



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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

SHE WILL BEAR A SON;
AND YOU SHALL CALL
HIS NAME JESUS, FOR
HE WILL SAVE HIS
PEOPLE FROM THEIR
SINS. ” – MATTHEW 1:18-21

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DECEMBER 18, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Louis R. Jerome

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Marius Fernando (visiting priest)

Fr. Stefan Chanas

In Residence

Bishop John J. O'Hara

Weekend Associate

Rev. Msgr. Edmund J. Whalen

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Stephen Tobon

Deacon Lawrence Droge

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Jeanine Conlon, O.P.

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Mr. J. C. Kiernan

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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 19

8:30 - Henry & Helen Sanjurjo - Mem.
11:30 - Ann Ferrara - Mem.

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 20

8:30 - Restituta & Samuel Maturo - Mem.
11:30 - James Robinson - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 21

8:30 - Christopher Tobon - Mem.
11:30 - Mary Ramirez - Mem.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 22

8:30 - Fr. Fintan Hanley - Ann.
11:30 - William & Mary Capo & Denise Ioviero
Mem.

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 23

8:30 - Thomas W. Burke - Mem.
11:30 - Ambrogio Giambanco - Ann.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24

8:30 - The Amendola & Esposito Families -
Mem.

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day-see Christmas Mass schedule



December 4, 2016 December 6, 2015
\$14,798.70 **\$14,347.48**

Flowers

\$3,694.00 **\$3,649.00**

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 18 - December 24, 2016 are offered in loving memory of the LaBargo Family 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 24/ December 25 Mass Schedule

4:00-C- Bishop O'Hara 10:45 Bishop O'Hara
4:30-A- Msgr. Whalen 12:00 Fr. Marius
6:00-C- Fr. Stefan 1:15 Fr. Stefan
Midnight Mass - Fr. Jerome
8:15 Msgr. Whalen
9:30 Fr. Jerome

**There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on
Christmas Day.**

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



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, contemporary, gospel and traditional Christmas music.

There is no admission charge for this event.

All are welcome

Please mark your calendar and join us!



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.



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 19, - December 25, 2016

Monday - December 19

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

Tuesday - December 20

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

Wednesday - December 21

AARP Safety Driving Class - 9:00 AM - 3:30
PM; rectory
Cheerleading - 6:00 PM; school
Women's Prayer Group - 7:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - December 22

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

Friday - December 23

Saturday - December 24

See Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday - December 25

See Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 PM - Auditorium

4:30 PM - Church

6:00 PM - Church

12:00 Midnight Mass

Preceded by carols with the choir
at 11:30 PM

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 12 Noon and
1:15 PM

(There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on
Christmas Day)

Digital Prayer Tools for Advent

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

Women's Wednesday Worship

Our next meeting of the Women's Wednesday Worship will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Give yourself and the Lord some quiet reflection and prayer time during this busy season. Our prayer facilitator is Grace Daquila.

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	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	Veronica Parascondola
Mary Driscoll	Mary Parnell
Marilyn Droge	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	

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.

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

Jeanne Marie Martin

Prudence Cassano

Frank A. Marino

Pasquale Marsicano

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.

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.

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.

