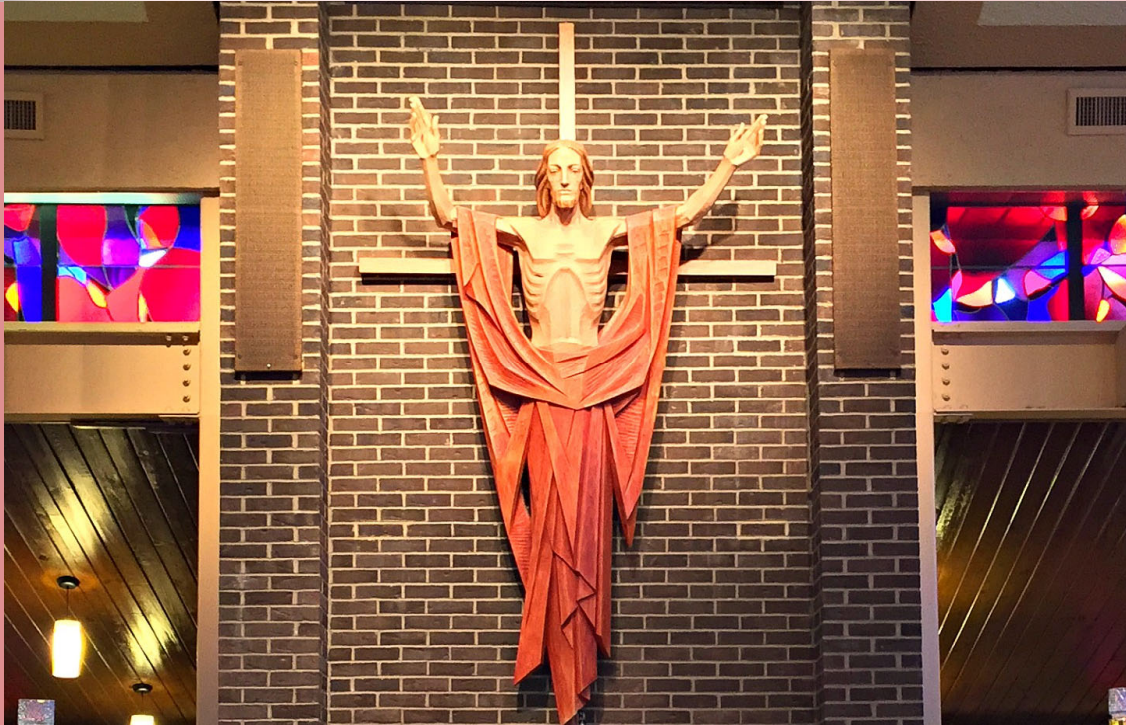




CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



MARCH 26, 2017 FOURTH 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 27

8:30 - Carmen Sheridan - Mem.
11:30 - Peter Brunetti - Ann.

TUESDAY - MARCH 28

8:30 - Msgr. Thomas J. Gaffney - Ann.
11:30 - John Sambataro - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 29

8:30 - Deacon Vincent Brigande - Ann.
11:30 - Martin Carrara - Mem.

THURSDAY - MARCH 30

8:30 - Salvatore Caffiero - Mem.
11:30 - Robert J. Kelly - Mem.

FRIDAY - MARCH 31

8:30 - John McDonough - Mem.
11:30 - Ethel & Al Ahrens - Mem.

SATURDAY - APRIL 1

8:30 - Eileen Arnone - Mem.
4:00 - Roseanna & Harry Thompson - Mem.
5:30 - Margaret T. Coppinger - Mem.

SUNDAY - APRIL 2

8:15 - Edilberto Couson - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Laretta Gibson - Mem.
12:00 - Stephen Hartie - Mem.
1:15 - Anne Morana - Mem.

April 1 / April 2 Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Offerings

March 12, 2017

\$12,154.28

March 13, 2016

\$13,238.92

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of March 26 - April 1, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Marianne LaRocca at the request of Barbara Solan.

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.*

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 this 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.

5th Annual Fr. Comiskey Memorial Run

The Holy Name Society of Monsignor Farrell High School will be hosting the 5th Annual Father John Comiskey Memorial Mile on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Msgr. Farrell High School. We ask that all former students attend this event in order to honor this stellar educator, who dedicated over 40 years of service to our school and the community. If interested please , click on the following link to download and complete the registration form : www.tinyurl.com/5thcomiskeymemorialmile. Please contact John Fox at jfox@msgrfarellhs.org for further details.

