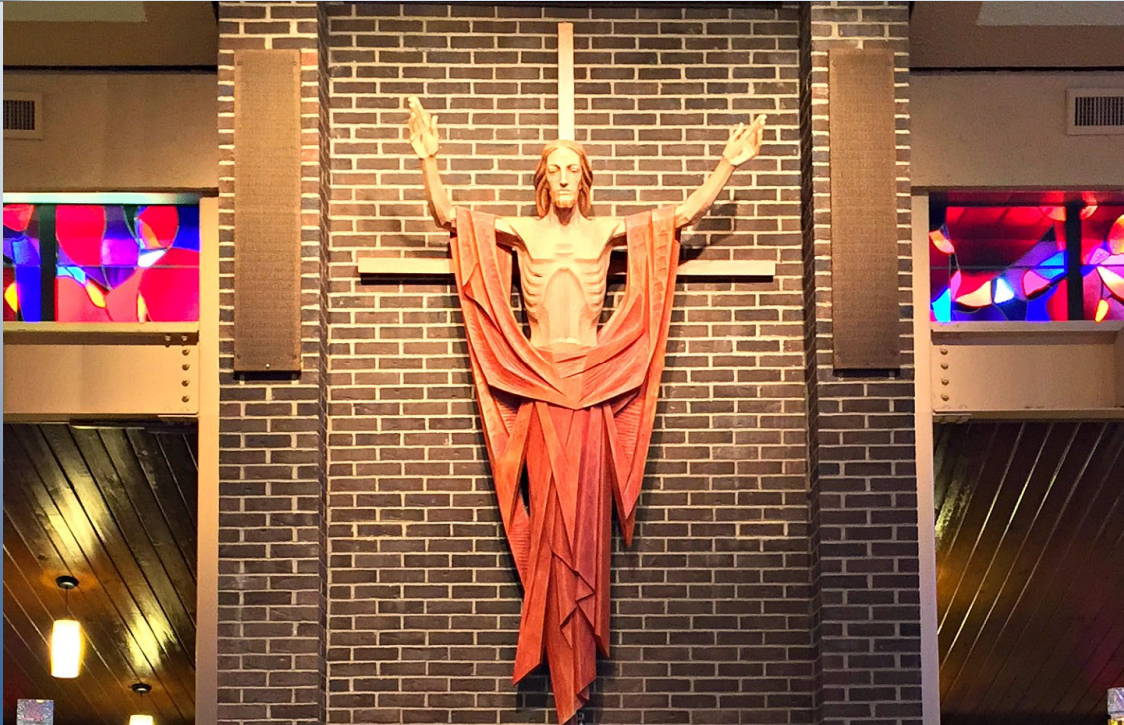




CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



MARCH 19, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 - MARCH 20

8:30 - Debra Salvesen - Mem.
11:30 - Margaret T. Coppinger - Mem.

TUESDAY - MARCH 21

8:30 - Robert Morris - Mem.
11:30 - Nicodemo Lombardo - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 22

8:30 - Frank Sama - Ann.
11:30 - The Moreno Family - Mem.

THURSDAY - MARCH 23

8:30 - Rev. Robert J. Gannon - Ann.
11:30 - Beatrice Corless - Ann.

FRIDAY - MARCH 24

8:30 - Claire Feren - Mem.
11:30 - Josephine LaBasin - Mem.

SATURDAY - MARCH 25

8:30 - Mary Castelao - Mem.
4:00 - Marie D'Amato - Mem.
5:30 - Ben, Catherine, & Judy Harten - Mem.

SUNDAY - MARCH 26

8:15 - Michelina Gorga - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - The Shellong Family - Mem.
12:00 - Luigi DiRe - Mem.
1:15 - The Carmiciano & Ferro Families - Mem.

March 25 / March 26 Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings

March 5, 2017

\$14,368.29

March 6, 2016

\$14,752.69

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of March 19 - March 25, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Nicholas Corrado** at the request of his wife, **Cecilia** & his son, **Paul**.*

*The Oils & Candles for the week of March 19 - March 25, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Nicholas Corrado** at the request of his wife, **Cecilia** & his son, **Paul**.*

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.*

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 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 PM; rectory



SPRING AUCTION

Tickets now on sale for the St. Charles Spring Auction which will be held on Friday, April 7th at 6:00 PM. Entry tickets are \$10.00. Presale packets are also available for \$40.00. For more information please, call Angela Ameno . You can reach her at 917-848-2764. Donations are still being accepted.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This collection will take place next weekend. Envelopes are in your packet and in the vestibule of the church. By participating in the Catholic Relief Service collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in the world. CRS provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island



Invites you to its **14th Annual Interfaith Passover Seder** which will take place in our school auditorium on March 23 at 7 PM. Reservations are required by calling the rectory or emailing www.buildingbridgessi.com. \$30/adult; \$15/child (12 years old and under).

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Please join us on Friday, March 17 after the 8:30 Mass in the auditorium for coffee and Irish Soda bread and again on Monday, March 20 after the 8:30 Mass for coffee and pastry.

