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APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening-4:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Sunday-8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM, and 12 Noon

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM and
12 Noon
Saturday at 8:30 AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - 7:30 PM
8:30 AM, 12 Noon and 6:00 PM

Confessions

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, 5:00 - 5:30 PM, and after Mass on the Eve of a Holy Day.

Adoration

*Monday - Friday Following the 12 Noon - 5:00 PM
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 AM
and 11:30 AM.*

The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after the 8:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses on Mondays.

Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Parents should call the rectory to register for a baptism class. 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.



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

LITURGY CORNER

Mass Intentions



MONDAY - APRIL 8

8:30 - Gianna Marchisella - Living Intention
12:00 - Evelyn Iallonardo - Mem.

TUESDAY - APRIL 9

8:30 - Linda Imperatrice - Ann.
12:00 - James Hanley - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 10

8:30 - Sheila Dattilo - Ann.
12:00 - Brandon Eleutice - Mem.

THURSDAY - APRIL 11

8:30 - Lisa Stahlecker - Mem.
12:00 - Paul Filangeri - Ann.

FRIDAY - APRIL 12

8:30 - The Passarelli Family - Mem.
12:00 - Antonio & Giuseppina Pazzaro - Mem.

SATURDAY - APRIL 13

8:30 - Carlo Castrogiovanni - Mem.
4:00 - Robert Karbowski - Mem.
5:30 - Vincent A. Russo, Jr. - Ann.

SUNDAY- APRIL 14

8:15 - Christopher Fagan - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Antonio Gaglia - Ann.
12:00 - Louis Coronato & Keith Coronato -
Mem.

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

Last Weekend

Palm Sunday

\$14,868.00

Last Year (2023)

Palm Sunday

\$13,629.73



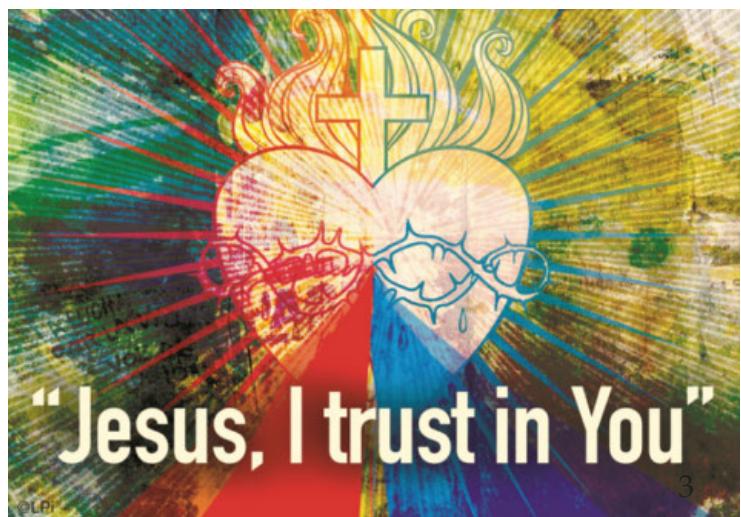
Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Altar Candles

The Wine & Hosts for the week of April 7th - April 13th, 2024 are offered in loving memory of Vivian & John Barbieri at the request of their daughter, Joanne.

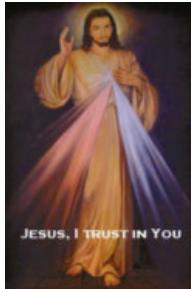
NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY 2024

The New York Catholic Youth Day 2024 will take place on Saturday, April 27th from 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM for high school students and Sunday, April 28th from 11:30 - 5:00 PM for middle school day at St. Joseph's Seminary. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, engaging speakers, live music and a service project.

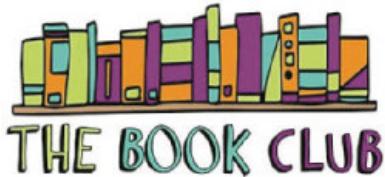
To register, go to: <https://archny.org/youth-faith-formation/nycyd>



PARISH HAPPENINGS



St. Charles Church will celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** with a special service on **Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 PM** in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reading from the diary and veneration of the Sacred Image. Confessions will be heard during the service. *In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina.* All are welcome to this special service.



