



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



DECEMBER 11, 2016 THIRD 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 - DECEMBER 12

8:30 - Anthony Cassella - Mem.
11:30 - Anna Crupi - Mem.

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 13

8:30 - Elizabeth & James Cameron - Mem.
11:30 - Edna Carannante - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 14

8:30 - Audrey Murphy - Ann.
11:30 - Louis Restivo & Roseann Colucci - Ann.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 15

8:30 - Charles Riordan, Sr. - Mem.
11:30 - John J. Coleman - Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 16

8:30 - Anna & Frank Lombardi - Mem.
11:30 - James Ruland - Mem.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 17

8:30 - Anthony Picarello - Mem.
4:00 - Catherine & Frank Griesi - Mem.
5:15 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Muscaro & Sons -
Mem.
7:00 - James Robinson - Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 18

8:15 - Barbara Lukan - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - The Orricco & Valerio Families - Mem.
12:00 - Karen Schiano - Mem.
1:15 - Frances Grillo - Mem.
5:30 - Robert Fithian- Ann.



November 27, 2016

\$12,968.29

November 29, 2015

\$12,946.97

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 11 - December 17, 2016 are offered in loving memory of Rose LaBargo at the request of Shen Milazzo.

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 17 / December 18 Mass Schedule

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| 4:00 Fr. Jerome | 10:45 Msgr. Whalen |
| 5:15 Fr. Stefan | 12:00 Fr. Marius |
| 7:00 Msgr. Bartley | 1:15 Fr. Stefan |
| 8:15 Fr. Jerome | 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 by **December 11**. 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.



ST. CHARLES TEEN CLUB

The Teen Club will be selling Christmas magnets (\$5.00), Christmas ornaments (\$2.00) and Christmas lawn signs (\$15.00) after all the Masses this weekend and the weekend of December 18th. Thank you for your support!



Reconciliation Monday Date Correction

All parishes of the Archdiocese of New York will be hearing confessions from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, **December 19**. This is a great opportunity to prepare your heart for the peace of Christ.

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 12, - December 18, 2016

Monday - December 12

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

Tuesday - December 13

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - 11:30 AM -
1:30 PM; rectory; meeting 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM;
rectory
Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;
early bird 7:15 PM

Wednesday - December 14

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

Thursday - December 15

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Leisure Group - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school
Book Club - 4:00 PM; rectory
Cheerleading - 5:30; school

Friday - December 16

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - December 17

Cheerleading - 9:30 AM; school
Boy Scouts Christmas Party - 1:00 PM - 4:00
PM; school

Sunday - December 18

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory
Christmas Concert - 2:30 PM; church
Teen Club Christmas Party - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM;
school



St. Charles Church Choir

Presents our 36th Annual Christmas Concert
on

Sunday, December 18 at 2:30 PM
in the Church

The program will include classical, contem-
porary, gospel and traditional Christmas
music.

There is no admission charge for this event.
All are welcome

Please mark your calendar and join us!



A Catholic "Netflix"

Spend some time on FORMED.org if you haven't already signed up. Thanks to a generous benefactor, all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York are currently signed up for this online platform that provides Catholic content such as movies, E-books audio talks and so much more! There is an **Advent study**, as well as a new program on the Sacrament of Confession called *Forgiven*. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand. To get FORMED: Go to www.FORMED.org. You should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in our parish code which is **XQ43Q3**. Then set up a username and a password. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

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| 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 | Ann Murphy |
| Ann Marie Coppola | Pamela Murphy |
| Carmine Coronato, Jr. | Gennaro Musto |
| Nancy D'Amico | Erin O'Keefe |
| Philip DeFonte | Anthony Paragone |
| Randi Dietrich | Roberta Paragone |
| Michael DiFalco | Mary Parnell |
| Mary Driscoll | Marie Petrocelli |
| Russell Dunn | Pasquale Petrucci |
| Michael Durante | Lee Rhatigan |
| Pearl Dweck | Rose Russo |
| Joseph Elia | Dorothy Sabatell |
| Charles Faberzak | Vincent Santore |
| James Falcone | 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 | |

Parish Pay

For your convenience, we offer the opportunity to make your envelope payments electronically through Parish Pay. For more information 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

Rose Albicocco

Dominick Corazza

James Luzzi

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.

Retired Religious Collection

This weekend the second collection will be the annual Archdiocesan collection for the retired religious. This collection affords us an opportunity to offer our religious, in return for all they have done for us, our love and support helping to provide for their needs. There is a special envelopes for this collection in your weekly packet or in the vestibule of the Church.