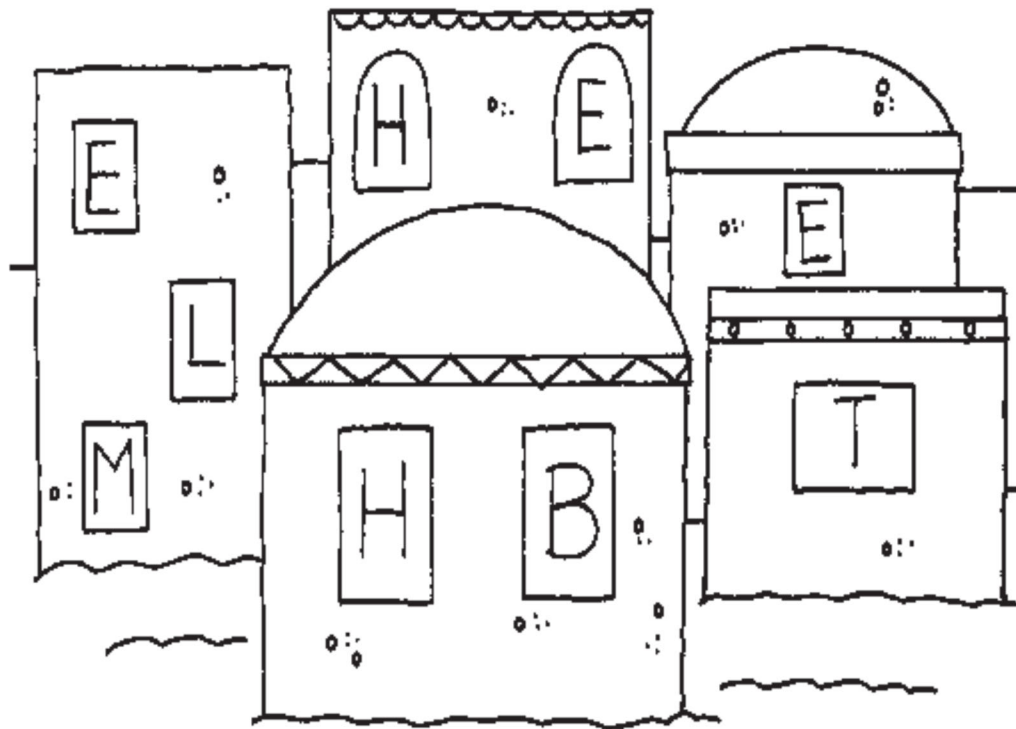
CHILDREN'S PAGE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The prophet Micah wrote about the place where
Jesus would be born.

He said "one who is to be ruler in Israel"
would come from this small village (Micah 5:1).

Unscramble the letters in the windows
to print the name of this place below.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



PICK YOURSELF UP...BRUSH YOURSELF OFF AND START ALL OVER AGAIN...

A couple of weeks ago, I was doing my daily "jog" up Peter Avenue when I slipped on some broken pavement. Sure enough, I landed flat on my back and was numb for a couple of moments. A very nice parishioner saw me fall and came over to assist me. I was a bit embarrassed at my flop but these things happen at times. So in the words of an old song "I picked myself up, brushed myself off and started all over again!" That is what we do when we fall.

A bodily fall can be a dangerous thing; we know we might well break a leg, a hip or an arm. But what about spiritual falls? These are the sins that separate us from God. Most of us remember from our catechism that there are two types of personal sins. One is called a venial sin which is a less serious offense against God's law.

Mortal sin is a grave matter because it separates the soul from God and results in the loss of sanctifying grace. The word "mortal" comes from the Latin word "mors" which means death. After a grave sin, the soul is dead to the love of God. What should we do if we fall in a moral sense? Well, we should like the song says, "pick ourselves up, brush ourselves off and start all over again!"

The way to do that in a religious sense is to make a good confession! We are hurling at rapid speed in our calendar countdown to Christmas day. Most of us are amazed and maybe a bit panicky (especially if you don't like to shop) that there are only seven shopping days to Christmas. We have a million things to do. But despite all the last minute preparations, shopping, wrapping, decorating, cooking and cleaning, we should give some thought to our soul as well.

It is a good idea to make a sincere confession before the great feast of Christmas. What a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child by humbling ourselves and availing ourselves of the grace of God that is readily available to us in this sacrament. Tomorrow, December 19th, is Reconciliation Monday in the Archdiocese of New York. Every church will have four straight hours of confession from 4PM to 8PM on this day.

If we have fallen into sin, now is the time for us to reconcile with God; to "come home at Christmas" by making a good confession. Even if we have fallen a hundred times, we still can pick ourselves up, brush ourselves off and start all over again by a fruitful encounter with the mercy of the Lord in the Sacrament of Penance.

It is not enough just to tell our sins to God in our personal prayers; we should also confess them to the priest who represents Jesus Christ. We know that the Lord Jesus is always merciful and knows our weaknesses and flaws. If we have fallen away from the Lord, now is the time to be reconciled to God. If we do that, we shall surely one day be walking sure of step into the heavenly kingdom and standing uprightly in His presence!

God Love You,

Fr. Jerome

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