



ST. CHARLES BORROME O
ST. GEORGE LITHUANIAN
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

JANUARY 5, 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT CHARLES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm Spanish (U.Ch),
7:00pm Portuguese (L.Ch)

Sunday:

7:00am Haitian (L.Ch),
8:45am Spanish (U.Ch),
10:45am Portuguese (U.Ch),
11:00am English (L.Ch) ,
12:45pm Spanish (U.Ch),
5:00pm Haitian (U.Ch)



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday - 7:30am English (Chapel)
Tuesday & Friday - 7:00pm Haitian (Chapel)
Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00pm Spanish (L.Ch)
Thursday & Friday - 7:30pm Portuguese (Chapel)
Saturday - 8:00am Spanish (L.Ch)

Chapel - L. Ch: Lower Church

CONFESSIONS:

EVERY SATURDAY AT 11:00 AM-12:00 P.M
& 3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M

PRIEST OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SAINT CHARLES

FR. ABELARDO- Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 am.-12:30 pm.
FR. JAVIER- Thursday: 9:30 am.-12:30 pm.
FR. RICARDO - Friday: 12:30 pm.-3:30pm.

SAINT GEORGE

FR. ABELARDO- Martes: 4:00 pm. - 7:00 pm.
FR. JAVIER- Viernes: 4:00 pm. - 6:45 pm.
FR. RICARDO - Jueves: 9:00 am. - 12:30pm.

To make an appointment please contact the parish office : (203) 333-2147

SAINT GEORGE

WEEKEND MASSES

Sabado Vigil (Saturday):

6:30 PM Spanish

Domingo (Sunday):

8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM- Spanish

CONFESIONES:

TODOS LOS SÁBADOS A LAS 5:00 PM

CONFESSIONS:

EVERY SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Lunes (Monday)- 7:00 p.m.

Martes (Tuesday)- 7:00 p.m.

Viernes (Friday) - 7:00 p.m.

Sábado (Saturday) - 6:30 p.m.

Primer Viernes del Mes - 6:00 p.m. Adoración

First Friday of the Month -6:00 p.m. Adoration


Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions Every

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.




GENERAL INFORMATION

SAINT CHARLES OFFICE

 (203) 333-2147

 office@stcharlesbridgeport.org

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 www.stcharlesbridgeport.org

OFFICE HOURS

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday/lunes	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday/martes	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday/miercoles	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday/jueves	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday/ viernes	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday/sabado	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CAPILLA DE ADORACION PERPETUA



**OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
24 HOURS A DAY / 7 DAYS A WEEK
IN THE URBAN CENTER**


**ABIERTA PARA ORACION PERSONAL
7 DIAS A LA SEMANA / 24 HORAS AL DIA
EN EL CENTRO URBANO**

SAINT GEORGE OFFICE


OFFICE HOURS

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes/ Monday	Closed
Martes/Tuesday	4:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Miercoles/Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Jueves / Thursday	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Viernes/Friday	4:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.

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ANOINTMENT OF THE SICK/UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please contact one of our priests by calling the office

HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE SICK

If someone is ill, homebound or hospitalized, please call:

Deacon Rivera at (203) 572-3698

Deacon Fabio Tavares at (347) 307-6875

SANTA COMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Si alguien está enfermo, confinado en casa u hospitalizado,
llame a:

Díacono. David Rivera (203) 572-3698

Díacono. Fabio Tavares 347-307-6875



Caring for our Retired Priests

"After retiring in 2017, I moved into the retirement home of Queen of the Clergy. Once I was settled in, it quickly became obvious that many of our parishes now had only one priest to serve them. I committed myself to helping our at three parishes on a regular basis. It brought great satisfaction to me as a priest to be able to continue to minister, celebrate the liturgy and preach the word of God. It was a great opportunity for me to be part of different communities and to use my gifts to assist people on their spiritual journey.

- Msgr. Robert J. Crofut, Retired Priest



Thank you for your support of the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence through the Bishop's Appeal. Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our clergy in their retirement.

To support this important ministry and work in our Diocese, please consider making your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!
Visit: www.2024BishopsAppeal.org

"Unite as One in Christ to bring to life all the diocesan ministries, programs and agencies that deliver the pastoral care and human services that no single parish can provide on its own."

