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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish community of Saint Charles Borromeo, are called by our Baptism to share the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ to love God and one another.

We respond to this call by deepening our faith through active participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and by sharing our time, talent and treasure to serve and care for others within and outside our parish community.

We envision ourselves as belonging to a people of faith, hope and love as we are led by the Holy Spirit in celebrating the Kingdom of God.

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:00pm Ben, Benny, Billy & Brian Bardaji (r/o Wife, Helen & Grandchildren)
Ethel Reid (r/o Michelle Dore & Angela Ruiz)
For all Living & Deceased members of our Parish Community

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am Mary Ruggio (r/o Family)
Marty & Dorothy Melincavage (Son, Marty)
10:30am Ann Schneider (r/o Joseph & Jill Walsh and Family)
John Oliver (r/o Ally & Kevin Eisenmann)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Immaculate Conception

9:00am Sean D. McGann (r/o John & Christine Flynn)
Rose & Michael Messina (r/o Angelina Kimmel)
7:00pm **For all Living & Deceased members of our Parish Community**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am Potero & Pancoast Family (r/o Family)
Margaret Frentzen (r/o Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00am Tim Broomhead (r/o Parents)
Lenny Piccinini (r/o Kearney Family)
Michael Nuzzi (r/o Toni & Ed Martino)
Carol Robinson (r/o Rose Marie O'Brien)
Dr. Remo Leomporra (r/o Peter Trolene)
Tom Morris (r/o Kearney Family)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00am For all Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am Selby Robison, Sr. (r/o Family)
Dolores Watson (r/o Jeanette & Marty Watson)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00pm Consuelo Rey Hipolito (r/o Emma Gomez)
Louis Ruggio (r/o Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30am Eileen Hebert (r/o Dottie Gerlock)
Rosemarie Schipsi (r/o Parrish Family)
For all Living & Deceased members of our Parish Community
10:30am Jack Hafner (r/o Family)
Catherine, John & Joe (r/o Family)

The Immaculate Conception - December 8th

Holyday of Obligation

Monday: 9:00AM and 7:00PM
The Parish Office is CLOSED

Mass Schedule

Weekends Saturday Evening 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Monday through Friday @ 9:00 AM
(All weekday Masses include Live Streaming)
Holy Days Vigil 7:00 PM; Holy Day 9:00 AM

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Monday through Friday8:00 AM to 10 PM
Saturday8:00 AM to 4 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays or by appointment.....3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office for instructions.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office 1 year before the wedding to begin marriage preparations.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound or Hospital

Anyone wishing to arrange for a home visit and receive the Eucharist is to contact the Parish Office. Arrangements will be made at your convenience.



The amount collected for the weekend of November 30th totalled: \$15,026.

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It helps with the tabulation of your donation.
Forgot your envelope? Temporary envelopes in the Gathering Space.

BREAD, WINE AND FLOWER DONATION

If you would like to sponsor the purchase of altar bread, wine and flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet at the Parish Office.

The Adoration Chapel will be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th.

The Parish Office is CLOSED on Wednesday, December 24th. Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

Letter from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This upcoming Monday is December 8th which is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In a year in which our liturgical schedule has been slightly different, with All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day falling the way that they did, we continue the trend with the Immaculate Conception. Although not quite as complicated as it was last year, it still might be a bit confusing. And so, to be clear, the Immaculate Conception IS a Holy Day of Obligation. Allow me to explain a bit more as to why that is.

The first thing that could use a bit of explanation is how a Holy Day of Obligation sometimes isn't obligatory. There are only a handful of Holy Days of Obligation that fall outside the regular Sunday celebration. These include Christmas, New Year's Day, the Assumption, All Saint's Day, and the Immaculate Conception. Usually there's no confusion over these days, just go to Mass and participate in the liturgical celebration. However, given the complexity of modern living, the bishops in the US have recognized that it can be burdensome to require the faithful to attend Mass on consecutive days. And so, in the event that a Holy Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. There are two exceptions to that: Christmas and the Immaculate Conception.

Christmas is such an important Solemnity that it should make sense why you must go to Mass on that day. The birth of the Savior is in many ways, a linchpin of our faith, with the Incarnation being a demonstration of God's tremendous love for humanity and our salvation. The Immaculate Conception is quite important too. The fact that God selected Mary to be born without Original Sin is a singular and extraordinary grace bestowed only on her. And with it, such freedom from sin would enable her to say yes God's invitation to be the mother of the Messiah. It's all worth celebrating, hence it being a Holy Day in the first place.

But the other reason is the fact that Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of our country. Just like St. Charles is our parish patron saint, so too, does the US have a patron saint as well. And in order to recognize and celebrate that reality, we hold onto the annual celebration of the Immaculate Conception as a Holy Day of Obligation whether it falls on a Saturday or Monday, or anywhere else during the week. And so, my friends, given the timing of things this year, St. Charles will offer two opportunities to join us for Mass on December 8th. If you're around in the morning, you can join us for the daily 9AM celebration. Or you can be with us Monday evening at 7PM. I recognize that December is a busy time of year for all of us, but I hope you'll make the time to attend Mass that day.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Dan

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Kathleen Kearney, sister of Ed

Gary Seidt

William James Case

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Let us remember the sick of our community that they may receive healing of body, soul and spirit.

