



# CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



DECEMBER 25, 2016 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## 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.

### School Principal

Mr. J. C. Kiernan

### Religious Education Coordinator

Ms. Kerry Quinn

### Director of Music

Mr. Paul Light

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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 26

8:30 - Marion Ford - Ann.  
11:30 - Angela Saverino- Ann.

## TUESDAY - DECEMBER 27

8:30 - Josephine Quinn - Mem.  
11:30 - The Chen Family - Mem.

## WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 28

8:30 - Anthony DeCarlo - Mem.  
11:30 - Domenica Cilento - Mem.

## THURSDAY - DECEMBER 29

8:30 - Yolanda Diaz - Ann.  
11:30 - Deceased Members of the Diana Family  
Mem.

## FRIDAY - DECEMBER 30

8:30 - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Feeney & Leonard Families  
11:30 - John & Adeline Tennant - Mem.

## SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31

8:30 - Lilly Mary Lukan - Mem.  
4:00 - Kevin Walsh - Mem.  
5:15 - Pasquale Garone - Ann.  
7:00 - Patricia Steinmacher - Mem.

## SUNDAY - JANUARY 1

8:15 - Thomas DeFrancesco - Mem.  
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles  
10:45 - The Orrico & Valerio Family - Mem.  
12:00 - Susan Nicita - Mem.  
1:15 - Lenny DiMatteo - 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 11, 2016

**\$12,231.33**

December 13, 2015

**\$13,799.56**

### **Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils**

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of December 25 - December 31, 2016 are offered in loving memory of Edward & Louise Solan at the request of their daughter, Barbara.*

*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 31 / January 1 Mass Schedule

4:00	10:45
5:15	12:00
7:00	1:15
8:15	
9:30	

**There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on New Year's 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



## FLOCKNOTE

Cardinal Dolan together with Fr. Jerome want to communicate more effectively with you through the technology of today. The Archdiocese has provided us with a tool called Flocknote so that we will be better equipped to keep our parishioners informed of parish events, Archdiocesan announcements, etc. There are two easy ways to connect.

1. Visit our parish at: [www.flocknote.com/SCBstatisland](http://www.flocknote.com/SCBstatisland) and sign up.
2. Text stcharlesb to 84576 from your cell phone to subscribe to Flocknote.

This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged into things going on in our parish and to increase engagement here in our community.

## **We Invite You to Become a Parishioner**

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket next weekend. A census card will be mailed to you for your completion then return it to the rectory.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER

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# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 26, - January 1, 2017

### Monday - December 26

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

### Tuesday - December 27

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

### Wednesday - December 28

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

### Thursday - December 29

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory  
Cheerleading - 5:30; school

### Friday - December 30

### Saturday - December 31

### Sunday - January 1

See New Year's Day Mass Schedule



## New Year's Day Mass Schedule

**New Year's Eve, December 31st**  
4:00, 5:15 and 7:00

**New Year's Day, January 1st**  
8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 12 Noon and  
1:15 PM

(There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on  
New Year's Day)



## 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! It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand. To get FORMED: Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://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.

## St. Charles Church Website

Please take some time to visit our website at [www.saintcharles.weebly.com](http://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.

# 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
Randi Dietrich	Veronica Parascondola
Michael DiFalco	Mary Parnell
Mary Driscoll	Marie Petrocelli
Marilyn Droge	Pasquale Petrucci
Russell Dunn	Lee Rhatigan
Michael Durante	Rose Russo
Pearl Dweck	Vincent Russo
Joseph Elia	Dorothy Sabatell
Charles Faberzak	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
Amanda Lavoro	

## 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 [www.parishpay.com](http://www.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*

Anthony Besser, Sr.

## 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.



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

## December 25 Christmas

Joseph and Mary had traveled a long way.  
Because the inn was full they had to stay in a stable.

During that time Mary had a baby boy.  
To find out who this child was, blacken out all boxes  
except those whose numbers are listed below.

The remaining boxes will spell the answer.

6, 11, 100, 21, 43, 24, 52, 88, 30, 25  
29, 61, 17, 82, 10, 96, 47, 90, 74, 39

101	6	85	41	11	26	100	9
L	O	A	H	U	E	R	I
21	15	43	24	4	52	88	30
S	F	A	V	B	I	O	R
8	25	99	29	61	73	17	82
D	J	K	E	S	J	U	S
27	10	96	2	47	90	74	39
G	C	H	C	R	I	S	T

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## A CHRISTMAS STORY

*On Christmas night the local minister's wife collapsed on the couch and said to her husband, "I am really exhausted!" He said, "You're exhausted! How about me? I had two Christmas Eve services and three services this morning to do; that's five sermons. Why are you so tired?" She replied, "I had to listen to all of them dear!"*

*Well, I always like to start off a sermon with a little humor if it's appropriate. Since it's Christmas Day, here's a little story I heard recently about a little boy who was playing the lead of the innkeeper in the school Christmas pageant. Of course, he was instructed to turn Mary and Joseph away when they knocked on the door of the Inn. But the kid felt so badly about this that he said, "Well, there's no room in the Inn, but would you like to come in for a drink anyway?"*

*Maybe it's appropriate to speak about children today on this beautiful feast. After all, Christmas is about a little child-the baby Jesus. Yes, Christ came to this earth as a poor defenseless child. Now suppose a Hollywood film producer could have gone back in time and written a script about how God came to this earth. Certainly he would have changed it. Maybe he would have described Jesus coming in great power and majesty. He would not have our Lord born in a stable but rather some other imposing place like Trump Tower!*

*However, Hollywood did not cast this script. Rather, it was God Himself who was the producer and what a scenario! Jesus, the Son of the living God, the second person of the Trinity descended to this earth. He came in the poorest and most humble of circumstances-born in the obscure village of Bethlehem. His birth went totally unnoticed by the "Paparazzi" of His day.*

*St. Luke tells us in his Gospel that "Mary gave birth to her first born Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the Inn." The Inn could be considered as the center of the world's moods and opinions. The world then and the world now has no room and no time for Christ and His teachings!*

*What does Christmas mean? Well, it means that God assumed our poor, lowly human nature. By doing this, He elevated and sanctified our humanity. He made us adopted sons and daughters of God. Jesus became a "Son of Man" so that all of us poor sinners could be "Children of God."*

*Christmas means that the Lord Jesus identified with us in every aspect of our human condition. He knew poverty. He was a refugee. He grew up and became a laboring man- a carpenter. He felt hunger, experienced sorrow and finally underwent death itself. By doing this He gave us an example to imitate-He was holy and did His Father's will. And that is what we are called to do as well.*

*We know that the birth of Christ occurred over two thousand years ago-a very long time ago. Yet here we are in 2016 celebrating and remembering that day. It's the birthday that we never forget because we have all been "gifted" by His presence in our world and in our hearts. We give gifts at Christmas to remind us of this greatest gift of all which is the infant Savior born this day. O Come, Let Us Adore Him-Christ the Lord! Merry Christmas to you and your families!*

*God bless,  
Father Jerome*

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