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MARCH 27, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening-4:00 PM and 5:30 PM

Sunday-8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM,  
12 Noon and 1:15 PM

Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM and  
12 Noon

Saturday at 8:30 AM

## Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass - 7:30 PM

8:30 AM, 12 Noon and 6:00 PM

## Confessions

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, 5:00 - 5:30 PM,  
and after Mass on the Eve of a Holy Day.

## Adoration

Monday - Friday Following the 12 Noon - 5:00 PM

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 AM  
and 11:30 AM.

The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after  
the 8:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses on Mondays.

## Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM. Parents  
should call the rectory to register for a baptism class.  
SPONSOR CERTIFICATES REQUIRED for God-  
parents 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.



## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Patrick F. Buckley, *Pastor*

Rev. Jeffrey Pomeisl, *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Ruwandana Mendis, *Parochial Vicar*

Most Reverend John J. O'Hara, *In Residence*

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Sr. Jeanine Conlon, O. P., *Pastoral Associate*

Mr. Paul Light, *Director of Music*

Mr. Frank Castelao, *Sacristan*

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Joe and Louise Kroczyński, *FIYA Teen Club*

## Rectory Office

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Monday - Friday)

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM (Saturday)

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Sunday)

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## Religious Education Office

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## TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are “Do by self!” It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn’t the rebel child leaving the home.

What we don’t often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we’ve made, or how many times we have made them.

Today’s Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10–12, Ps 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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### LENTEN RECIPES - Make Pretzels

You may not be aware that the pretzel is a Lenten food. Early Christians would pray by crossing their arms over their chest with their hands to their shoulders. As part of their fasting, they made bread with only flour, salt, and water. In the 600s AD, a monk decided to make the bread fun for the local children he taught as a reward and created the pretzel in the shape of folded arms across the chest.

### LENTEN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. *Read the scripture about when Jesus goes into the desert. Motivate your children to do good deeds and make sacrifices.*
2. *Give something up for Lent as a family, even if your kids are young enough that you don’t “have” to. Some ideas are giving up candy, no music in the car, no eating out, silent “monastery” lunches, or drinking only water during Lent.*
3. *Set up an almsgiving box– you simply set out a box, and take 1 thing from your own pantry every day of Lent. At the end of Lent, take the box to a food pantry.*
4. *Set up an offering jar– all you need is a jar or piggy bank of some kind. Spare change goes into the jar for the length of Lent, and then is donated.*

# LITURGY CORNER

## Mass Intentions



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### MONDAY - MARCH 28

8:30 - Pamela Gounardes - Mem.  
12:00 - Jim & Liz Hanley - Mem.

### TUESDAY - MARCH 29

8:30 - Deacon Vincent Brigande - Ann.  
12:00 - Alfred Miller, Sr. - Ann.

### WEDNESDAY - MARCH 30

8:30 - Anne Morana - Ann.  
12:00 - Carmen Sheridan - Mem.

### THURSDAY - MARCH 31

8:30 - Joseph Pasquariello - Ann.  
12:00 - Luigi DiRe - Mem.

### FRIDAY - APRIL 1

8:30 - Herb Van Houten - Ann.  
12:00 - Eileen Arnone - Mem.

### SATURDAY - APRIL 2

8:30 - Margaret & Morton Thompson - Mem.  
4:00 - Elizabeth B. Linton - Ann.  
5:30 - Anthony & John Browne - Mem.

### SUNDAY - APRIL 3

8:15 - Anna Scarmadella - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - Maria D'Amato - Mem.  
12:00 - Susan & Anthony Guida & Family  
1:15 - Matthew W. Daly - Ann.

### BRINGING GIFTS UP AT MASS

*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

### Last Weekend

\$9,132.00

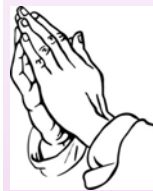
### Last Year (2021)

\$8,975.00



### Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Altar Candles

*If you would like to make arrangements to dedicate flowers for the altar, the wine & hosts for the offertory, or candles for the Mass in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, please, call the rectory.*



