



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



MAY 21, 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 - MAY 22

8:30 - Andre Mormile - Mem.
11:30 - John Lombardo - Mem.

TUESDAY - MAY 23

8:30 - Deceased Members of the Battaglia Family - Mem.
11:30 - Domenico Lardaro - Ann.

WEDNESDAY - MAY 24

8:30 - Denise Ioviero - Mem.
11:30 - Frank & Anna Lombardi - Mem.
7:30 - William T. Wallace - Mem.

THURSDAY - MAY 25

6:45 - Kathleen, MaryAnn, & Theresa Vigorito Mem.
8:30 - Salvatore Caffiero - Mem.
11:30 - Martin Carrara - Mem.
7:30 - Laieta & Griesi Families - Mem.

FRIDAY - MAY 26

8:30 - Palmo Pasquariello - Ann.
11:30 - Michael Felumero, Eileen Blasi & Ralph Valente - Mem.

SATURDAY - MAY 27

8:30 - Anthony Cassella - Mem.
4:00 - Vincent Imperatrice - Ann.
5:30 - Margaret & Morton Thompson - Mem.

SUNDAY - MAY 28

8:15 - John Garmendi - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Anne & Vincent Morano - Mem.
12:00 - Edward Heedles - Mem.
1:15 - Deacon Vincent Brigande - 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.

Weekly Offerings

May 7, 2017

\$13,418.97

May 8, 2016

\$13,688.42

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of May 21 - May 27, 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.

May 27 / May 28 Mass Schedule

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

Will resume in the Fall.

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

Will resume in the Fall.

Legion of Mary

Wednesday at 3:30 PM; rectory

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



Welcome to our Neighborhood Ministry

If you know someone new to your neighborhood, please contact the rectory to obtain a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" packet which includes a welcome letter from Fr. Jerome, a bulletin and a bottle of holy water. In the spirit of hospitality, your new neighbor does not have to be Catholic, we just want to welcome them to the neighborhood. We ask that all of you, our parishioners, be the "welcomers", but if you do not feel comfortable visiting a new neighbor, let us know and we will take care of it, care of our welcoming committee.



Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a Eucharistic Minister's meeting this Monday, May 22nd, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. It will be held in the school auditorium.



St. Charles is still collecting the Pink Box Tops for Education. They are on hundreds of items and are each worth at least 10 cents. Since this is such an easy way to earn thousands of dollars for our school, please ask family, friends, and co-workers to help us too. Simply place Box Tops in the church vestibule or drop them off in school or rectory. Many thanks for your support and constant help which is greatly appreciated by the children of St. Charles. Here is a list of some of the items: General Mills Cereal, Progresso Soup, Totino's, Betty Crocker, Ziplock, Hefty, Green Giant Cans, Old El Paso, Scott, Kleenex, and Pillsbury, etc.

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 22, - May 28, 2017

Monday - May 22

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

Tuesday - May 23

St. Anthony Novena; after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

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 - May 24

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Legion of Mary - 3:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - May 25

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory

Friday - May 26

Cub Scouts - 7:00 PM; auditorium

Saturday - May 27

Sunday - May 28

Parish Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM; school



Ascension Thursday

This Thursday, May 25th is Ascension Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Masses will be as follows, Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 PM, Thursday, May 25, 6:45 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 7:30 PM.

Baby Shower



St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual baby shower on May 19th, 20th & 21st. New items of clothing for new born babies would be appreciated. Please do not wrap the gifts. A wishing well will be in the vestibule of the church for you to place your gifts. These gifts will be distributed to various agencies by the members of the society. As always, the recipients of these gifts very much appreciate your generosity.



God bless our 2nd grade children in our CCD program and school who received their First Holy Communion on May 6 and May 13.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. VBS is a week long camp that runs from June 26th to June 30th from 9 - 12 in the school. Children in grades pre-k-4 through 6th are welcome to attend. The kids will learn about our faith, make crafts, attend Mass and partake in activities such as music and gym. Snacks are served. Forms are available for pickup in the rectory as well as in the vestibule of the church. The forms are due back by June 11. Checks should be made payable to St. Charles Teen Club.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Peggy Kiernan
Keith Alaimo	Trevor Kwatkowski
Paul Alaimo Sr	Amanda Lavoro
Joan Boragi	Elizabeth Linton
Eva Bonafilia	Anthony Locicero Jr.
James Campitelli	Diego Lopez
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	Veronica Parascondola
Ann Marie Coppola	Mary Parnell
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Marie Petrocelli
Philip DeFonte	Pasquale Petrucci
Herb DeGroot	Lee Rhatigan
Frances DeMarco	Mary Ruggiero
Randi Dietrich	Rose Russo
Michael DiFalco	Vincent Russo
Mary Driscoll	Dorothy Sabatell
Marilyn Droge	Vincent Santore
Russell Dunn	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Michael Durante	Anthony & Leonarda Scocco
Pearl Dweck	Jerry Scotti
Joseph Elia	Susan Sexton
Charles Faberzak	Howard Shock
Gloria Faraci	Howard Shock, Jr.
Robert Faraci	Maryann Sparano
Dorothy Fleming	Marie Starita
Aniel Garcia	Dolores Tombolini
Robert Gardner	Ann Van Houten
Marie Grzeczka	Herb Van Houten
Emily Harris	Roseann Venturino
Cheryl Houss	Theresa Verry
Helen Istico	Margaret Ward
Jeannette Castelao Keane	Norm Zuniga
John Kelley	

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*

*Marion Kinseloa
 Christopher Madden*

MARRIAGE BANNS We Celebrate



We ask the family of St. Charles to pray for the following couples who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage.