Digital Prayer Tools

FORMED.org (parish code XQ43Q3)
www.wordonfire.org

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 20, - March 26, 2017

Monday - March 20

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

Tuesday - March 21

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

Wednesday - March 22

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - March 23

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school
Seder Service - 7:00 PM; auditorium
Bereavement - 7:30 PM; rectory

Friday - March 24

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - March 25

Sunday - March 26

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory
Teen Club - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM; living stations
practice; church

St. Charles Track Registration

Registration for the St. Charles Track & Field 2017 season is open. Please go to www.stcharleschargers.com to register. We will hold an Open House registration night on Thursday, March 30 from 7 - 8 PM in the school auditorium; entrance on Penn Avenue. Registration will close on April 5. Practice begins on April 17. For more information, please contact Cindy Amato at saintcharrestrackteam@gmail.com



Formed.org

FORGIVEN - The Transforming Power of Confession - Discover God's love and mercy in a 4 part series on Formed.org. Forgiven explores the grace and healing offered in confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of His mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To register use Parish Code - XQ43Q3

Parish Mission

Please mark you calendars for a Parish Mission to be held March 27 and March 28 at 7:30 PM in the Church. The mission will be conducted by Al Barbarino who is a Lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, NY and a member of the Knights of Columbus, who sings for the poor and homeless of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, Croatian Relief Services, as well as for the poor of the parish wherever he sings. Al will sing and speak at all the Masses on the weekend of March 25 and 26. This will be a good opportunity to spend more time with the Lord during Lent.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

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

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

Raymond Dorso

Frank Addario

Lector's Annual Day of Recollection

The annual recollection and breakfast meeting of lectors will be held on Saturday, April 1 in the basement of the rectory from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. The recollection and meeting will be preceded by Mass at 8:30 AM in the Church. Fr. Jerome will be our recollection speaker. All lectors are requested to attend.



RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, our Rite of Christian Initiation process is for those who want to be baptized, or receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. For further information, contact Deacon Steve Tobon at 718-987-2670.

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.**

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be conducted after the 11:30 AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. The Teen Club will conduct Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7th and Friday, April 14th at 8 PM in the Church.

Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.



Many thanks for helping us to earn over **\$3,000** so far clipping Box Tops. Please continue to place them in the box in the church vestibule or drop them off in the school or rectory. Each box top is worth **10 cents** and they are on hundreds of popular products. The children of St. Charles School are very grateful for your constant support.

St. Anthony Novena

Begins on Tuesday, March 28 after the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses.

Prayer for Unity and Peace

The Adoration Chapel at the Alba House is encouraging all of us to pray for and promote the healing of our nation after this contentious election. Our nation is in great need of unity and a coming together in these troubled times. The chapel has produced a prayer card for this purpose. One side of this prayer card contains the prayer of St. Francis which begins with, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Christ tells us in his beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." On the other side of this prayer card is a prayer to Our Lady, Queen of Peace. This prayer implores Our Lady to intercede for us so that our nation may begin to bind up its wounds and receive the mercy of God. Through Our Lady's intercession, Jesus will not deny His Mother and grant the healing of the deep divisions in our land so that we may receive peace and prosperity for our generation and for the generations to come. These prayer cards are at the doors of the church and you are encouraged to take them and use them praying for our blessed nation.

Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 PM at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Again this year, we will have a bus leaving from the front of Blessed Sacrament Church at 1:30 PM. Anyone interested in attending the Mass and using the bus should contact the Blessed Sacrament rectory at 718-442-1581, space is limited. Donation is \$25/person and the check should be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church and sent to 7 30 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10310.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE CROSS STANDS WHILE THE EARTH REVOLVES...

On January 12, 2010, a terrible, terrible earthquake struck the nation of Haiti. Some of you might remember that event. The earthquake measured 7.0 on the Richter Scale and between 230,000 to 300,000 people were killed. 300,000 were uninjured and 1.5 million Haitians were displaced from their homes. It is really indeed hard to fathom the extent of such a loss and its tragic consequences.

In the aftermath of the destruction, many pictures were published that were heart-rending. One that spoke to me deeply was of a crumbled church and a devastated neighborhood. In front of this badly damaged church there was a large crucifix, which surprisingly had weathered the earthquake and was standing erect.

The cross standing amidst all that destruction reminded me of a saying that I once heard: "The cross stands while the world revolves." What that means is that the cross of Christ still stands in the world as an example to all of us. The example of the Lord's sacrifice on the wood of the cross still speaks to us today over two thousand years later.

During the season of Lent, we should reflect a little bit more on the cross of Christ. It is to the cross that we should all gaze to find hope in our own sufferings and pains in this life. The great St. Thomas Aquinas, the "Angelic Doctor," often said that he learned more from looking at the crucifix than from all the books that he read in his life. In fact, St. Thomas pointed to the crucifix as a lesson of love, patience, humility, obedience, and detachment from material things—all great spiritual qualities.

One of life's greatest mysteries is suffering and pain. We all have our own personal "Earthquakes" in life that cause us sorrow, distress, and desolation. Suffering that is not brought to the cross of Christ may make a person worse.

The question that many of us ask when bad things happen to us in this life is the question "Why?" Why sorrow? Why suffering, why pain? The truth is that we cannot always understand the "Why" of God's plan in a human sense. The answers to life's difficult questions is best answered in the cross-of Jesus Christ. Christ knows about our sufferings. He experienced loneliness, alienation, homelessness, hunger, physical pain, and finally death itself so that no one of us in this life could ever say, "God does not know what I suffer." Yes he does!

It is to the standing cross of Christ that we must consistently gaze in all the troubles and little sufferings of our own lives. Many years ago, there was a poet by the name of Joyce Kilmer who served in France during the First World War. He experienced all the horrors of warfare and he tried to relate it to the suffering Christ. He wrote this poem- "The Prayer of a Soldier in France:

My shoulders ache beneath my pack
(Lie easier cross upon his back)
I march with feet that burn and smart
(Tread holy feet, upon my heart)
Men shout at me who may not speak
(They scourged thy back and smote thy cheek)
I man not lift a hand to clear
My eyes of salty drops that sear.
(Then shall my fickle soul forget thy agony of bloody sweat?)
My rifle hand is stiff and numb
(From thy pierced hand red rivers come)
Lord, thou did suffer more for me
Than all the hosts of land and sea.
So let me render back again
This millionth of thy gift. Amen.

God bless you!
Father Jerome

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