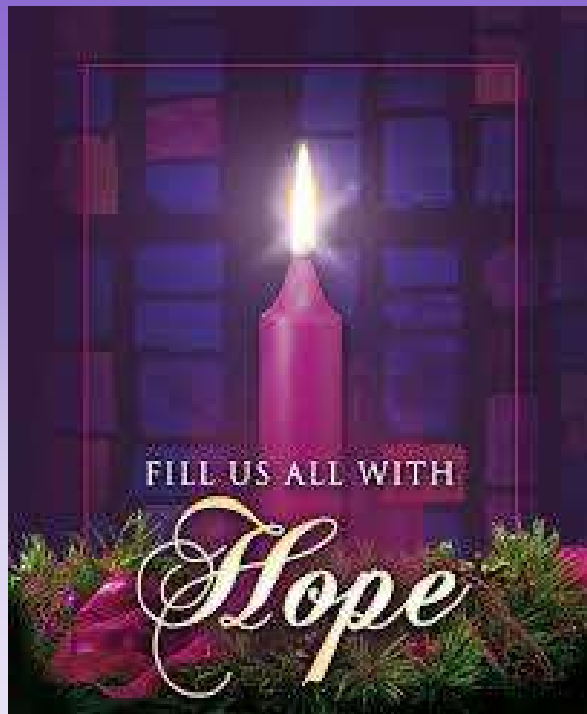




# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



NOVEMBER 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Rev. Louis R. Jerome

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### Tuition Office

(718) 987-5780

## 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 - NOVEMBER 30

8:30 - Joseph Calvo - Mem.  
12:00 - Elizabeth & Joseph O'Toole - Mem.

## TUESDAY - DECEMBER 1

8:30 - Elizabeth Carullo - Mem.  
12:00 - Mario Rotondo, Christopher &  
Sr. Flavia Marzella - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 2

8:30 - Joseph Sala - Mem.  
12:00 - Patricia Ruggiero - Mem.

## THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3

8:30 - Louis Jerome, Sr. - Mem.  
12:00 - James Pearsall & Msgr. Guastella - Mem.

## FRIDAY - DECEMBER 4

8:30 - Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence McMahon - Mem.  
12:00 - Ann & Beatrice Kancelaric - Ann.

## SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5

8:30 - Anthony, Mary, & Annette Battista -  
Mem.  
4:00 - James Kelly - Mem.  
5:30 - Maureen McElhearn - Mem.

## SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6

8:15 - Francis Olive - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Rose Carollo - Ann.  
12:00 - Anthony Contessa - Ann.  
1:15 - Rose & Anthony Corrier- Mem.

## December 5 / December 6 Mass Schedule

4:00 PM -                    10:45 AM -  
5:30 PM -                    12:00 PM -  
8:15 AM -                    1:15 PM -  
9:30 AM -

## Weekly Offerings

November 15, 2020

\$5,868.16

November 17, 2019

\$10,343.21

## Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oil

*The Flowers on the Main Altar for the week of November 29, - December 5, 2020 are offered in celebration of the marriage of Jodie Murphy and Phil Larstanna at the request of her parents, Janice and Joe Murphy.*

## 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.*

**Live stream Mass on Sundays at 12 Noon on Facebook - St. Charles Staten Island page. Catholic Faith Network - Channel 296 on Fios and Channel on 162/471 on Spectrum 12 Noon from St. Agnes and 6:30 PM from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mass is also celebrated on EWTN - Channel 285 on Fios and Channel 460 on Spectrum at 12 noon daily.**

# PARISH MINISTRIES



## 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 for J. C. Penney, Target, Stop N shop, Shop Rite, Kohls, Macy's or Visa Cards would be greatly appreciated. Please return the cards by **December 7th**. May God bless you for your kindness to others during the Christmas Season.



## 6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH DRIVE

The St. Charles cheerleaders will once again be selling wreaths **presale only**. This year **ALL PROCEEDS** will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry at St. Charles Church. The St. Charles Parish Food Pantry services those in need in our parish. The pre-order deadline is **November 30th** and pickup date is **December 6th** from **noon to 4:00** in the schoolyard. Order forms can be dropped off at the rectory (blank forms are in the rectory). If you have any questions, please call Linda Cerenzio at 718-644-5805.

## DIGITAL PRAYER TOOLS

*FORMED.org* (parish code XQ43Q3)

*3minuteretreat.com*

*Dynamiccatholic.com* offers a free Advent series with daily Advent Gospel reflections

## ADVENT WAITING: CANDLE-LIGHTS IN UNCERTAINTY

Join us for a Womens' Evening of Reflection on December 9th from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM virtual event through Zoom. The evening will bring together Catholic Spirituality and psychological tools for dealing with uncertain times. There will be a prayer service, presentations, discussions and fellowship. The evening is presented by Catholic Mental Health Professions. The event is free but space is limited. RSVP by December 6th to Laura Bonamo 347-273-1290 or email [cognitivetherapyofsi@gmail.com](mailto:cognitivetherapyofsi@gmail.com)



## RETIRED FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The weekend of December 13th, the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have served our Church and world. Yet hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous. Envelopes can be found in the vestibule of the church and in your weekly envelope packet.

## SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING

Due to the pandemic, members of the Seton Foundation for Learning will have to change the way they conduct "Seton Sunday." Instead of visiting the parishes, they ask that if you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact them at 718-982-5084 or you can email [stephanie67662@aol.com](mailto:stephanie67662@aol.com). Your generosity is so very much appreciated.

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

## THE GET WELL LIST

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Jodi Butt	Desiree Matos
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Savannah Huffman	Allie Vastano

## STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are excited to announce a new Catholic women's ministry on Staten Island. All women are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart Parish (981 Castleton Avenue). Please email [SICatholicWomenMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SICatholicWomenMinistry@gmail.com) for more information. SICWM seeks to serve the needs of Catholic women of all ages and young families.



### 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*

*Christopher Woods  
William Dooley  
Vincent Tumminello  
Veronica Parascondola*

### MARRIAGE BANNS

#### We Celebrate

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



*Nicole Carrozza & Daniel Magenta  
Joseph Assante & Tanzina Islam*

**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.

1. Visit our parish at: [www.flocknote.com/SCBstatenisland](http://www.flocknote.com/SCBstatenisland) and sign up.
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This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged into things going on in our parish.

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THE ADVENT ANTIDOTE...

*As I write these words it is the week before Thanksgiving. Of course, this year a good number of people don't know what the holidays are going to look like. Social gatherings such as big family dinners are being discouraged due to Corona Virus. I heard that in one state, singing at parties will not be allowed because it could spread the virus! Looks like Corona Virus might be the "Grinch" that stole Christmas. Of course, it doesn't have to! With all reasonable and sensible precautions, family gatherings should continue and there can be happy times!*

*This Sunday we celebrate a new beginning with the Season of Advent. Advent is a season that is all about hope. If there is anything that most of us need at this time it is an infusion of hope! Unfortunately some mental health experts are telling us that the Covid crisis is exacting a very heavy toll emotionally on many people. Social isolation, loneliness, depression and fear are on the upswing right now. Perhaps the "cures" that are being implemented in society now are worse than the disease itself!*

*Of course, everyone is praying that an antidote, a vaccine will soon be ready. At least two companies are hopeful on that score. But I wonder if there is an "antidote" to the mental stress that we have all faced since March? Perhaps as Catholics we need a different type of vaccination—a "vaccination" that we call grace. It's free you know and there are no after effects!*

*How do we get vaccinated with God's grace? It's very simple, just come to the Lord in prayer every day. Advent is a perfect time to give some more time to the Lord in prayer. Of course, we can pray anywhere, but the best place to pray is in the Church before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We Catholics are blessed to have the real presence in our Churches—it is not "virtual" Jesus, but really "in person" Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity.*

*During the Season of Advent, we usually put up our Christmas decorations and the tree. Now this was a day in my family that we all looked forward to each year. At the base of the tree there was always a manger scene. The manger remind us of the real meaning of this season which is the Coming of Christ. I think that this year when we're anxious about our lives and health, we might think a little bit about the manger scene and those humble shepherds who came to see the infant savior.*

*When the angels brought the shepherds that amazing news of the birth of the Christ Child, the gospel tells us that they were "terrified." The angels responded, "Do not be afraid." The good news conveyed was that Christ the Savior was born that very night. The shepherds we are told "went in haste" to Bethlehem where they found the child Jesus with Mary and Saint Joseph. When they came to Christ, their fears were relieved.*

*Perhaps there is a lesson here for all of us as well as we begin the Advent season. Instead of focusing on the material preparations for Christmas, let's do more spiritual preparation. This Sunday as we light the Advent wreath, remember that the green on that wreath represents hope, the candles—the Light of Christ.*

*Let's bring our fears and darkness to the Lord and put our trust in Him. Saint Peter tells us in his epistle, "Cast your care upon the Lord, for he does indeed care for you!" A very good thought to begin the Advent season. Come Lord Jesus, Come!*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Jerome*