Desiree Suo & Christopher Weymont

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.



The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship Fund

The Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin Scholarship fund has been established to assist our young students in their Catholic education. If you are interested in making a donation to this fund, you may do so by dropping it off at the rectory.



PARISH NEWS



Summer Basketball Clinics

Summer basketball clinics will be held on Friday evenings beginning June 30 until July 28 from 5:30 - 8:30. Registration is open for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 8th grade. The clinics are directed by Felician College Head Coach, Steve Fagan. To register call Steve at 201-559-3540 or email him at fagans@felician.edu.

2018 Mass Book Opening

The Mass Book for 2018 will be opening on Saturday, June 17 from 9:00 - 2:00 in the school auditorium. We ask that you come prepared with a list of Masses you wish to book for 2018 and an alternate date or time in case the first one is not available.

Limit 6 requests per family.



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.

St. Charles Church Website



Please take some time to visit our website at 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.**

Legion of Mary

We will be starting a "Legion of Mary" group in our parish. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 in the rectory. For further information, please contact Arlene Rhenos at 347-600-8884 or call the rectory.



Book Club

The book club is currently reading "The Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene who explores corruption and atonement through a priest and the people he encounters. In the 1930's one Mexican state has outlawed the Church, naming it a source of greed and debauchery. The priests have been rounded up and shot by firing squad - save one, the whisky priest. On the run, and in a blur of alcohol and fear, this outlaw meets a dentist, a banana farmer and a village woman he knew six years earlier. Greene has drawn this man and all he encounters vividly and viscerally. This brilliant theological thriller has far more mysteries and troubling ideals than certainties. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18 at 4 PM in the rectory basement.

Annual Spring Concert



St. Charles Choir will present its Second Annual Spring Concert on Friday, June 9th at 7:30 PM in the church. The concert, called "Peace I Leave With You" is a celebration of the Christian tradition of peace and love. The program will include classical, contemporary, gospel, and traditional Christian music. Mark your calendar and join us for a wonderful evening.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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GETTING GOD'S ATTENTION

There is a story told about a little boy who decided to write a letter to God one Christmas. He started out by writing: "Dear God, I've been a really good boy this year."

Unfortunately, he then remembered something-that God was all-knowing and all-seeing! He decided that it would not be right to lie to God. So he crumpled up that letter and started over again.

This time he wrote: "Dear God, I know I haven't done everything that I should have, but I really tried to be good." Well, he stopped and crumpled up that letter too. It was obvious that he was struggling with what to write to God. As he sat there, he saw his mother's favorite piece of sculpture on the mantle. It was a beautiful rendition of the Madonna, the Mother of Christ.

The boy perked up and ran out of the room, he came back with a towel and a shoe box. He walked over, carefully he picked up the Madonna, gently wrapped it in the towel, carefully put it in the shoebox and then hid it in the closet. He immediately went back to the table and wrote: "Dear God, if you ever want to see your mother again..." The boy thought this was a good way to get God's attention and he was right!

How can we get God's attention? Well, we don't have to take a statue of the Blessed Mother as hostage. Instead why not "Take" Mary into our hearts and homes in a special way by the power of prayer! A wonderful prayer that the Catholic Church highly recommends is the Holy Rosary. What a powerful prayer this is honoring the Mother of God. The rosary is composed of vocal prayers such as the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. However, the heart of it lies in meditation on a series of "Mysteries" chronicling the life of Our Lord and Our Lady. As our mouths utter the prayers our minds and hearts are meant to soar heavenwards in contemplation of the mysteries.

The rosary is like a "Pocket Chapel" and it can be prayed anywhere-not only in church-but at home, on the bus or walking in the mall! God's power is in our hands when we say the rosary. Often enough as a priest I go to a lot of wakes. Invariably, the rosary is always twined around the dead person's hands-perhaps placed there painstakingly by some undertaker's assistant. But it's not when our hands are stone cold in death that we need the rosary. It is when they are pulsating with life!

During this month of May dedicated to Mary, it's a good idea to develop a good habit, and that is the "Rosary Habit" and say our beads. On May 13th, we celebrated a very significant anniversary-the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima in Portugal. On that day in 1917, Mary appeared to the three shepherd children-Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia. The Blessed Mother told these children that prayer was needed to preserve peace in the world.

She told them that if people did not pray, there would be another war more terrible than the First World War which was then raging. Of course, Mary's words came to pass just over twenty years later with the outbreak of World War II.

In our own time so fraught with terrorism, international tensions and disputes, we are tempted to throw up our hands in fear and anxiety. Why not instead fold our hands in prayer to the Blessed Mother, the "Queen of Peace." Certainly if we do that, many blessings will come and we will get God's attention very fast!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome*

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