-Bishop Frank Caggiano

OFFERTORY REPORT

**For the Week of
November 09 - November 15, 2024**

Sunday Offertory Collection	\$ 11,912.40
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 192.00
Other Income	\$ 7802.30
Online Giving	\$ 521.00
Total Parish Collection	\$ 20,427.70

Saint Charles Borromeo & Saint George Parish

**One In Christ
The 2024 Bishop's Appeal
as of 12/17/24**

ABA Goal:	\$33,900
Total Pledged:	\$23,996
Donors to Date:	158 Donors

Thank you for your support.
To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2024 BishopsAppeal.org](http://2024BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



JANUARY MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Thursday, January 2	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Family Xayarath
Friday, January 3	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Somchay
Sunday, January 5	11:00 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Somchay
Monday, January 6	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Family Xayarath
Tuesday, January 7	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Somchay
Wednesday, January 8	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Family Xayarath
Thursday, January 9	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Somchay
Friday, January 10	7:30 a.m.		Maria Corea-Grey
Saturday, January 11	8:00 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath R. I. P.	Somchay



Sanctuary Candle

This week
the sanctuary candle burns for:

**FOR A NEW YEAR
FULL OF BLESSINGS**

REQUESTED BY: --

About the Sanctuary Candle...

The red Sanctuary Candle by the tabernacle represents the presence of Jesus Christ in the church. It is a symbol of honor and devotion.

If you would like the candle to burn in memory of someone, for a special occasion, or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office. The cost is \$50.00, and the candle will burn for one week.

La vela roja del Santuario junto al tabernáculo indica la presencia de Jesucristo en la iglesia. Es un símbolo de honor y devoción.

Si deseas que la vela arda en memoria de alguien, para una ocasión especial, o para una intención, por favor contacta a la Oficina Parroquial. El costo es de \$50.00, y la vela estará encendida por una semana.

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles through the visit of the Wise Men. Just as these wise men followed the star to find the newborn King, we too are called to seek Christ's light in our lives. The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came for all, offering salvation to humanity. As we begin the new year, let us renew our commitment to follow Christ's light, allowing it to guide us through the challenges of 2025.

The journey of the Wise Men teaches us about faith, perseverance, and the willingness to bring our gifts—our talents, love, and service—as offerings to the Lord. This Epiphany, let us reflect on how we can share the light of Christ in our communities. In a world full of uncertainty, the Epiphany reminds us that God's presence offers peace, hope, and joy.

As we celebrate this feast, let it inspire us to open our hearts to Christ's light in the year ahead. Just as the Wise Men were transformed by their encounter with the newborn King, we too can experience a deeper transformation in our faith and lives. May this Sunday inspire us to be bearers of Christ's light, offering love, hope, and compassion to all in 2025.

In Christ,

Rev. J. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

DE LA OFICINA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos Amigos,

Este domingo celebramos la Epifanía del Señor, una fiesta que conmemora la revelación de Jesucristo a los gentiles a través de la visita de los Reyes Magos. Así como estos sabios siguieron la estrella para encontrar al Rey recién nacido, nosotros también estamos llamados a buscar la luz de Cristo en nuestras vidas. La Epifanía nos recuerda que Jesús vino para todos, ofreciendo salvación a la humanidad. Al comenzar el nuevo año, renovemos nuestro compromiso de seguir la luz de Cristo, permitiéndole guiarnos a través de los desafíos del 2025.

El viaje de los Reyes Magos nos enseña sobre la fe, la perseverancia y la disposición de llevar nuestros dones—nuestros talentos, amor y servicio—como ofrendas al Señor. En esta Epifanía, reflexionemos sobre cómo podemos compartir la luz de Cristo en nuestras comunidades. En un mundo lleno de incertidumbre, la Epifanía nos recuerda que la presencia de Dios nos ofrece paz, esperanza y alegría.

Al celebrar esta fiesta, dejemos que nos inspire a abrir nuestros corazones a la luz de Cristo en el año que comienza. Así como los Reyes Magos fueron transformados por su encuentro con el Rey recién nacido, también nosotros podemos experimentar una transformación profunda en nuestra fe y vida. Que este domingo nos impulse a ser portadores de la luz de Cristo, ofreciendo amor, esperanza y compasión a todos en el 2025.

