

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In a recent online column, readers were asked to contribute what gave them hope in challenging times. A man from Pittsburgh wrote, *I read a single poem every morning. There is hope in a verse or between the lines, something to drift on beyond the headlines.*

“Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone”

The passage we hear at Christmas from Isaiah (9: 1-6) reads like a lush, beautiful poem. For me there is hope between all the lines, and especially in that verse. For many there has been considerable gloom since our last celebration of Christmas, both personally and globally. And yet when I read that verse, I think of the light that continues to shine, despite the darkness.

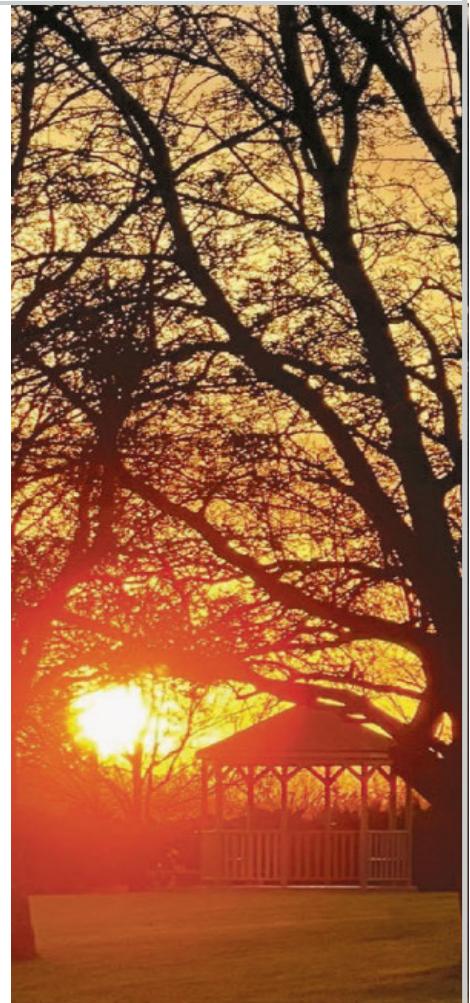
For me, there have been many moments of light; some big and others quite ordinary. This past May my niece got married in Philadelphia. Gathering with family and friends, it was a beautiful moment to step away from daily life and embrace pure joy. The celebration of the sacraments, the numerous weddings I have officiated at this year, the Confirmation students participating regularly at the 11:30 AM Mass have drawn me deeper into the light. Our observance of Kristallnacht, the celebration of Our Lady of Vailankanni and Our Lady of Guadalupe inspired me. The fact that an average of 30 high school students attend morning prayer at 6:30 AM on Thursdays lifts my spirits.

I see these moments and others like them throughout the year. Yet it is the verse we only hear at Christmas that becomes the lens by which I see them. Light is shining no matter what gloom or darkness exists.

My prayer for you and those you love is for that vision of Christmas. May that light of Christ's love continue to guide us into the new year.

With my very best wishes for a happy Christmas,

Msgr. Gregory E. S. Malovetz



Christmas Flowers The flowers and decorations in the church and the gathering space are from donations. **Thank you** for making our church so beautiful this time of year.

In Memory of

Adele Cawley by The Hover-Cawley Family

Debbie Green by Vikki Caines

Lori Cantelmo by Joe Cantelmo

Charlotte Nagy by Kevin & Jayne McGuigan

*Our loving parents & brothers-in-law
by John & Helen Walsh*

Nancy Robinson by Her Family

Jerry Cianfrocca by His Family

Gwen McCullagh by Jack McCullagh

*Mary & Thomas Murphy, Winifred & Alfred Hale
by Marjorie Hale*

The Sinclair Family by The Sinclair Family

Anne Abrahamsen by Pam & John Pannucci

Genevieve S. Lubas by Genevieve S. & Braedon Morro

*Theodore John Lubas
by John Walker & William Walker Lubas*

Sandra Gail Lubas

by Matthew Joseph & Timothy William Ryba

Adelaide & Micale Vertucci by Cecelia Vertucci

Carmel Distefano by Anthony & Elisabeth Fuccello

Nattalina & Joseph Fuccello

by Anthony & Elisabeth Fuccello

Howard Bolt by His Family

Delia Drake by Linda Pierson

Paddy Durkin by Ed & Jennie Murphy

Harry & Patricia Stevens by Colleen & Jason Walsh

Frank Nini by Camille Nini

Josefina Ortí De Mesa by Her Daughters

Paul & Agnes Boisde by Their Family

Our Fathers, Frank Sandie & Michael Klein

by Chris & Leah Klein

James & Marjorie Ledwith by Andy & Therese Fay

John & Theresa Fay by Andy & Therese Fay

John Colamarino by His Family

Art Walsh by Patrick & Margaret Walsh

In honor of

The Cooke Family by Pat Cooke



**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO**
Montgomery Township and Rocky Hill, NJ

WEEKEND MASSES

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Contact: 609.466.0300 www.borromeo.org

Mailing address: 376 Burnt Hill Road, Skillman, NJ 08558

Church location: 47 Skillman Road, Skillman, NJ 08558

Sunday, December 24, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: **Christmas Day**

10:00 AM: **Festive Mass of Christmas Morning**

There are no Masses 12/26-29

Sunday, December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM: Angela Luino/ The Oldis Family

Sunday:

8:30 AM: Genevieve Lubas /*Her Family*

10:00 AM: People of the Parish

11:30 AM: Irene Brzyski /*Josephine & Joe Darcy*

DEACON LARRY MAGDASOC



Since his ordination as a transitional deacon, Larry Magdasoc has been assigned to our parish. He was with us throughout the summer. He is completing his final year of studies at the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. Deacon Larry

will continue to serve here on the weekends until his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Metuchen in June 2024.

We are blessed to have Deacon Larry with us. He gave a beautiful presentation of Simbang Gabi, the pre-Christmas celebration of the Philippines, after all the Masses on Sunday December 10th.

On the day after Christmas, Deacon Larry will fly home to the Philippines. It will be his first trip there in four years. It will be a wonderful reunion with his mom and the rest of the family. Please pray that his journey will be easy and his visit home a time of rest and renewal. He will return to join us in mid-January.



**FROM THE FINANCE
COUNCIL**

Christmas is a time of gift giving; a time of reaching out with wishes of love and peace to others.

We are indeed grateful for the support of time, talent and treasure our parishioners give to Saint Charles throughout the year.

We think of the hundreds of gifts that were purchased from the Giving Tree tags. We think of those who make the commitment to Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, as well as Loaves and Fishes.

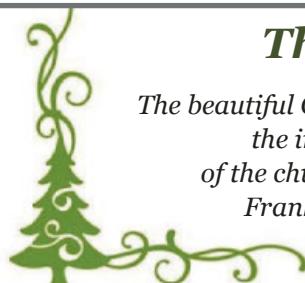
We are thankful to parishioners who supported the annual Mission Appeal, contributing a total of \$6430.62 for the ministries in the Diocese of Kohima in India.

And we are grateful for the financial support you give to our parish. It is not an easy time for non-profits and faith communities. Here in Central Jersey, there have been many changes that affect both church attendance, volunteerism and financial support. Ours is a shared challenge with many parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Yet, through monitoring expenditures and managing our savings, we have been able to continue the vibrancy of our community. A copy of our yearly financial report can be found here: www.borromeo.org , click on the Ministry tab, select 2023 Financial Report.

At the end of every year, we encourage our parishioners to prayerfully reevaluate their financial commitment to St. Charles. The ability to increase is appreciated; every offering of support is a blessing.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas,
*Steve Heil (Chair), Joe Darcy, Susan Feeney,
Kimberlee Murphy, Joanie Sartorio and David Trinkle*



Thank you

*The beautiful Christmas trees decorating
the inside and outside
of the church were donated by
Frank & Judi DiMeglio*

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US



WEBSITE /
LIVESTREAM
www.borromeo.org



INSTAGRAM
[stcharlesborromeo03](https://www.instagram.com/stcharlesborromeo03)



FLOCKNOTE
stcharlesskillman.flocknote.com



The Catholic Community of Saint Charles Borromeo *Office of Youth Ministry*

Dear Friends of St. Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry:

The St. Charles Borromeo Youth Ministry Golf Classic has been a staple here for over a decade now, and it has truly become a critical part of our programming. Our outing is how scholarships for our service immersion programming are possible, how the pizzas for an after school activity are paid for, and it's how our programming continues to grow as more and more students find their way through our doors. Now more than ever we need your help this spring.

