



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO
SAINT GEORGE LITHUANIAN
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Saint Padre Pio
Perpetual Adoration
Chapel is Now Open!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Scriptures: Isa 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

Hope in God's Time - English

This Sunday's readings call us to hope, patience, and renewed trust in God's saving work. Isaiah offers a vision of restoration where deserts bloom and the weak are strengthened, reminding us that God is present even in our dry or difficult seasons. James urges us to be patient like a farmer awaiting the harvest, trusting that the Lord is near. In the Gospel, Jesus reassures John the Baptist by pointing to the signs of God's Kingdom unfolding—the blind see, the lame walk, and the poor receive good news. Together, these passages invite us to recognize God's quiet work of grace in our lives and to remain steadfast as He brings forth new life in His time. Let us open our hearts to His presence and allow His love to transform our lives. In doing so, we become witnesses of God's mercy and instruments of hope for others.

Esperanza en el Tiempo de Dios - Español

Las lecturas de este domingo nos llaman a la esperanza, la paciencia y a renovar nuestra confianza en la obra salvadora de Dios. Isaías nos ofrece una visión de restauración donde los desiertos florecen y los débiles son fortalecidos, recordándonos que Dios está presente incluso en nuestras temporadas secas o difíciles. Santiago nos exhorta a ser pacientes como el agricultor que espera la cosecha, confiando en que el Señor está cerca. En el Evangelio, Jesús tranquiliza a Juan Bautista señalando los signos del Reino de Dios: los ciegos ven, los cojos caminan y los pobres reciben buenas nuevas. En conjunto, estos pasajes nos invitan a reconocer la obra silenciosa de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas y a mantenernos firmes mientras Él trae nueva vida a su tiempo. Abramos nuestro corazón a su presencia y dejemos que su amor transforme nuestra vida. Así, nos convertimos en testigos de la misericordia de Dios e instrumentos de esperanza para los demás.

Esperança no Tempo de Deus – Português

As leituras deste domingo nos chamam à esperança, paciência e a renovar nossa confiança na obra salvadora de Deus. Isaías nos oferece uma visão de restauração, onde os desertos florescem e os fracos são fortalecidos, lembrando-nos que Deus está presente mesmo em nossos momentos secos ou difíceis. Tiago nos exorta a ser pacientes como o agricultor que espera a colheita, confiando que o Senhor está próximo. No Evangelho, Jesus tranquiliza João Batista apontando os sinais do Reino de Deus: os cegos veem, os aleijados andam e os pobres recebem boas novas. Juntos, esses trechos nos convidam a reconhecer o trabalho silencioso da graça de Deus em nossas vidas e a permanecer firmes enquanto Ele traz nova vida em seu tempo. Abramos nossos corações à sua presença e deixemos que seu amor transforme nossas vidas. Assim, nos tornamos testemunhas da misericórdia de Deus e instrumentos de esperança para os outros.

In Christ,

Rev. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

KERMES - FOOD SALE

Our community held a kermes to help fund our Perpetual Adoration Chapel! It was a beautiful event with delicious food representing countries from all across Central and South America. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and purchase food, and a special thanks to all those who woke up early to prepare the wonderful dishes we enjoyed. We are truly grateful for your hard work and dedication to our chapel!



OUR LADY OF CAACUPÉ PATRONESS OF PARAGUAY

We were blessed with a truly beautiful celebration. Mass was followed by a wonderful reception, and several dance groups joined us to honor this special feast. Thank you to all the participating groups, the organizers, the volunteers, and everyone who helped make this celebration possible. We are grateful for your dedication, your time, and your generous service.



Chapel Renovation

ST. PADRE PIO PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL REVEAL!

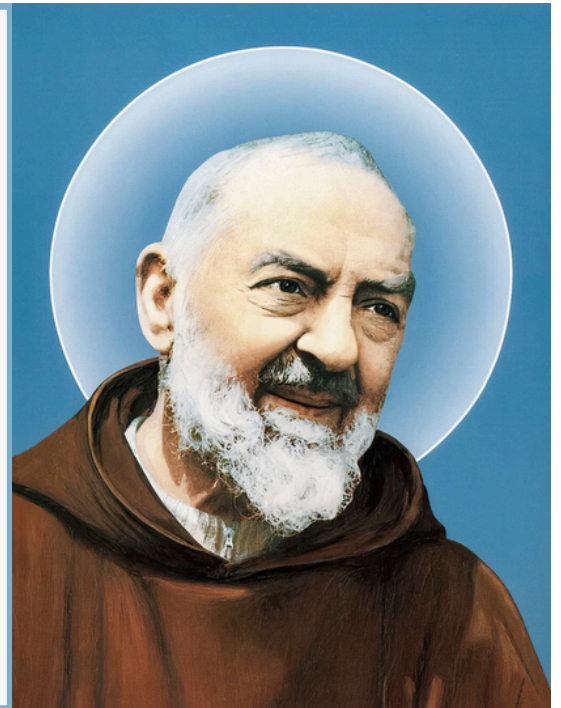


BE PART OF THIS BLESSING!
THIS GIFT WILL STAND AS A LASTING LEGACY
IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISH. YOU CAN
STILL HELP COVER THE REMAINING COSTS—
EVERY CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER THE SIZE,
MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!

SCAN THE QR CODE!