"American Beauty" by Shana Abe is an historical fiction novel about the rags - to - riches story of Arabella Huntington. Her beauty is surpassed only by her exceptional business acumen, grit and artistic eye. She defied the constraints of her era to become the richest self-made woman in America. Set in New York City during the Gilded Age, she rubs elbows with the Astors and Vanderbilts, who rule high society events. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 18th at 4:30 PM in the rectory.**



We invite all those families who have baptized a child this year to our monthly coffee hour after the **9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 7th in the auditorium.** Please join us in welcoming the new members of our parish. All are welcome!



Congratulations to our 6th grade boys basketball team who won first place in the Staten Island CYO championship and to our biddy cheerleaders who won first place in the State CYO competition. GO CHARGERS!

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL PRESENTS...

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

THE GET WELL LIST

Keith Alaimo
Peter Arnone
John Aspromonte
Sal Astuto
Christopher Bailey
Patricia Baroz
Anthony Bocchetti
Cathy Bonk
Gregory Bogomolnik
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Lillian DeMartini
Andrew DeSimone
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Denise Legere
Carlo Liggio
Anthony Locicero Jr.
Doris Lombardi
Michael Mackie
Lauren Marie
Eileen Magno
Danielle Marziliano
Philomena Marzo
Sharon McClenin
Peggy McGarry
Mary Messias
Benita Mitchell
Alessandra Modica
Frank Orlando
John Orsino
Patricia Palmieri
Anna Puglia
Annette Rocanova
Tony Michael Romero
Melanie Roy
John Scherma
Marie Starita
Veronica Stephens
Jude Riley Taylor
Vincent Tomo
Mary Ann Troiano
Anna Marie Violetta
Christopher Wandy
Drew Young



*At the heart of gardening
there is a belief in the
miraculous.*
Mirabel Osier



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.

*Leonard Cerami
Richard Feramisco
Gregory Marino*



The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

In 2024, because it would otherwise fall during Holy Week, the Annunciation will be observed on **Monday, April 8**. Masses will be celebrated at **8:30 AM and 12 Noon**.

Holy Spirit, You spoke to Mary through an angel to invite her to participate in the plan of salvation. Though she questioned how it was possible for her to become the mother of the Messiah, and she knew she faced rejection from Joseph and others, she gave You her yes. With the help of her prayers, I want to become fully willing to say yes to my part in giving Christ to the world. Encourage me when I don't understand what You are asking. Bless me with the grace of hearing the call and the courage to trust in Your plan. Let it be done unto me according to Your will. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. Amen.

PARISH AND LOCAL NEWS

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM DEDICATION IN HONOR OF MSGR. THOMAS J. BERGIN

Please join us for a celebration and reception as the Moore Catholic Gymnasium is being dedicated in honor of Msgr. Thomas J. Bergin on **Saturday, April 13th**. For tickets, go to www.moorecatholichs.org or call 718-761-9200.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Group meets **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM** in the rectory. If you have lost a loved one, whether recently or in the past, you are welcome to attend. For further information, call Thea at 718-987-0658.



PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are not already a registered parishioner and would like to become one, the QR Code is a quick and easy way to register. You can also go to our website at stcharlessi.org or stop by the rectory.



WeShare is an online platform for parish contributions. The QR Code is a convenient way to sign up for this service. This is a great way to continue your church donations if you are a snow bird. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a recruitment drive after all the Masses today. If you are interested, please feel free to talk to any of the Knights for more information.

NAR-ANON IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Nar-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship for those affected by someone else's drug addition. They offer help by sharing their experience, strength and hope. The New Hope Nar-Anon chapter will be re-instituting their weekly in-person meetings beginning **Wednesday, March 13th**. The meetings will be from **7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** and will take place at **Staten Island University Hospital**, 375 Seguine Avenue in the conference Room - Lobby Floor. Please inquire at the front desk if you are unfamiliar with the room location. We will respect your anonymity at all times. First names only.



Each year, all of us at our parish make it our priority to support the Appeal and its \$21 million effort. As of today, we have made significant progress towards our goal. To those who have already made a gift to the Appeal this year, THANK YOU! If you have not given to the Appeal before, we invite you to make a gift today by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate. Thus far, we have received \$79,969 from 293 families to help meet our goal of \$110,400. Cardinal's Appeal envelopes can be found in the vestibule of the church. Thank you. 6

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