



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



JANUARY 1, 2017 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Parish Office Hours

Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

7:00 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 & 11:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy Days Masses

Eve of the Holy Day 7:30 PM

6:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM 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, after evening Masses, 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 - JANUARY 2

8:30 - Eddie Palmieri - Mem.
11:30 - Ignazio, Marcello, & Domenico Sabella
Mem.

TUESDAY - JANUARY 3

8:30 - James Gill - Mem.
11:30 - Robert, William, & George Weber
Mem.

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 4

8:30 - Pietro Sama - Ann.
11:30 - Charlotte Campitelli & Marie Ann
Lacerra - Mem.

THURSDAY - JANUARY 5

8:30 - Florence Campbell - Mem.
11:30 - Vincent Zangari - Ann.

FRIDAY - JANUARY 6

8:30 - Thomas W. Burke - Mem.
11:30 - Nicholas Lombardo - Mem.

SATURDAY - JANUARY 7

8:30 - Edilberto Causon - Mem.
4:00 - Mary Snyder - Mem.
5:30 - Vincent & Mary Taylor - Mem.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 8

8:15 - Grace & Angelo Novaro & Family
Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Josephine D'Amico - Mem.
12:00 - Cynthia Crave - Mem.
1:15 - Isabel Bosco - Mem.

PLEASE NOTE

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.**



December 18, 2016

\$12,029.84

December 20, 2015

\$14,560.26

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of January 1 - January 7, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **William Joseph Richards** at the request of his wife, **Jean**.*

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

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 7:30 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 11:10 AM and on Saturday at 8:10 AM.

The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses on Mondays.

January 7 / January 8 Mass Schedule

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM except for the third Wednesday of the month; rectory



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 at 7:30 PM; church

Leisure Group

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; auditorium

Prayer Group & Holy Hour

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

Religious Education Classes

Monday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 6 & 7

Wednesday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 1-5

Special Needs: Wednesday 5:10 - 5:45 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Food Pantry open 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory

Teen Club

Sunday at 7:00 PM; auditorium

Visitation Ministry

Women's Worship Wednesdays

Third Wednesday at 7:30; rectory

Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 20th Annual Staten Island Prayer Service

Will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM here at St. Charles Church. Preaching at the service will be Bishop Victor A. Brown, Senior Pastor at Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. What we now observe nationwide as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in a small chapel at Graymoor in 1908. Graymoor is a ministry of the Franciscan Friar of the Atonement and is home to the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute. Please join us as we welcome our Staten Island Christian neighbors. Refreshments will be served in the auditorium after the service.

You Can Save Your Marriage! Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. For more information, call 732-243-4573, or Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).



PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 2, - January 8, 2017

Monday - January 2

Monday Prayer Group - 7:30 PM; church
Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM ; rectory
Cheerleading - 7:30 PM; school

Tuesday - January 3

Youth Ministry Core Meeting - 7:30 PM;
computer room
Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;
early bird 7:15 PM
Baptism Class - 8:00 PM; rectory

Wednesday - January 4

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Cheerleading - 6:00 PM; school

Thursday - January 5

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school
Cheerleading - 5:30; school

Friday - January 6

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - January 7

Cheerleading 2:00 PM; school

Sunday - January 8

Family Mass - 9:30 AM; church
RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory
Teen Club - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; school

FAMILY MASS

Our next Family Mass will take place next Sunday, January 8 at the 9:30 AM Mass. Please bring your children for special family prayer time!



Thank you to all who so generously donated gift cards to the needy of our parish and Staten Island community.

Thank you to Paul Light and our St. Charles Choir for enriching our Christmas Masses and Concert with beautiful carols.

Thank you to Janice Murphy and helpers for decorating our church so beautifully.

St. Charles Church Website

Please take some time to visit our website at www.saintcharles.weebly.com. You will find some history of our parish, as well as current bulletins. If you are new to the area and would like to register with St. Charles Church, there is a link for registration.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Effective the weekend of January 7/8, 2017, we will no longer have a 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening and 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday evening. The Saturday evening 5:15 PM Mass will be changed to 5:30 PM. Confessions will be held after the 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Rosalie Leone
Keith Alaimo	Elizabeth Linton
Paul Alaimo Sr	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Joan Boragi	Diego Lopez
Eva Bonafilia	Helen Mahon
Salvatore Caffiero	Lauren Marie
Mary Campitelli	Raymond Mignone
Marty Casey	Jean Monaco
Nick Castagna	Ann Murphy
Grace Castelao	Pamela Murphy
Ann Marie Coppola	Gennaro Musto
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Erin O'Keefe
Nancy D'Amico	Anthony Paragone
Philip DeFonte	Roberta Paragone
Herb DeGrant	Veronica Parascondola
Randi Dietrich	Mary Parnell
Michael DiFalco	Marie Petrocelli
Mary Driscoll	Pasquale Petrucci
Marilyn Droge	Lee Rhatigan
Russell Dunn	Rose Russo
Michael Durante	Vincent Russo
Pearl Dweck	Dorothy Sabatell
Joseph Elia	Vincent Santore
Charles Faberzak	JoAnn Schneck
Gloria Faraci	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Robert Faraci	Anthony & Leonarda Scocco
Dorothy Fleming	Jerry Scotti
Aniel Garcia	Susan Sexton
Robert Gardner	Howard Shock
Marie Grzeczka	Maryann Sparano
Emily Harris	Dolores Tombolini
Cheryl Houss	Ann Van Houten
Lawrence Iacona	Herb Van Houten
Helen Istico	Theresa Verry
Jeannette Castelao Keane	Mary Woerner
John Kelley	Sara Weiss
Peggy Kiernan	Norm Zuniga
Trevor Kwatkowski	
Amanda Lavoro	

Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)
www.wordonfire.org
3minuteretreat.com

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*

Vincent Ferrara

Michael Lalli

WEDDING MUSIC

If you are planning a wedding in the near future and would like to arrange for music, please, call the rectory two months prior to the wedding, and leave a message for Paul Light, our Music Director at (718) 987-2670.



Stop N Shop is giving \$2.5 million to schools through this program. We need to get as many customer cards information in order to do well. You can help by asking family and friends to give you their numbers on the back of the customer card and send them in to Sr. Jeanine. Thank you to all those who have already done so. Below is a sample of what we need.

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Many thanks for your cooperation

St. Charles Choir Trip

On June 28, the St. Charles choir will be leaving for a concert tour of Ireland. All are invited to join the choir, singers and non-singers. The group will be staying in Dublin and will go sightseeing and singing in the surrounding area. The return date is July 5. Anyone interested in joining the choir should stop by the rectory office and pick up an information packet.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

In his letter to the Colossians (3:12-15),
Paul names eight qualities God wants us to have.
To find out what they are, write *only* the capital letters
in the order they appear on the blanks below.

dCtzOMpPAbskSIaON -----	pkrKstINvgDyNEoSS -----
bg+HrUzMivwLcITxY -----	aGEhNbTmLENqES+S -----
PlncATsIrdEokNCxE -----	mtFjORpGIxVENyESS -----
gbmxLbgObacVxeEy -----	uibhPvaEAncCxcE -----

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



NEW YEAR NEW CHANCE-

Recently I read a New Year's Prayer. It went something like this: "Dear Lord... This is the first day of the year and so far, I have done very well. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I am very thankful for that. But dear Lord, in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help!" a truthful prayer!

Well, we have begun a new year -2017- and it might not be bad to start off this new year with a prayer. New Year's Day is a day that many of us make personal resolutions. We might resolve to give up smoking, to lose 20 pounds, to be more patient with family and co-workers, to get exercise...whatever. We have all made those resolutions before.

I heard about a woman who made resolutions about losing weight. In 2014 it was, "I will get my weight down below 180." In 2015, "I will work out five days a week. In 2016, "I will work out three days a week." Now in 2017: "I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week!" Well, it's not easy to shed the pounds.

An old priest once told me, "As for resolutions, resolve not to make them!" Now why did he say that? Well, perhaps because many of us resolve to do things and then never really accomplish what we promise to do. Actually, there is something we can do this new year 2017 that will not cause us any inconvenience, stress or difficulty at all. In fact, it is guaranteed to inspire and enliven us. The resolution is to listen to our mother! Our heavenly Mother that is, the Blessed Virgin Mary!

As the secular world starts New Years off with party hats, champagne, noisemakers and that descending ball in Times Square-the Church starts it a little more quietly and spiritually. It starts it off with the beautiful figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today on January 1st we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. The gospel for the feast presents us with the beautiful scene at Bethlehem and the adoration of the shepherds. Saint Luke tells us that Mary treasured this visit and "Reflected upon it in her heart." If there is one resolution that we could possibly keep in the new year 2017, it would be to spend more time in heartfelt prayer in company with our Blessed Mother by saying our rosary each and every day.

A new year is a new chance for us to get into some good habits. A very good habit to get into is the rosary habit! The rosary is a prayer that if prayed well can lead us into deep contemplation and reflection on the mysteries of our faith.

This year, 2017 we will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the children of Fatima-Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia. It was at Fatima that Mary asked for something very simple-to pray the rosary for peace. She did not ask us to attend Mass every day, go on a long pilgrimage or to read a lot of books. The Blessed Mother simply asked that we carve out some time each day and pray our beads! That's not so difficult and not so time consuming either. The rosary can be said in less than 15 minutes. In any event, it is time that is well spent.

I recall seeing a sign in front of a church that read, "For long standing problems-try kneeling!" That isn't such bad advice. Many of us do have long standing problems in our lives and while prayer does not take those problems away, it can give us the spiritual strength and interior peace to weather the storms that come our way during this journey that is "Life."

As we begin the new year I pray that it may be one of special blessings for you and your families. May our Lady, the Queen of Peace bestow her abundant blessings upon us all. Happy New year!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome

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