*Father, please have mercy on Ukraine. Touch the hearts of their citizens, the people of Russia and other nations to call upon Your Name and be saved. Give them one heart and put a new spirit within them. Holy Spirit, fill them and remove the stony hearts of citizens and government officials, and give them hearts of flesh. Remove the scales from their eyes and lead them into all truth. Lord, intervene within this war so that the conflict will be short-lived, casualties will be few, and justice would prevail. Father, please give the world governmental leadership, wisdom and guidance, as they manage the affairs in their countries. Help us to continue praying for the families whose loved ones are serving in these areas. Amen.*

### LENTEN DAILY PRAYER

*"God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace.*

*May my sacrifice of today (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.*



# PARISH HAPPENINGS



## Lenten Parish Mission

St. Charles Parish

Facilitated by: Fr. John Paul Ouellette, CFR  
*Sponsored by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*

**Monday, March 28th – Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Located at St. Charles Church  
220 Penn Avenue

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Monday, March 28th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
And After 12 Noon Mass  
Exposition, Talk, Benediction  
*Theme: Where are You? God's Love*

Tuesday, March 29th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
And After 12 Noon Mass  
Exposition, Talk, Examination of Conscience,  
Meditations, Confessions  
*Theme: The Infinite Mercy of God*

Wednesday, March 30th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
And After 12 Noon Mass  
Exposition, Talk, Eucharistic Healing Procession  
*Theme: Christ's Healing Power and Discipleship*

Thursday, March 31st, 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
Closing Mass  
*Theme: The Kingdom of God is at Hand for You  
... the Church and Our Lady*



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

## THE GET WELL LIST

Lucille Abenante	Lou Gioia
Keith Alaimo	Michael Graziuso
Paul Alaimo Sr.	Fr. Lawrence Gyamfi
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John Comito	Mary Messias
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Elaine Cupak	Benita Mitchell
Mary Ann DeCesare	Steven Morvillo
Francis Deegan	Henry Niemann
Francis DeMartini	John Orsino
Lillian DeMartini	Anthony Palmeri
Patricia DeMeo	Valerie Parnell
Theresa Dorsch	Esther Pompeo
Andrew DiPadova	Nancy Rossi
Marilyn Droge	Marie Simorella
Mary Ferrares	Marie Starita
Francesca Franco	Jude Riley Taylor
Michele Genovese	Vincent Truscelli
Anthony Giardina	Christopher Wandy
Nina Giblin	Pat Zyla



## 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 Giardina*  
*Catherine Mooney*  
*Reuben Aguilo*



At the Saturday Vigil Mass, our elect, Hillary Spitalieri, will participate in the Second Scrutiny. The reading from John's Gospel, about Jesus's healing of the man born blind, calls Hillary, and each of us, to look at the things that we are blind to in our own lives. Please continue to pray for Hillary as she journeys toward Easter.

## .STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be conducted after the 12 Noon Mass followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.**

## LENTEN REFLECTION

Thinking about ourselves less and more about others is pleasing to God.



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# PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS

## Adult Faith Formation

Wednesday - TBA

## 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 - TBA

## Prayer Group & Holy Hour

First Monday of the month at 7:30 PM; church

## Religious Education Classes

Monday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades PreK-7

Wednesday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades PreK-7

*Special Needs:* TBA

## St. Joseph's Workshop

First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM; church

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meeting - Second Tuesday of month at 1:30 PM;

Food Pantry open 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; rectory

## Teen Club

Second Saturday of every month after the 5:30 PM Mass



This is a defining moment for our generation, where we are called to be more, to give more

of ourselves out of love for one another. Please consider supporting the mission of the Church to make Christ known in the world with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal. Every gift counts! You can fill out a commitment form today or you can make your gift online: Visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate)



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## The Staten Giving Circle

is collecting donations of food, baby food, pet food, medicine, hygiene products,

batteries, flashlights, first aid kits, shipping boxes, tape, sanitary products, diapers, wipes, little stuffed animals, children's underwear and socks. These items will be shipped to Poland for the Ukrainian refugees. If you can help, please deliver your donations to **240 Guyon Avenue**. Thank you for your kindness.

## ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP

**Monday, April 4th at 7:00 PM** in the church, we will have our monthly "**St. Joseph's Workshop.**" This monthly event will have a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the praying of the rosary and confession, a presentation on different aspects of our faith, distribution of sacramentals (medals, holy water, etc.), and time to share food and laughter. This workshop is our way of continuing to grow in the blessings from the **Year of St. Joseph** and promises to be life changing. You will not want to miss out!



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