



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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APRIL 11, 2021 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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 - APRIL 12

8:30 - Angel Rodriguez - Mem.
12:00 - Mario Rotondo & Angelo & Colomba
Marzella - Mem.

TUESDAY - APRIL 13

8:30 - Carol Ann Sutton - Mem.
12:00 - Lorraine Lamano - Ann.

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 14

8:30 - Joseph Calvo - Mem.
12:00 - Richie Cross - Ann.

THURSDAY - APRIL 15

8:30 - Abie Cruz - Mem.
12:00 - Deceased Members of Joseph Fiore
Family - Mem.

FRIDAY - APRIL 16

8:30 - Susan Miglionico & Joseph Miglionico
Mem.
12:00 - Martin DeMonte & Abie Cruz - Ann.

SATURDAY - APRIL 17

8:30 - Elizabeth B. Linton - Mem.
4:00 - Stella Baldofsky - Mem.
5:30 - John J. Carney - Ann.

SUNDAY - APRIL 18

8:15 - Catherine LiDonni - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Doris Gillis - Mem.
12:00 - Joseph Kennington - Ann.
1:15 - Susan & Anthony Guida & Guida
Family - Mem.

April 17 / April 18 Mass Schedule

4:00 PM-Fr. Mendis 10:45 AM-Fr. Jerome
5:30 PM-Fr. Jerome 12:00 PM-Fr. Stefan
8:15 AM-Fr. Stefan 1:15 PM-Fr. Mendis
9:30 AM-Fr. Mendis

Weekly Offerings

March 28, 2021

\$10,333.04

March 29, 2020

\$3,010.00

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oil

The Wine & Hosts for the week of April 11, - April 17, 2021 are offered in loving memory of Marie & Robert Conio at the request of Jean Richards.

The Oils & Candles for the week of April 11,- April 17, 2021 are offered in loving memory of The Palmeri & Sarullo Families at the request of Eleanor Palmeri.

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

Fr. Jerome will be completing a six-year term as pastor of St. Charles Church on July 1st. The Archdiocese conducts an evaluation of pastors at the end of such term. If you would like to send a letter to the Office of Priest Personnel, please do so by addressing the letter to Most Reverend Edmund J. Whalen, Priest Personnel Office, Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022.



If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to the 2021 Cardinal's Appeal. Thus far, we have reached 50% of our goal. For your convenience, there is a link on our website to make your donation.

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 and sign up.
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.

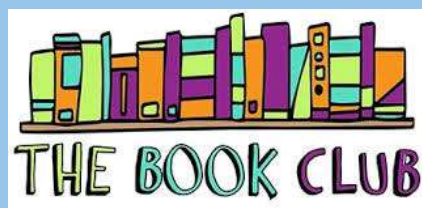


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Thank
You

Thank you to all those who helped to make Holy Week and Easter so very special. Particular thanks to Paul Light and the choir members, ushers, Deacon Steve, Frank Castelao, Carlos Anes, Jill Lynn and Lucio Rodriguez. The priests wish to thank our parishioners for all the food and the desserts sent to the rectory. It is very much appreciated. God bless you and your families for your thoughtfulness and service to the parish.

Fr. Jerome



Our next book club will meet via conference call on Thursday, April 15th at 4:00 PM. This month's read is *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamioe. It is a fascinating story about Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph -- a woman who kept the secrets of our enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy. After Jefferson's wife dies, she becomes his helpmate, companion and protector. This is a richly documented novel. You can join the meeting by dialing 978-990-5220 access code 8303220#



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

THE GET WELL LIST

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| | Vincent Truscelli |



Please continue to wear masks when entering the church and maintaining six feet social distance. Masks should be worn throughout the Mass covering your nose and mouth. We want to be sure all of our parishioners are safe while attending Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.



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*
Richard L. Trivelli
Joan Relay
Salvatore Nocerino

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.

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.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

MERCY, MERCY, MERCY!

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once told a story of a visit he made to a maximum security prison our in California. The bishop, who was a talented speaker, was really at a loss to say to all these men who thought that he was the "good guy" and that they were all the "bad guys." So he began his remarks to the inmates this way: "There is just one difference between you and me...you got caught-I didn't!"

I suppose that when we think about it, all of us have done things in our lives that we were not very proud of. Take for example our gospel for this Sunday as a case in point. This second Sunday after Easter, we listen to the story of Saint Thomas. He has come down to us throughout history with a nickname: "Doubting Thomas."

Thomas didn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He didn't trust the witness of his own fellow disciples who had seen Christ. For hard headed Thomas needed proof that Jesus had risen so much had the scandal of the cross and Good Friday eroded his faith. And Jesus gave him that proof. He allowed Thomas to touch his hands and side to view those scars which were really the "trophies" of his victory over sin and death.

Thomas, the last apostle to believe in the resurrection was the first to profess his belief in the Divinity of Jesus Christ for he cried out: "My Lord and my God!" What a wonderful testimony to the power of grace.

We might reflect a little on the wound in Christ's side today. How was that wound created? Well, we read about it in the gospel of Saint John. One of the soldiers who kept watch on Calvary pierced the side of Our Lord with a spear to make sure that he was dead. There came forth from the side of Jesus blood and water. There was truly no more left for the Lord to give. That wound in his side has come to symbolize the great love and mercy of God.

This Sunday is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Maybe some of you have heard or read about Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). Sister Faustina was a Polish nun who received visitations and visions of Jesus who specifically asked that a Feast of Divine Mercy be celebrated the Sunday after Easter.

In her diary, Sister Faustina described Jesus pointing to his breast from which there came forth two large rays-one red and the other white. The Lord asked that an image be painted of what she had seen with an inscription: "Jesus, I trust in you." We have a beautiful painting of the Divine Mercy which hangs here in our church.

Sister Faustina was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II on April 30, 2000. In his homily on that day, Pope John Paul said this about the message of Divine Mercy: "This consoling message is addressed above all to those who are afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they have committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope..."

I think the Pope's words can describe all of us at times. We're not as good as we should be, in fact we are all poor sinners-the "bad guys" at times-imprisoned in our own sin and selfishness. We need the mercy of God. Today, on this special Sunday, let us make this prayer our own, "O blood and water which came forth from the heart of Christ, have mercy on us and on the whole world!"

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome