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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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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. RICARDO - Friday: 12:30 pm.-3:30pm.

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

SAINT GEORGE

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

- **1** (203) 333-2147
- ✓ office@stcharlesbridgeport.org
- 2 1279 East Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608
- 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.

1 (203) 335-1797

office@stcharlesbridgeport.org

2 443 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604

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:

Diácono. David Rivera (203) 572-3698 Diácono. 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 1/10/25

ABA Goal:	\$33,900
Total Pledged:	\$35,184
Donors to Date:	294 Donors

Thank you for your support.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	TIME	INTENTION		REQUESTED BY
Saturday, February 1	8:00 a.m.	Jose Luis Olivares	R. I. P.	Rosa Olivares
Sunday, February 2	11:00 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath	R. I. P.	Somchay
Monday, February 3	7:30 a.m.	Seuth and Kao Xansayarath	R. I. P.	ChamSamouth
Tuesday, February 4	7:30 a.m.	Lam and On Siri Souk	R. I. P.	Michtn Siri Souk
Wednesday, February 5	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath	R. I. P.	Somchay
Wednesday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	Pablo Cesar Rojas	R. I. P.	Roxana Miranda
Thursday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	Almas del purgatorio	R. I. P.	Salvador De La Cruz
Friday, February 7	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath	R. I. P.	Somchay
Sunday, February 9	11:00 a.m.	Seuth and Kao Xansayarath	R. I. P.	ChamSamouth
Monday, February 10	7:30 a.m.	Isaias Olivares Birthday		Rosa Olivares
Tuesday February 11	7:30 a.m.	Gerardo Chacon	R. I. P.	Reina Ponce
Wednesday, February 12	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath	R. I. P.	Family Xayarath
Wednesday, February 12	7:00 p.m.	Gerardo Chacon	R. I. P.	Reina Ponce
Thursday, February 13	7:00 p.m.	Fidela Ponce	R. I. P.	Delimar Soto
Friday, February 14	7:30 a.m.	Paul Michael Xayarath	R. I. P.	Somchay



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,

II. THE REVELATION OF GOD AS TRINITY

The Father revealed by the Son

In many religious traditions, God is called "Father" to highlight His role as the Creator and sustainer of all life. In Israel, God is Father not only because He created the world but also because of His covenant with His people, Israel, whom He calls His "first-born son." God is especially the Father to the vulnerable, such as the poor, orphans, and widows, showing His tender care and protection.

The title "Father" reveals two key truths: God is both the origin and sovereign authority over creation, and He is also loving and nurturing toward His children. While the parental image expresses God's closeness to humanity, it reminds us that human parents are imperfect in comparison to God's perfect love. Human fatherhood and motherhood can offer only a limited glimpse of God's infinite care.

It's also crucial to recognize that God transcends human notions of gender and parenthood. Though human parents provide an imperfect reflection of divine care, God is neither male nor female and is beyond any human concept of fatherhood or motherhood. While He is the source and standard of both, His divine nature is not confined to human categories. God's fatherhood, therefore, is not a literal human role but a perfect expression of His transcendence and immanence—His ability to be both beyond us and intimately present with us.

In Christ,

Rev. J. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

DE LA OFICINA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos Amigos,

II. LA REVELACIÓN DE DIOS COMO TRINIDAD

El Padre revelado por el Hijo

En muchas tradiciones religiosas, a Dios se le llama "Padre" para resaltar Su rol como Creador y sustentador de toda la vida. En Israel, Dios es Padre no solo porque creó el mundo, sino también por Su pacto con Su pueblo, Israel, a quien llama Su "hijo primogénito". Dios es especialmente Padre de los vulnerables, como los pobres, los huérfanos y las viudas, mostrando Su tierno cuidado y protección.

El título "Padre" revela dos verdades clave: Dios es tanto el origen y la autoridad soberana sobre la creación, como también es amoroso y nutritivo hacia Sus hijos. Aunque la imagen parental expresa la cercanía de Dios con la humanidad, nos recuerda que los padres humanos son imperfectos en comparación con el amor perfecto de Dios. La paternidad y maternidad humanas solo pueden ofrecer una visión limitada del cuidado infinito de Dios.

También es crucial reconocer que Dios trasciende las nociones humanas de género y paternidad. Aunque los padres humanos proporcionan una reflexión imperfecta del cuidado divino, Dios no es ni hombre ni mujer y está más allá de cualquier concepto humano de paternidad o maternidad. Aunque Él es la fuente y el estándar de ambos, Su naturaleza divina no está limitada por categorías humanas. La paternidad de Dios, por lo tanto, no es un rol humano literal, sino una expresión perfecta de Su trascendencia e inmanencia: Su capacidad para ser tanto más allá de nosotros como íntimamente presente con nosotros.

En Cristo,

Rev. J. Abelardo Vasquez

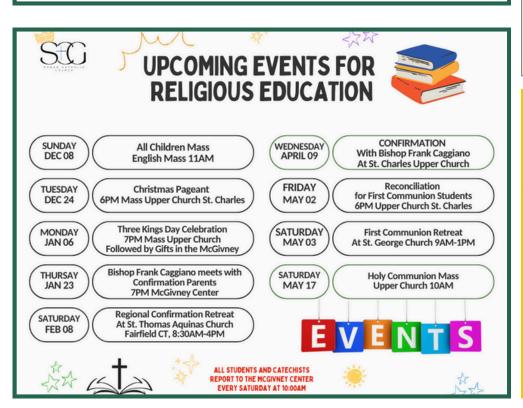
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 1- CLASS IN SESSION **FEBRUARY 7- CLASS IN SESSION FEBRUARY 8- CLASS IN SESSION** FEBRUARY 14- CLASS IN SESSION FEBRUARY 15- CLASS IN SESSION **FEBRUARY 21-CLASS IN SESSION FEBRUARY 22- CLASS IN SESSION** FEBRUARY 28- CLASS IN SESSION **MARCH 2025** FRIDAY SATURDAY MARCH 1- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 7- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 8- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 14- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 15- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 21- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 22- CLASS IN SESSION MARCH 28- 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

CONFIRMATION TO BE DETERMINED

*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

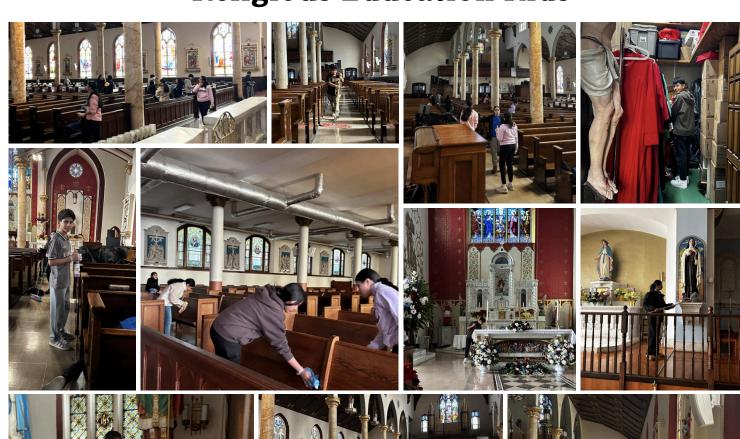
Description: Volunteers to help teach religious **Education** are needed.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS ATTENDANCE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA CATECHIST/CLERGY SIGNATURE:
STUDENT'S NAME:
DATE:

YOUTH CORNER

Parish Cleaning Service by the Youth Group and Religious Education Kids











YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



AGES: 11 - 18 YEARS OLD ONLY

DON'T MISS IT!



PARISH EVENTS

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL PARA HOMBRES

Todos necesitamos recargar nuestras fuerzas.

Sabado, 1ro de Marzo 2025 8:00 am a 4:00 pm



"Y en ese momento se les abrieron los ojos y lo reconocieron". Lucas 24, 13-35

Parroquía
SAN CARLOS
BORROMEO
Bridgeport, CT

PARISH EVENTS

Bishop Confirmation Talk with the Parents

Bishop Caggiano met with parents of children preparing for Confirmation, encouraging them to continue bringing their children to church after the sacrament. The evening offered a valuable opportunity to connect with the bishop and strengthen their commitment to nurturing their children's faith.













Volleyball Tournament

Last Sunday, we hosted a fantastic volleyball tournament with 12 teams supporting a group of pilgrims from Saint Charles on their journey to the Jubilee in Rome. A big thank you to all the teams and congratulations to Team Lau for the win! Round 2 will take place on Sunday, February 23! Check page 14 for more Info!













WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On this special World Day for Consecrated Life, let us take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to all the sisters, priests, and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and His service within our parish and diocese. Your unwavering commitment to living the consecrated life is a source of profound inspiration to all of us in the faith community.

Through your prayers, sacrifices, and steadfast service, you embody the light of Christ in our midst. We are deeply thankful for the example you set and for the love you share so generously with others. Your lives of consecration remind us all of the power of selfless devotion to God and His people.

As we honor and remember you today, please know that you are in our prayers, both today and always. May God continue to bless and strengthen each one of you as you carry out your sacred mission, and may His grace guide and sustain you in your faithful service.









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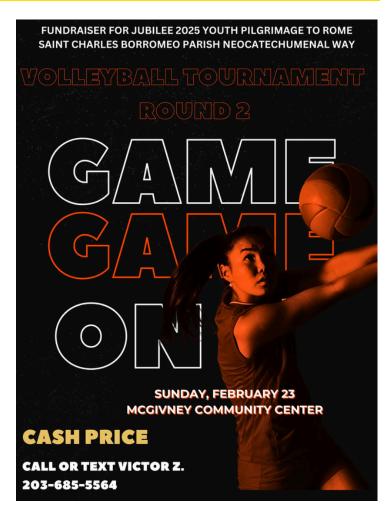
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TU DIRECCION?

POR FAVOR LLAMA A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL CON TU NOMBRE Y NUMERO DE SOBRE. 203-333-2147



HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR ENVELOPES OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS?

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ENVELOPE NUMBER. 203-333-2147





SÁBADO 22 de Febrero

A LAS 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

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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

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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

Blue - Spanish

Green - Portuguese

Red - Creole

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

Melissa Liranzo

Saint Charles Youth Group

Segundo Ruiz, Sundays 5PM - 7PM

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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