En Cristo,

Rev. J. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Calendar 2024-2025

JANUARY 2025	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 10- CLASS IN SESSION	JANUARY 11- CLASS IN SESSION
JANUARY 17- CLASS IN SESSION	JANUARY 18- CLASS IN SESSION
JANUARY 24- CLASS IN SESSION	JANUARY 25-CLASS IN SESSION
JANUARY 31- CLASS IN SESSION	
FEBRUARY 2025	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7- CLASS IN SESSION	FEBRUARY 1- CLASS IN SESSION
FEBRUARY 14- CLASS IN SESSION	FEBRUARY 8- CLASS IN SESSION
FEBRUARY 21-CLASS IN SESSION	FEBRUARY 15- CLASS IN SESSION
FEBRUARY 28- CLASS IN SESSION	FEBRUARY 22- CLASS IN SESSION
MARCH 2025	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 7- CLASS IN SESSION	MARCH 1- CLASS IN SESSION
MARCH 14- CLASS IN SESSION	MARCH 8- CLASS IN SESSION
MARCH 21- CLASS IN SESSION	MARCH 15- CLASS IN SESSION
MARCH 28- CLASS IN SESSION	MARCH 22- CLASS IN SESSION
	MARCH 29- CLASS IN SESSION
APRIL 2025	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 4- CLASS IN SESSION	APRIL 5- CLASS IN SESSION
APRIL 11- LAST CLASS IN SESSION	APRIL 12- LAST CLASS IN SESSION
MAY 2025	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2- RECONCILIATION 5:00PM-7:00PM UPPER CHURCH	MAY 3- RETREAT (TBD)
	MAY 17- HOLY COMMUNION 10:00AM

***LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH -ALL RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS 11:00AM MASS (LOWER CHURCH)**

Religious Education Registration

Every Tuesday & Thursday
4:30pm 6:30pm
Second floor of the Urban Center

Martes y Jueves
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Segundo Piso de el Centro Urbano



WANTED WILLING SERVANTS APPLY IN PERSON

-JESUS

Description:
Volunteers to help teach religious Education are needed.

If you'd like to know more and help out, please contact:
Juanita Martinez (203) 260-8853



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SUNDAY
DEC 08

All Children Mass
English Mass 11AM

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 09

CONFIRMATION
With Bishop Frank Caggiano
At St. Charles Upper Church

TUESDAY
DEC 24

Christmas Pageant
6PM Mass Upper Church St. Charles

FRIDAY
MAY 02

Reconciliation
for First Communion Students
6PM Upper Church St. Charles

MONDAY
JAN 06

Three Kings Day Celebration
7PM Mass Upper Church
Followed by Gifts in the McGivney

SATURDAY
MAY 03

First Communion Retreat
At St. George Church 9AM-1PM

THURSDAY
JAN 23

Bishop Frank Caggiano meets with
Confirmation Parents
7PM McGivney Center

SATURDAY
MAY 17

Holy Communion Mass
Upper Church 10AM

SATURDAY
FEB 08

Regional Confirmation Retreat
At St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Fairfield CT, 8:30AM-4PM

EVENTS



ALL STUDENTS AND CATECHISTS
REPORT TO THE MCGIVNEY CENTER
EVERY SATURDAY AT 10:00AM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS ATTENDANCE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA
CATECHIST/CLERGY SIGNATURE:

STUDENT'S NAME:

DATE:

PARISH EVENTS

14th Aniversario de nuestro Ministerio Orando Entre Nosotras

A truly beautiful evening filled with joy, gratitude, and heartfelt moments as they reflected on the incredible journey and growth over the years. The night included a delightful dinner, where everyone shared delicious food and enjoyed great conversation in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. It was a night to honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the continued blessings ahead.



PARISH EVENTS



Three Kings Day! **Celebration Mass**



January 6, 2025, At 7PM

**Followed up with the celebration of Gifts by the
Three Kings at the McGivney Center**

PARISH EVENTS

Christmas at Saint Charles & Saint George



PARISH EVENTS



2024-2025 RECIPIENTS



\$2,851,855
awarded



1,319
students



\$64,605
avg. family
income

Bishop's Scholarship Fund Applications Open February 1, 2025

Foundations in Education is pleased to announce that applications to the Bishop's Scholarship Fund open February 1st.

Families who have a child currently enrolled or are new applicants in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school are eligible to apply for 2025-2026 tuition assistance for Grades K-8.

Apply online via the FACTS Grant & Aid, www.FACTSmgt.com/aid, and complete all questions relating to Bishop's Scholarship Fund.

Deadline: March 15-currently enrolled families, April 15-new families

For more information, visit www.foundationsineducation.org.



PARISH EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP IS ON BREAK!

YOUTH GROUP WILL RESUME
JANUARY 12, 2025

Middle School and High School
Ages: 11-18

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation
Certificates are
available for
pick-up

Every Tuesday & Thursday
4:30pm 6:30pm
Second floor of the Urban
Center

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Los certificados de
Confirmación
están disponibles
para ser
recogidos.

Martes y Jueves
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Segundo Piso de el Centro
Urbano

PANTRY WEEK

Every second week of each
month we are collecting food for
people in need.

Semana de despensa:
Cada segunda semana de cada
mes estamos recolectando
alimentos para personas
necesitadas.


**CLASES
PRE-BAUTISMALES**
Sábado 4 & 18 de Enero
a las 8 am,
Padres y Padrinos son requeridos
para tomar las clases
Por favor llamar a la oficina
para registrarse
 Ubicado en la iglesia inferior

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

CLASES DE VIRTUS
SÁBADO 25 de Enero
ALAS 9 a.m.
ESPAÑOL
POR FAVOR REGISTRARSE
www.virtusonline.org
PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAMAR A LA
OFICINA
203-333-2147
 Ubicado en la sala en la parte de
atrás de la iglesia inferior.

PARISH GROUPS

A

Adoracion Nocturna de Hombres

Inocente Saldivar, 1er Sabado del mes 8PM - 6AM

Adoracion Nocturna de Mujeres

Elizabeth Saldivar, Ultimo Sabado de Mes 8PM - 6AM

B

Men's Rosary Prayer Group

Weekly Wednesday, 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Mothers Who Pray for their Children

Every 2 Weeks, Mondays 7:30PM - 8:30 PM

Rosario de las Familias

Weekly Thursdays and Fridays 7PM - 7:30PM

Prayer Group

Weekly Tuesdays, 7:30PM - 9:30PM

Youth Group

Every Two Weeks, Sundays 5PM

D

Divino Niño Jesus

Benjamin & Damaris, Tercer Sabado de Mes 5PM

Disciples of Jesus

Monday at 7:30PM, Urban Center

Davotion Au Sacre Coeur Group

Fridays 7PM Chapel

E

El Amor en Accion

Mercedes Jimenez, Parroquia de San Jorge, Lunes 7:30PM

F

Family United of Jesus

Father Penn

G

Grupo Carismatico

Elman Rodriguez, Miercoles Despues de la Misa de 7PM

Grupos Marianos

Maria Monge

Grupo de Parejas

William & Alicia Ramires, Cada Ultimo Domingo de Mes

H

Haitian Youth Group, Angel's of God

Weekly Fridays 7:30PM - 10PM, UC

J

Juan XXIII Movimiento

Byron Lopez, Saint George

K

Knights of Colombus

Raul Ruiz

L

Lazos de Amor Marianos

Maria Angelica Bernal, Saturdays after 8AM Mass

Grupo de Liturgia

Sundays After Mass

M

Movimiento Eclesial Misionero, "Palabra de Dios"

Domigos, Adultos y Ninos de 10:30AM - 12PM, UC

Ministerio de Lectura

Minerva Almonte

Ministerio de Damas

Elizabeth Camacho, 2nd Saturday each Month 7:30PM, UC

N

Neocatechumenal Way

Victor Melgar, Saturday at 8PM

P

Prayer Charismatic Group

Tuesdays 7PM Chapel

Pastoral Sick Group

Sundays After Mass

S

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

Maria Monge

Saint Charles Youth Group

Segundo Ruiz, Sundays 5PM - 7PM

Blue - Spanish
Green - Portuguese
Red - Creole

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR GROUP PLEASE EMAIL
scbgraphicdesign@gmail.com

OR CALL THE OFFICE
(203) 333-2147

SI DESEA AÑADIR SU GRUPO, ENVÍE UN CORREO
ELECTRÓNICO A
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