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MARCH 19, 2023 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,
and 12 Noon

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 1:30 PM. Parents should
call the rectory to register for a baptism class. 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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that
they had thrown him
out, he found him and
said, "Do you believe
in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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Rev. Patrick F. Buckley, *Pastor*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Not As Man Sees

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

LITURGY CORNER



MONDAY - MARCH 20

8:30 - Robert O'Hara - Ann.
12:00 - Living & Deceased Members of the
Palmeri & Sarullo Families

TUESDAY - MARCH 21

8:30 - Thomas Curtin - Mem.
12:00 - Michael Waldon - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 22

8:30 - Henry Niemann - Mem.
12:00 - John Bassano - Mem.

THURSDAY - MARCH 23

8:30 - Veronica Catello - Mem.
12:00 - Mary Jane Lacist - Living Intention

FRIDAY - MARCH 24

8:30 - Robert, Michael & Carmela Catello -
Mem.
12:00 - Carmen Sheridan - Mem.

SATURDAY - MARCH 25

8:30 - Kevin Aubry - Mem.
4:00 - Irena Pekarska - Mem.
5:30 - Paul Giannelli - Mem.

SUNDAY - MARCH 26

8:15 - Rev. Robert Gannon - Ann.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Josephine Carmiciano & Family - Mem.
12:00 - Vincent Puglia - Mem.

WATCH YOUR FLOCKNOTES

Fr. Pat will send his daily Flocknotes during the Lenten Season. If you're not already signed up to receive Flocknotes, go to www.flocknote.com/SCBstateniland and sign up or text **stcharlesb** to **84576**.

Weekly Offerings

Last Weekend

\$9,042.00

Last Year (2022)



Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Altar Candles

The Oils & Candles for the week of March 19th - 25th, 2023 are offered in loving memory of Nicodemo Lombardo at the request of his wife, children, and grandchildren.



1. During Holy Week, read the story of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the crucifixion from the Bible.
2. Memorize a new prayer together as a family
3. Read the Bible together as a family daily. This can be done in the morning at breakfast, and doesn't have to take long. You can just read a paragraph each day
4. On Good Friday, have an hour of silence at your house from 3-4 (because Jesus died at 3). Allow your kids to read spiritual books during this hour of silence.
5. Go to adoration as a family. Even if you can't stay long it's still worth going.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

HOLY HOUR

The Fr. John C. Drumgoole Knights of Columbus will host a holy hour here at St. Charles on **Tuesday, March 21st at 8:00 PM.** Coffee and cake will be served at the council hall at 397 Clarke Avenue after the holy hour. All are invited!



Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Earthquake victims in Turkey. Once again, our St. Charles parishioners came through with tremendous generosity. Thank you again and God bless you.



ANNUAL LECTORS RECOLLECTION BREAKFAST MEETING

The annual Lectors Recollection Breakfast Meeting will take place on March 25th at 8:30 AM in the rectory. All lectors are invited to attend.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Group meets **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM** in the rectory. If you have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past, you are welcome to attend. For further information, call Thea at 718-987-0658.



HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

St. Joseph is a spiritual father; a protector and provider; an intimate companion; a pattern for a life hidden in Christ and cloaked in docility. His divine call by God the Father was a great and mysterious grace that cannot be easily reduced to a list of specific qualities; there would not be enough space to contain them. Such is the generosity of God when He asks something tremendous of His beloved children.

He was the earthly father of Jesus, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin, and the patron saint of fathers, workers, immigrants, the Universal Church, the "domestic" church, and a happy death. He is also recognized as "The Terror of Demons." He has numerous titles and patronages, and his intercession is very powerful.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



The **Lenten Reconciliation Monday** will take **April 3rd from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in the church.

HOLY LAND/GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Through the Pontifical Good Friday collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Please be as generous as possible. Envelopes can be found in your envelope packet.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Keith Alaimo	Lou Gioia
Mary Archipoli	Fr. Lawrence Gyamfi
Peter Arnone	Michele Hansen
Sal Astuto	Emily Harris
Joann Holton Best	Timothy Harris
Denise Bianchi	Dana Haroun
Madeline Buonpane	Cheryl Houss
Lee Canning	Jessica Huffman
Marietta Canning	Savannah Huffman
Ida Carelli	Colleen Kaplon
Frank Castelao	Jeannette Castelao Keane
Grace Castelao	Brendan Knott
Angelica Chirco	Anthony Lagano
Anna Christopher	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Christine Cioffi	Michael Macchia
Katherine Clarke	Lauren Marie
Colleen Comito	Linda McNulty
John Comito	Emilia Merlos
Paul Corrado	Mary Messias
Virginia Cowan	Dorothy Moore
Dennis Cropley	Frank Orlando
Elaine Cupak	John Orsino
Frank Deegan	Michael Palleschi
Mary Ann DeCesare	Patricia Palmieri
Francis DeMartini	Joseph Russo
Lillian DeMartini	John Scherma
Richard DiGregorio	Marie Starita
Andrew DiPadova	Jude Riley Taylor
Marilyn Droge	Mary Ann Troiano
Khristian Espinal	Christopher Wandy
Nina Giblin	

PRAYER RESOURCES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:

Daily Mass - listen more attentively
Pray to Rosary Daily - think of Mary
Formed.org - sign up online
DynamicCatholic.com - sign up online
Sacredspace.com - sign up online
Watch The Chosen on Apple TV - awesome
Hallow App (on your cellphone) - awesome
Pray.com App (on your cellphone)



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.

Denise Riccardone-Manitta

Joseph Zappulla

Ida Carrelli

Rocco Morelli

Richard Murray



MARRIAGE BANNS

We Celebrate

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

Robert Lagomarsino & Stephanie Mitchell



The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal commitment weekend is March 25.

"Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" (Psalm 2). In our Archdiocese, 2.8 million Catholics and countless of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters take refuge in the Lord through His church and Her ministries. The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* exists to fund the expansive efforts of our Archdiocese to provide every person with an encounter with Jesus and a confidence that He, present in every church in the most Holy Eucharist, is our refuge. **Thus far, \$45,121.00 has been pledged from 1families to help reach our goal of \$105,100.**

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 - Call Fr. Mendis at the rectory

St. Joseph's Workshop (September - June)

First Monday of the month at 7:00 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. Charles Food Pantry

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

Please see our website for **Young Catholic Leaders** for more information



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 Chapel.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is observed on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and all the **Fridays of Lent** by all Catholics 14 years and older.

FASTING

Fasting is observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

A very special note of thanks and appreciation to

Fr. Richard Veras who lead our Lenten Parish Mission. We were blessed to have him here at St. Charles to share with us his insights and knowledge of our faith.



Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most of loving fathers. Amen.



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