Our next outing will be held on **Tuesday, May 7th 2024 at Mercer Oaks West**. Please save this date and consider joining us. Over the years, the Golf Classic has raised over \$200,000 to subsidize programs for the young people of our parish. We depend on your support and we are so grateful for it.

Whether you choose to golf, contribute to a sponsorship or make a raffle donation, your support and participation are essential to continuing these important programs. Last year we had several signature sponsors which made an especially significant impact on our outing. DCH Advisors - the Hover family, The Hose Shop Inc - the Petersons, Thomas & Susan Gallagher, Hillsborough Funeral Home, Tony & Joanie Sartorio, Miami International Holdings, INC, and the Musto Family were hugely beneficial to last year's event and we are extremely indebted to them for their support. We hope we can count on you and thank you very much for all of your support over the years.

Regards,

The St. Charles Borromeo Golf Outing Committee

Barb and Al Ambrose

Brad Seamon

Chris Small

Connor Paladino

Meg Poltorak Keyes

Michelle Dowling

Paul Stahlin

Steve Foxx

Steve Heil



CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF THE SAINT CHARLES YOUTH GROUP

It may be 5, 10 or 15 years since you "graduated" from the Saint Charles Youth Group. Do you remember the friends you made and the good times you had participating in the Youth Group's social and service projects? And the foundation you received from your Youth Group participation as you went off to college? Would you like to "pay it forward" to the young people of the parish today?

If so, join us for the Youth Ministry Golf Classic on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at Mercer Oaks West. There are opportunities to play golf, contribute to a sponsorship, purchase a raffle ticket or join us for cocktails and dinner to catch up with old friends. The money raised goes to support the Youth Ministry's programs and we would be so grateful for your support this year. There will be updates in the bulletin as the date grows closer. Please send your email and/or mobile number to **Chris Small (csmall@borromeo.org)** so we can add you to our alumni list.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

We must embrace our differences, even celebrate our diversity. We must glory in the fact that God created each of us as unique human beings. God created us different, but God did not create us for separation. God created us different that we might recognize our need for one another. We must reverence our uniqueness, reverence everything that makes us what we are: our language, our culture, our religious tradition.

-Desmond Tutu

As you think about growing up in your family, what do you remember about the ways you celebrated your faith? Were there special traditions, rituals, food, or celebrations that gave life to your family, your particular parish, or your cultural heritage? Sharing stories about these important moments is not only fascinating conversation, but it also helps us understand what gives meaning to our lives.



The Cultural Diversity Ministry here at St. Charles offers a place to come together to share these stories. This mission of our ministry strives to create opportunities to raise awareness of the diverse expressions of our Catholic faith found in the various cultures here within our parish. We meet as a ministry the 3rd Sunday of each

month. We come together to share about faith, plan a variety of programs for the parish, and share food. Yes, it really is all about the food!!!

We invite you to join our ministry and share about the rituals and devotions from your own cultural heritage of faith.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Trish at pscalese@borromeo.org



St. Charles Borromeo



Faith Formation For Families

Our Religious Formation program, which we call GIFT, is an intergenerational experience where parents and children of all ages come together to pray and learn. Our goal is to empower and support parents as the primary catechists of their children. Our

hope is that at each GIFT session, everyone present, children and adults, share and grow in faith and leave with tools to live their faith in their everyday lives.

Each year, we focus on one of the pillars of the Catholic Church. This year, each session covers at least one of the pillars of our faith, with the overall theme of "living our faith" in our lives. We think about prayer, sacraments, morality, the liturgical calendar, and more. Each session is designed to challenge each person present to consider how God is working in our lives and how we are called to live as followers of Jesus.

Through our GIFT program, children are also prepared for the Sacraments. Our intergenerational model enables parents to be actively involved in these milestones with their children and grow in their own faith through the experience.

For more information about GIFT, be sure to check www.borromeogift.org



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

One of the most important things we do as Catholic Christians is gather weekly to celebrate Mass. Being present in this way offers us the opportunity to be nourished by the Eucharist, to be renewed by Christ himself.

The Catholic Community of St. Charles offers numerous ways for each one of us to engage more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. There are ways to participate at Mass through the many ministries here at St. Charles. Ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists are all welcome to join us in helping to celebrate each week. Each of these ministries not only enhances the community's experience of Liturgy, they in turn help each one of us participate more fully in the Mass.

So, think about how you might enhance your own experience of Liturgy by joining us in one of these opportunities. Information regarding all of our Liturgical ministries can be found in the bulletin or call the Parish Office at 609-466-0300 for more information.

advocare | Moda Gynecology 
"Compassionate Care One Visit at a Time"

Lindsay de Flesco, MD, FACOG • (908) 652-5179
Moda Gynecology is an office-based, gynecology-only practice that serves women from adolescence through advanced ages. My practice is based on a culture of kindness and respectful, thorough medical care.
24 Vreeland Drive, Suite 3, Skillman, NJ 08818
www.advocaremodagynecology.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit ipcommunities.com



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Monica Sankey

msankey@4LPi.com
(800) 888-4574 x3101

catholicmatch®
New Jersey 
CatholicMatch.com/NJ

SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS
that Support our Community!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lp.com

St. Charles Borromeo, Skillman, NJ 03-0306


HomeCare Veterinary Clinic
609-921-1557
homecarevet@comcast.net
Rt. 518 near 206
Rocky Hill, NJ 08553
www.homecare-vet.com


(609) 924-1587
Calhoun's Garage
Collision Repair
Dan Calhoun, Owner
782 Rte., 518, Skillman, NJ 08558


Family Investors Company
Matthew P. Chemidlin
908.322.1800
Specializing in IRA's & Retirement Income
Serving the needs of investors since 1960
Call today for a free in-home consultation
Member of FINRA & SIPC


Alfonso's
Pizzeria & Restaurant
Alessandro & Kim Borredon
609-924-8351
Fax: 609-921-2304
1225 State Road Princeton, NJ
Alfonospizzaofprinceton.com


Honda of Princeton
987 State Road, Route 206, Princeton
609-423-2601 • 848-448-4726
Barry Magnus, General Manager
barrymagnus@princetonhonda.com
www.princetonhonda.com


The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home
Albert D. Correnti Jr., Manager NJ Lic. No. 3538
John A. Oliveti, Director NJ Lic. No. 4012 • Albert D. Correnti III, Director NJ Lic. No 4886
Anthony J. Correnti, Director NJ Lic. No. 5030 • Amanda Snyder, Director NJ Lic. No. 5215
609-924-0242 • 40 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08542
matherhodge@gmail.com • www.matherhodge.com
Family Owned and Operated • Valet Parking at Funeral Home

RIVERVIEW CONSTRUCTION
Deck Specialist
609-468-7594



Animal Alliance
RESCUE | SHELTER | REHABILITATE | SPAY/NEUTER | ADOPT
AnimalAllianceNJ.org
GREAT DOGS & CATS, PUPPIES & KITTENS FOR ADOPTION
1432 ROUTE 179 N., LAMBERTVILLE, NJ
609-818-1952
WE ALSO HAVE A LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC!


SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Hillsborough Funeral Home
908-874-5600
796 ROUTE 206, HILLSBOROUGH
WWW.HILLSBOROFUNERALHOME.COM


Cheri Gregov
Executive Coach
609-552-1532
www.CheriGregov.com
cheri@CheriGregov.com
Instagram: @CheriGregov
www.facebook.com/CheriGregov

I help business professionals and entrepreneurs optimize their work for peak performance and satisfaction.

cheri CG gregov

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide


833-287-3502

 **SafeStreets**

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO

4ipi.com/adcreator




**BUCKLEY THEROUX
KLINE & COOLEY, LLC**
Attorneys At Law

707 STATE ROAD, PRINCETON, NJ 08540 • 609-924-9099 • BUCKLEYTHEROUX.COM

Professional Representation When You Need It Most



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4ipi.com

St. Charles Borromeo, Skillman, NJ 03-0306