



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



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



MAY 28, 2017 SEVENTH 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, 5:00 - 5:30 PM, 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 29

8:30 - Paul Sagar - Mem.
11:30 - The Angelone & Pantonio Families
Mem.

TUESDAY - MAY 30

8:30 - Denise Ioviero - Mem.
11:30 - Josephine D'Amico - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - MAY 31

8:30 - Mary & Anthony Battista - Mem.
11:30 - Joseph Coscia - Ann.

THURSDAY - JUNE 1

8:30 - Margaret McDonough - Mem.
11:30 - Michael Spelman & William West
Mem.

FRIDAY - JUNE 2

8:30 - Msgr. Ansaldi - Mem.
11:30 - Deceased Members of the Scali Family
Mem.

SATURDAY - JUNE 3

8:30 - Stephen Spano - Mem.
4:00 - Thomas Ferranti - Mem.
5:30 - Lawrence Brady - Mem.

SUNDAY - JUNE 4

8:15 - Catherine & Michael Fagan - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - The Wandy & Solka Families - Mem.
12:00 - Robert E. Stoll - Mem.
1:15 - Harry Bolten - 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 14, 2017
\$12,644.33

May 15, 2016
\$12,181.87

Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

*The Wine & Hosts for the week of May 28 - June 3, 2017 are offered in loving memory of **Andrea Demarest** at the request of FAFI Staff.*

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.

June 3 / June 4 Mass Schedule

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM;

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.



To date you have helped us to earn \$3,680.00 from Box Tops. Please thank your family and friends and let them know we will continue to collect Box Tops all year. For your information the most popular Box Tops are from: Cheerios, Progresso, Fiber One, Green Giant, Scott, El Paso, and Zip Lock. God Bless You for your constant support.

St. Clare Ignatian Prayer Group

Saturday, June 3rd in the Presentation Center
Gathering for coffee after the 9:00 am Mass
Prayer begins at 10:00 am

Respond to the stirring in your heart to move closer to God through music, prayer with scripture, spiritual conversation and discussion of topics in Ignatian spirituality.

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 29, - June 4, 2017

Monday - May 29

School Closed

Spiritual Direction - 7:30 PM; rectory

Tuesday - May 30

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

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

Wednesday - May 31

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory

Legion of Mary - 3:30 PM; rectory

Thursday - June 1

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory

Friday - June 2

Drama Club Show - 7:30 PM; school

Saturday - June 3

Drama Club Show - 7:30 PM; school

Sunday - June 4

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

Teen Club Vacation Bible School Prep. - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM; auditorium

Estate Planning and Elder Law Seminar

Mark Gallo, Esq. of the Law Firm of Gallo & Spero, LLP will be conducting a complimentary Estate Planning and Elder Law Seminar, entitled "Protecting Your Wealth and Decisions" on **Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM in St. Charles School auditorium.** Refreshments will be served.

Please call **(718) 761-6464** or email:

mgallo@gallosperolaw.com to reserve a seat. Topics to be discussed include: protecting your home from Medicaid liens, how to avoid probate, asset protection trusts, wills, estate & Medicaid planning, community Medicaid vs. nursing home Medicaid, health care proxies, living wills and powers of attorney. Also to be discussed will be the Enhanced Star, Veterans' and Senior Citizens' real estate tax exemptions in light of the recent renewal requirements.



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 prek-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.



The second collection at all the Masses next weekend is for the Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

THE GET WELL LIST

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| 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 |
| Ann Marie Coppola | Veronica Parascondola |
| Carmine Coronato, Jr. | Mary Parnell |
| Philip DeFonte | Marie Petrocelli |
| Herb DeGroot | Pasquale Petrucci |
| Frances DeMarco | Lee Rhatigan |
| Randi Dietrich | Mary Ruggiero |
| Michael DiFalco | Rose Russo |
| Mary Driscoll | Vincent Russo |
| Marilyn Droge | Dorothy Sabatell |
| Russell Dunn | Vincent Santore |
| Michael Durante | Dolores & Tony Sclafani |
| Pearl Dweck | Anthony 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 | Margaret Ward |
| John Kelley | 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*
Rosalia Palazzolo
Lucille A. Martello



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



MARRIAGE – A THREE RING CIRCUS?

Last Sunday, we congratulated all those couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries at St. Charles. Whether it is a silver jubilee or a golden one, it is a great accomplishment! Why do I say that? Because today it seems that many marriages don't stand the test of time which is heartbreaking. Certainly to get married is one thing, but to stay married, that's another!

A comedian was once asked by he never got married. He responded, "Well, marriage is nothing but a three ring circus. There's the engagement ring, the wedding ring and suffering!" Well, of course, that's an extreme view. No vocation is easy but marriage can be beautiful when it is lived out with devotion, unselfishness and sacrifice.

Recently, I was talking to a couple in the parish, both in their nineties who have been married for 74 years – amazing! I asked them how they had persevered for so many years. The wife interjected, "I kept my mouth shut!" That's not such a bad policy at times.

Catholic marriage is different. The Church defines it as a covenant. A covenant is a sacred union or bond between persons. As we all know, part of the marriage ceremony is the "taking of the vows" or the giving of consent. Just before the vows, the priest asks the couple three questions which are very significant: "Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?" "Will you love and honor each other for the rest of your lives?" And "Will you accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to Christ and His Church?" Three very important questions that should be taken seriously by brides and grooms.

Perhaps the reason why some marriages today wind up being "three ring circuses" can be explained by the fact that these "three goods" of marriage – unity, fidelity and openness to children have been forgotten and neglected by a good number of people.

Back in the 1960's, the Beatles sang a very catchy song entitled, "All You Need is Love – Love, Love, Love!" Some of you might remember it. Sure love is an essential ingredient in making a marriage work. But love has to move beyond the "honeymoon stage" and grow into something deeper – a sacrificial type of love.

At times in planning a wedding Mass, a bride and groom will choose a beautiful passage of St. Paul to the Corinthians that is descriptive of love: "Love is patient, love is kind; it is not self-seeking, it is not rude, it is not prone to anger – it hopes all things, believes all things, endures all things." Actually, St. Paul in this letter lists fifteen qualities of mature Christian love. Again, imagine if more people at the wedding really listened to that reading and put it into practice in their own married lives – what a change there would be!

Christ too should be a "third partner" in every marriage. At times in every relationship, even the best, there are stresses and strains. The wine of love can "go flat" or even run dry. It's at times like this that Jesus who changed the water into wine at the Wedding Feast of Cana can restore what was gone and make it even better. All we have to do is to ask Him!

Today, may we especially pray for all married couples that they may persevere in happiness and love for many more years to come!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jerome

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