Janice Dickinson, Holly Frame, Christine Ghegan, Jim Anderson,

Lester Stasiorowski, Robert Sosna and John Kugler

*After one month in the bulletin they will be transferred to the
Book of Healing in the Gathering Space*



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

God already sees the entire future of the embryo...The days which that creature will live and fill with deeds throughout his earthly existence are already written in the Lord's book of life. The greatness of this little unborn human creature, is a biblical tribute to the human being from the first moment of his existence.

Pope Benedict XVI, 2005

ADORATION CHAPEL

Come and receive the special outpouring of God's grace that many of our parishioners have already experienced by spending time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and be blessed at your own convenience. The chapel is open from 8AM to 10PM on Monday through Friday and 8AM to 4PM on Saturday. Please contact Joeram Nuarin at 856-829-3322 ext. 120, if you are interested in taking an hour in the Chapel.

ST. CHARLES YOUTH MINISTRY (SCYM) MEETING

Sunday, December 14 at 7pm Marsh Hall (next to red barn)

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater/shirt.

We will be making luminaries for Christmas Eve.

Pizza & Christmas cookies will be served.

CASSEROLES FOR THE POOR

Frozen casseroles donated on the second Thursday of each month by St. Charles parishioners are delivered to Catholic Charities Emergency Services. Anyone interested in joining this worthy endeavor, call Cathy Weir at 856-904-8632. Next drop off day is **December 11th**. Casseroles may be dropped off in the barn any time between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

WEEKDAY COMMUNION ANTIPHONS

Monday: Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Tuesday: Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

Wednesday: Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

Thursday: Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

Friday Entrance: A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Friday: The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our families and by reaching out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please share our St. Charles SVdP Helpline phone number (856-842-5476) so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Are you in need of transportation to a doctor, pharmacy, or another need? Please call 856-829-0935 and leave a message, either for the ride you need, or the help you can provide to mass each week. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Advent a Season of Hope

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING HOPE

Third Sunday of Advent (December 14)

Monetary Donation to one of the following Charities:

MERCY CENTER – Funding provides food shelter and clothing for elderly, homeless and de-institutionalized persons in the Asbury Park area of New Jersey.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE – Funding is used to help victims of domestic violence (women and children). Emergency shelter, housing, legal advocacy, are a few areas that are supported through these funds. This is sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Trenton.

SAMARITAN HOSPICE – Funding is used to give care and support to patients and caregivers of those with serious progressive illnesses.

Thank you in advance for supporting this Parish Advent Project.



ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

The Advent Parish Penance Service will be held on Monday, December 15th at 7:00 PM in Church.

Visiting priests will be with us for your convenience.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols, a liturgy of song in which nine lessons are told, recounting Scripture. Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Readings are taken from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir music. All are welcome.

Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday afternoon, December 21st at 2:00 PM in Church.

HOLY NAME RAFFLE

The members of the Holy Name Society are selling 50/50 raffle tickets. 50% of the proceeds are donated to LOCAL charities that the Holy Name Society supports each year. The remaining 50% goes to six lucky winners as follows: First Winner 20%, Second Winner 10% and Third through Sixth Winners 5% each. The cost of the ticket is \$10.00.

The drawing will be held at the Holy Name Christmas gathering on Sunday evening, **December 21st at 6:00pm in McCusker Hall.**

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WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

The Women's Circle group will attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8th at 7:00pm followed by fellowship in McCusker Hall. All are welcome!

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U. S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: **1-888-296-2965** or via e-mail.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Join Us for Our Holiday Celebrations

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, 12/24:
4:00 PM (Livestreamed)
6:00 PM 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

Thursday 12/25:
8:30 AM 10:30 AM

Mary, Mother of God Masses

Wednesday, 12/31:
5:00PM

Wednesday, 1/1/26:
9:00 AM



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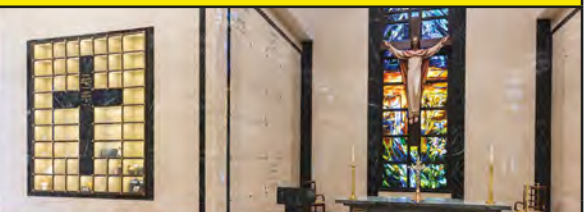


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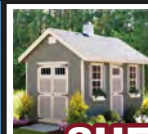
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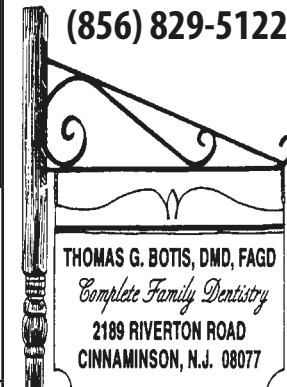
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