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AUGUST 27, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening-4:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Sunday-8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, and 12 Noon

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM and
12 Noon
Saturday at 8:30 AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

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.



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Patrick F. Buckley, *Pastor*
Rev. Jeffrey Pomeisl, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Ruwandana Mendis, *Parochial Vicar*
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

*"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
— Matthew 16:16*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

LITURGY CORNER

Mass Intentions



MONDAY - AUGUST 28

8:30 - Domenick Pallotta - Ann.
12:00 - Teresa Vitaliti - Ann.

TUESDAY - AUGUST 29

8:30 - Irena Pekarska - Mem.
12:00 - Thomas Golding - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 30

8:30 - Michael & Anthony Valinoti - Mem.
12:00 - Fred Reitz - Mem.

THURSDAY - AUGUST 31

8:30 - Fr. Nissanga Mendis - Living Intention
12:00 - Antonino Colombo - Mem.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 - Elizabeth B. Linton - Mem.
12:00 - Arthur Miller - Living Intention

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 - Nina Clark Chow - Mem.
4:00 - Linda Troise - Mem.
5:30 - Michael Moyle - Mem.

SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 3

8:15 - Vito Guido - Ann.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Helen Russo - Mem.
12:00 - Vincent Russo, Jr. - Mem.

FAMILY OFFERTORY

*If a Mass is being offered 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

\$9,434.00

Last Year (2022)

\$10,664.00



Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Altar Candles

If you would like to make arrangements to dedicate the 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.



MARRIAGE BANNS We Celebrate

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

*Vincenzo Puglisi & Angelica Rose Chirco
Devin Dunn & Danielle Smith*

Be gracious
to us, O Lord,
for we are
in distress.

PSALM 31: 9

God, bring
consolation
and relief

to Me.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

We are very excited about the **St. Charles Church Gala** scheduled on **September 29th**. For your convenience, you can order tickets and purchase a sponsorship by using the **QR Code** below. You can also go to the rectory to reserve tickets as well. We look forward to a wonderful celebration and hope many of you will join in this great event! **The deadline for tickets is September 1st so get your ticket soon.**



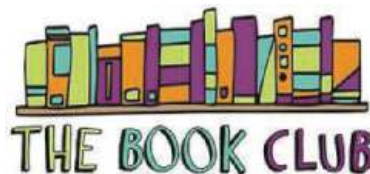
WELCOME FR. IGNATIUS MALWA

Fr. Ignatius, who is a member of the Society of African Missions, will speak at all the masses this weekend concerning the great work that our missionaries are doing .

The second collection affords us the opportunity to support the universal mission of the Church to spread the Gospel and the need to strengthen their concern for our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is in need of donations of non-perishable items (canned soups, tuna, pasta, canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables). Your donations can be left in the vestibule of the church or brought to the rectory. Thank you for your continued support.



The Book Club is on vacation for August. The selection for September is **"The Good Left Undone"** by Adriana Trigiani. The book for October is the one we had selected, but was on a wait list at the library. It has not become available to those who have put it on hold. It is **"All the Beauty in the World"** by Patrick Bringley. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st at 4:00 PM in the rectory.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Keith Alaimo	Fr. Lawrence Gyamfi
Mary Archipoli	Michele Hansen
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Denise Bianchi	Colleen Kaplan
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Christine Cioffi	Benita Mitchell
Katherine Clarke	Dorothy Moore
Colleen Comito	Annette Muzzi
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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.

Joseph & Agnes Elia

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, I thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to be my Savior.

Mission for the Week

Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example.

Sharing the Gospel

God had sent great prophets to his people. Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God's people to love each other. But God's people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus' help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

John prophets Peter	Father blessed Elijah	Christ revealed Jeremiah
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Eilhaj _____

Jeemirha _____

prepohts _____

Preet _____

Crsith _____

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PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS

Adult Faith Formation

Coming Soon!!!!

Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM; rectory

Bereavement Group

Will resume in the Fall

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 at **Young Catholic**

Leaders for more information

THE ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

St. Patrick's Cathedral, **Sunday, September 10th.** Mass begins at 10:15 AM. Register by **September 1, 2023** at FLEvents@archny.org or call **646-794-3185**. Grandparents and the elderly who register will be seated in the front pews of the Cathedral. Friends and family will be seated in other areas as seating is limited.

Saint Augustine's Feast Day – August 28th

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41

Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But to get to really know the man is a rewarding experience. There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, St. Monica, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love.

Reflection

Augustine is still acclaimed and condemned in our day. He is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.

THE FR. MYCHAL JUDGE 911 WALK OF REMEMBRANCE September 10th, 2023

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of Fr. Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

8:00 AM – Mass: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st Street)

9:00 AM – Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (outside)

9:30 AM – Walk begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st & 7th Avenue)

12:00 PM – Walk concludes at St. Peter's RC Church (Barclay Street)

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