



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



NOVEMBER 27, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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, 5:15 & 7:00 PM

Sunday 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

12:00, 1:15 & 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 & 11:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy Days Masses

Eve of the Holy Day 7:00 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 - NOVEMBER 28

8:30 - Rose & Harold Reilly - Mem.
11:30 - Teresa Coco - Mem.

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 29

8:30 - Joan & Don Osewalt - Mem.
11:30 - Elizabeth & Joseph O'Toole - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 30

8:30 - Mae & William Reilly - Mem.
11:30 - Anthony LoGatto - Mem.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 1

8:30 - Rev. John Manning - Ann.
11:30 - Maureen Morotta - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 2

8:30 - Arthur Somerville - Mem.
11:30 - Alan Illicete - Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3

8:30 - Josefina Calicdan - Mem.
4:00 - Luciano Cannizzaro - Ann.
5:15 - John F. DiSalvo - Mem.
7:00 - Annette Castello - Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4

8:15 - Ann Hosmer - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Xueqian Zheng - Mem.
12:00 - Lee & Paul Mele - Mem.
1:15 - Gregory Hamanjian III - Mem.
5:30 - Miguel Gonzalez - Mem.



November 13, 2016

\$13,097.21

November 15, 2015

\$14,355.22

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of November 27 - December 3, 2016 are offered in loving memory of Rose & Joseph Lovetro at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Calcagno & children.

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.*

December 3 / December 4 Mass Schedule

4:00 Fr. Stefan	10:45 Fr. Jerome
5:15 Fr. Marius	12:00 Fr. Stefan
7:00 Msgr. Bartley	1:15 Fr. Marius
8:15 Msgr. Whalen	5:30 Msgr. Bartley
9:30 Msgr. Whalen	

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

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM; rectory

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



GIVING TREE

Once again we are asking you to purchase gift cards which will be given to families in need for Christmas. If possible, purchase the cards in the amount of \$20.00 and place them in the box at the front entrance of our church. May God bless you for your kindness to others during the Christmas Season. (Suggested stores: J. C. Penney, Babies-R-U's, Kohls, Target, Stop-N-Shop, Shop Rite, Macy's, Sears, Visa and Amex.

NYC BLOOD CENTER

On behalf of the New York Blood Center, thank you to the 17 donors who helped save lives.



EXPECTANT PARENTS MASS

Sunday, December 4 at the 9:30 AM Mass, the expectant parents and their families will be given a special blessing. We invite you to join us for this happy event. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family. Please call the rectory to register (718-987-2670).

Spiritual Direction

Are you interested in exploring, deepening and enhancing your spirituality and relationship with God? A spiritual director in formation is available to offer the spiritual direction. One-on-one meetings are available at St. Charles rectory on Mondays at 7:30. An appointment is necessary. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Fran Tassone at 917-822-2672.

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 28, - December 4, 2016

Monday - November 28

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM ; rectory
Cheerleading 7:30 PM; school

Tuesday - November 29

Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;
early bird 7:15 PM

Wednesday - November 30

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

Thursday - December 1

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Bereavement Group - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM;
rectory

Friday - December 2

Saturday - December 3

Sunday - December 4

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory
Teen Club - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; school

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.

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Promoted by St. Charles Borromeo himself to deepen the people's love of the Eucharist, the 40 Hours devotion will begin today with a Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 1:15 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Church. The 40 Hours will conclude with Benediction on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.



CSI CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Staten Island Ballet Company will perform *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 17 at 3 PM and 7 PM, Sunday, December 18 at 2 PM and 5 PM. Charge by phone 781-980-0500. All seats are reserved \$50/\$40. CSI Center for the Arts is located at 2800 Victory Boulevard.



St. Charles is still collecting the Pink Box Tops for Education. They are on hundreds of items and are each worth at least 10 cents. Since this is such an easy way to earn thousands of dollars for our school, please ask family, friends, and co-workers to help us too. Simply place Box Tops in the church vestibule or drop them off in school or rectory. Many thanks for your support and constant help which is greatly appreciated by the children of St. Charles. Here is a list of some of the items: General Mills Cereal, Progresso Soup, Totino's, Betty Crocker, Zip-lock, Hefty, Green Giant Cans, Old El Paso, Scott, Kleenex, and Pillsbury, etc.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

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

Parish Pay

For your convenience, we offer the opportunity to make your envelope payments electronically through Parish Pay. For more please call the rectory or visit their website at parishpay.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
 Rocco Morro
 Frank Peter Jost III
 Lorenzo Molfetta



MARRIAGE BANNS We Celebrate

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

Anthony Conio & Alexandra Smith



The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship Fund

The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship fund has been established to assist our young students in their Catholic education. If you are interested in making a donation to this fund, you may do so by dropping it off at the rectory.

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.

PARISH NEWS



SUPPORT OUR CHEERLEADERS

St. Charles cheerleaders will be selling 22" fully decorated fresh pine wreaths after Masses on December 3rd and 4th. Each wreath is \$20.00. This year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the "Lily Jo Memorial Fund". Flyers are in the vestibule of the church for pre-orders.

ST. CHARLES TEEN CLUB

The Teen Club will be selling Christmas magnets (\$5.00), Christmas ornaments (\$3.00) and Christmas lawn signs (\$15.00) after all the Masses next weekend and the weekends of December 11 and 18. Thank you for your support!



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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Bingo is held every Tuesday evening in the auditorium starting at 7:30 PM. Early bird is at 7:15 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM.



*It's beginning to look a lot
like...CHRISTMAS!*



The annual St. Charles Christmas Fair and Vendor Night will be held in the school auditorium on
Thursday, December 1st - 7 PM to 9 PM
and
Friday, December 2nd (with vendors*) - 6 PM to 10 PM

Raffles - 50/50 - Refreshments
Handmade Crafts, Baked Goods and Vendors*
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE "ABC'S" OF ADVENT

There is a wonderful priest that I know by the name of Msgr. Pat Carney. Msgr. Carney was the pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hartsdale, New York. Every so often I will meet him at the Cardinal Spellman Recreation Center which is located on the grounds of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York.

The "Gym" as we call it, is more than just that. There is an Olympic size swimming pool, handball and basketball courts, a bowling alley and a steam and sauna room. Sometimes I will enjoy a swim in the pool there and would meet Msgr. Carney who was swimming as well. Jokingly, he would say, "Louis, do you know what my priorities in life are?" I would shake my head in the negative... He would then say, "I can sum them up this way: "A-B-C;" altar, bed and then center! (Meaning the gym!)

Whenever I meet this priest now I remind him of the "ABC'S and ask him how well he is keeping his priorities. Actually, "ABC" is a good list of priorities for all of us to have in the next few weeks of hectic Christmas preparation.

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "Arrival" or "Coming." We are preparing for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day. The question we might all ask is, "How well am I doing that?" And "What are my priorities in the next four weeks?" The "ABC'S of Advent are some practical things.

First of all-"A"-Altar! Getting to Mass each Sunday. Recently I was speaking to a parishioner about the fact that there are fewer younger people attending Mass. This gentleman agreed that this is a fundamental problem in the church today. But, as he rightly said, if the parents do not set the example for attendance at church, then the youngsters are not going to usually be inspired to "Go it on their own." Mass during Advent would be a good start in getting our spiritual house in order in anticipation of the Christmas Season.

Secondly "B"-be generous! In a time of selfishness and over indulgence, how about making some sort of sacrifice for others this Advent? The color that the priest wears in the Advent Season is purple. This color represents Penance. If we sacrifice some particular treat or unnecessary item in our lives we are doing penance and could give the money to the poor and underprivileged, or we could use the money that we save in order to purchase a gift for the Giving Tree in the vestibule of the Church. In doing this we show that we are not thinking of ourselves all the time.

Finally "C." "C" stands for confession. When was the last time we made a good and sincere confession? If we find that it has been some time since we encountered the Grace of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Penance, this Advent is a time for us to rediscover this sacrament and to experience the mercy and compassion of the divine physician Jesus Christ.

What are our priorities this Advent? Let's remember our spiritual "ABC'S." If we follow them, we will be led to a greater and more joyful appreciation of the new born Christ Child on Christmas Day!

*Sincerely in the Lord,
Father Jerome*

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