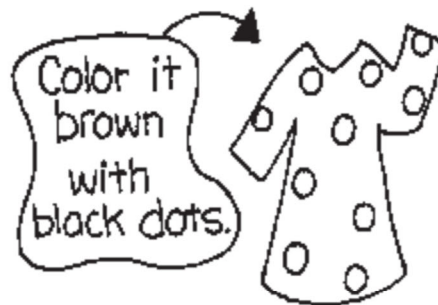
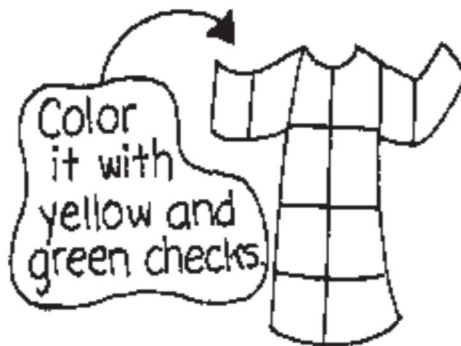
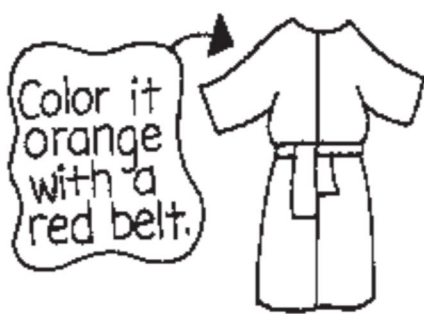
WEDDING MUSIC

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.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist wanted people to share.
Pretend that the coats below are yours and
you have let your friends wear them.
Color each coat according to the directions.
Then draw a happy friend inside of each one.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



JOYFUL CANDLE AND JOYFUL CHRISTIANS

In my first parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary up in Scarsdale, New York, I was assigned to say the 6:45 Mass on the First Sunday of Advent. The lector for that Sunday Mass was a great ole Irishman by the name of Jack McCarthy. Some of you might remember him by his more famous name "Captain Jack" McCarthy. Captain Jack used to introduce the "Popeye Cartoons" on WPIX, channel eleven here in New York. He also in his later years would narrate the St. Patrick's Day

Parade for TV.

When I walked into the church that morning, I discovered that Captain Jack had not lit just one candle on the Advent wreath, he had lit up all four! When I asked him why he lit all the candles, he logically went on to explain, "Well, Father, I didn't know which one was supposed to be lit so I lit them all up!" Well, I had a good laugh at his reasoning.

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we light the pink candle of our Advent wreath. People ask at times why this candle is pink. Well, the reason is that on this Sunday, "Gaudete Sunday" or "Joyful Sunday" we are drawing closer to Christmas and therefore we should be truly rejoicing in the Lord. The purple penitential color of Advent gives way to a bright pink color of the "Joyful Candle."

It goes without saying that a true believer in Jesus, should truly be joyful. But sometimes, the world has sort of an opposite view about Christians; that they are a very sad faced lot! There was a sour old atheistic philosopher who once spoke about this phenomena. He said, "You Christians want me to believe in a redeemer? Maybe you should look a little bit more redeemed!" Well, I think he had a point there!

As Catholic Christians we should be joyful because we don't take anything in this life too seriously - nothing except our soul. Supposedly, the holiday season that we have now entered upon is supposed to be a time of joy, happiness, and peace-right? And yet for many people these few weeks before Christmas are anything but joyful or serene. There are the crowds and long lines at the malls and department stores, traffic jams and the plain fact that many people are buying things with money that they don't have for things they don't need. We have Black Friday and Cyber Monday which often enough leads to a "Blue Christmas!"

You and I have the power to change this scenario, however. We can experience joy at this busy time of the year. Mother Teresa now Saint Teresa, had a simple formula to achieve true joy. She would take the word "Joy" apart and explain what each of the letters meant. "J" she said, represents Jesus. When Jesus is the head and center of our lives then everything else falls into place. "O" means others. When we think more about other people, their needs, their concerns and problems, then we are really being true Christians. Finally, there is the "Y" in the word which means "Yourself." Yes, we are to place ourselves and our needs in last place. That is certainly something that does not come easily of us.

Come what may, let us strive this Advent Season to truly be joyful Christians as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*Sincerely in the Lord,
Father Jerome*

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