Digital Prayer Tools

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

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 27, - April 2, 2017

Monday - March 27

Parish Mission - 7:30 PM; church

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

Tuesday - March 28

St. Vincent de Paul - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory

Parish Mission - 7:30 PM; church

Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;

early bird 7:15 PM

Wednesday - March 29

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - March 30

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory

Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school

Track Registration - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM; school

Bereavement - 7:30 PM; rectory

Friday - March 31

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; school

Saturday - April 1

Lector's Retreat - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; rectory

RCIA Retreat - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM; rectory

Sunday - April 2

Family Mass - 9:30 AM; church

RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory

Teen Club - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM; living stations practice; church



Coming to Mass every Sunday, but still feel a longing for more. We're all looking for answers to the tough questions in our lives. Come join us for an evening of reflection on God's love and to understand His plan for us. The three-day Revive mission will be held on 4/3, 4/4, & 4/5 6:00 pm at O.L.Q. P sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York. Please visit www.FaithEveryDay.com for more information and to register.



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.

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.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

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

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

John Deegan

Tarmina Covais

Katherine Gallagher

Andrea T. Demarest

Tiborcio Maltezo



Please join us in prayer and celebration as we honor the individuals who have supported Staten Island Catholic Schools, at the Golden Cross for Education-Award Breakfast. Sunday, April 23rd, Mass at 8:15 AM at St. Charles, followed by award breakfast at the Excelsior Grand from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The 2017 Honorees will be Assemblyman, Michael Cusick for his sponsorship of the Education Tax Credit Bill and Rev. Monsignor Peter G. Finn, for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Staten Island Catholic elementary schools. Nominees from each of the 22 Catholic elementary schools will receive the 2017 Outstanding Catholic Community Award. Tickets are \$37 or \$350 for a table of ten. For more information visit our website at www.adny-si.org or email

Diana.Gatto@archny.org or order tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-golden-cross-for-education-award-breakfast-tickets-32417167621.

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.

St. Anthony Novena

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

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.

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



DO ONE THING AT A TIME...

One of my favorite books entitled, *“Don't Sweat the Small Stuff”* authored by Dr. Richard Carlson. In his book, Dr. Carlson offers 100 tips to alleviate stress and prevent the “Little Things” in life from becoming “Big Things” and thus driving you crazy! It was his 62nd tip that got my attention the other day as I was reading his book. The tip? “Do one thing at a time.”

Dr. Carlson explained that one morning driving to work he saw a man in the fast lane on the highway shaving, drinking a cup of coffee and reading the newspaper! I think we can all relate to that one! At times in our rather frenzied world, we are trying to do too many things at once, but if this is our “Modus Operandi” we can't really appreciate the present moment.

The recommendation the good doctor gives is to block out some periods of time where we just do one thing at a time! Sounds simple but it's not so simple in our world today where “Multi-Tasking” is a sign of strength!

Actually slowing down and focusing on one thing could help our spiritual lives. We are in the season of Lent, this forty day opportunity to grow in grace and in our devotion to Christ and our faith. One way to do that is to become people of prayer. During Lent we might carve out some more time to pray each day. But to pray well we really need to “Quiet Down” and focus on our relationship with the Lord. For some people that's hard.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen used to recommend that priests and religious should spend a full hour in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishop would say, “Well, if you can have a “Happy Hour” with friends before a good meal, why not a holy hour with Jesus our best friend present in the Blessed Sacrament?”

Now I understand that a full hour of prayer is not easy for any of us, including priests! So we could make a “Holy half hour” or fifteen minutes-whatever. It will be time well spent. When we come to pray we calm our minds and focus on one thing, the most important thing- and that is Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. We are present to the one who is present in His body, blood, soul and divinity.

How fortunate we are here at St. Charles to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament five days a week in the Chapel of our church. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is highly recommended by the popes and saints of the Church. In Eucharistic Adoration we can slow down and regain our focus if the world and its stress is “too much with us.” All we have to do is to make a visit to the Church.

When we sit or kneel before the Blessed Sacrament we are irradiated by the presence of Jesus. It's like getting spiritual radiation therapy! The Lord speaks to us in a special way in humble, silent prayer and we come to know him better.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminded the very overstressed and multi-tasking Martha that she was doing too much. He complimented Mary her sister who just sat at His feet and listened to Him. Jesus said to Martha, “You are anxious about many things. Only one thing is necessary!” During this Lent may we indeed do that one thing-prayer and may we do it well!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome

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