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry."
- St. Padre Pio*





St. Charles Borromeo & St. George Lithuanian
Roman Catholic Church

Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2025

5:00 pm- English- Lower Church

7:00 pm- Español - Iglesia de Arriba

8:00 pm- Español - San Jorge

8:30 pm- Português - Igreja Superior

10:00 pm- Creole - Lower Church

Media Noche - Español - Iglesia de Arriba

December 25, 2025

8:45 am- Español - Iglesia de Arriba

10:30 am- Español- San Jorge

10:45 am- Português - Igreja Superior

12:45 pm- Español - Iglesia de Arriba

5:00 pm- Creole - Upper Church



Parish Events

YOUTH GROUP IN NCYM - I AM / YO SOY

Five of our youth attended the NCYC conference. they experienced powerful moments of faith and even joined a Zoom call with Pope Leo!



YOUTH GROUP LAST SUNDAY

Our teens designed their own T-shirts during Youth Group last Sunday! It was a fun and creative day as they used their hands to paint and personalize their shirts.



Diocese of Bridgeport Vocations

Upcoming Dates:

March 25, 2026 at 6PM - St. Aloysius

January 10, 2026 at 9AM - Winter Discernment Retreat, Convent of Birgitta



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Fr. Ferry Galbert
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If you feel even a small calling to the priesthood or are curious to learn more, we invite you to attend or reach out for more information.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

PATRONESS OF EL SALVADOR

This was a simple yet beautiful Mass in honor of Our Lady Queen of Peace. Our Salvadoran parishioners lovingly decorated and brought the image for the celebration.





— ❄️ **HAPPY** ❄️ —

New Year

DECEMBER 31, 2025

5:00 PM- ENGLISH- IGLESIA DE ARRIBA

7:00 PM- ESPAÑOL - IGLESIA DE ARRIBA

8:00 PM- ESPAÑOL- SAN JORGE

8:30 PM- PORTUGUÊS - IGREJA SUPERIOR

11:00 PM- CREOLE - CHAPEL

12:00 MEDIA NOCHE - ESPAÑOL - IGLESIA DE ARRIBA

JANUARY 1, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:45 AM- ESPAÑOL - IGLESIA DE ARRIBA

10:30 AM- ESPAÑOL- SAN JORGE

10:45 AM- PORTUGUÊS - IGREJA SUPERIOR

12:45 PM- ESPAÑOL - IGLESIA DE ARRIBA

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DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, December 12

7:30 am: Joseph Kham Fong Phimmavong R.I.P.
Requested by Boonyou

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am: Por la salud espiritual y física de Lucia Ponce
Requested by Reina Ponce

5:00 pm: Angel Rodriguez R.I.P.
Requested by Reina Ponce

Sunday, December 14

11:00 am: Joseph Kham Fong Phimmavong R.I.P.
Requested by Boonyou

Monday, December 15

7:30 am: Joseph Kham Fong Phimmavong R.I.P.
Requested by Boonyou

Tuesday, December 16

7:30 am: Joseph Kham Fong Phimmavong R.I.P.
Requested by Boonyou

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 am: Siri Souk and Xang Sayarath R.I.P.
Requested by Michith

7:00 pm: Angel Rodriguez R.I.P.
Requested by Familia Rodriguez



BURNING LAMPS

Would you like to spend a set hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

Te gustaría pasar una hora fija cada semana con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento?

Você gostaria de passar uma hora fixa por semana com Jesus no Santíssimo Sacramento?

Scan the QR Code / Escanea el código QR / Escaneie o código QR



English



Português



Español

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UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS

Una obra de misericordia es cuidar a los enfermos. Les pedimos nos compartan los datos (nombre, dirección y celular) de los enfermos de su familia para poder visitarlos, acompañarlos espiritualmente y llevarles a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Ayúdenos a llevarles esta bendición.

ANOINTMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of our priests by calling the office

Special Monthly Masses

Family Mass:

Celebrate faith and unity with your loved ones!
Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:45 PM

Mass in Honor of the Divine Child (Divino Niño):

A beautiful devotion filled with love and hope.
Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:45 PM.

Youth Mass:

The Youth Group lead Mass from readings to ushers.
Every last Sunday of the month at 8:45 AM.

PANTRY WEEK

EVERY SECOND WEEK OF EACH MONTH WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED, PLEASE DONATE FOOD.



CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES
Sábado 6 and 20 de Diciembre
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

CLASES DE VIRTUS
SÁBADO 27 DE DICIEMBRE
A LAS 9 A.M. EN 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.
VIRTUSOnline

NO HAS RECIBIDO TUS SOBRES O NECESITAS ACTUALIZAR TU DIRECCIÓN?

Name / Nombre/ O nome / Non :

Phone # / # de Telefono/ # de telefone /
Nimewo telefòn :

Adress / Dirección / Endereço / Adrès



If you have not received your envelopes or have changed your address, please fill out this form and bring it to the parish office.

Si aún no ha recibido sus sobres o ha cambiado de dirección, por favor complete este formulario y llévelo a la oficina parroquial.

Se você ainda não recebeu seus envelopes ou mudou de endereço, por favor preencha este formulário e entregue na secretaria da paróquia.

Si vous n'avez pas encore reçu vos enveloppes ou si vous avez changé d'adresse, veuillez remplir ce formulaire et le rapporter au bureau de la paroisse.

OFFERTORY REPORT

For the Week of
November 17 - November 23, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection	\$12,355.51
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$607.00
Other Income	\$2,934.56
Online Giving	\$784.00
Total Parish Collection	\$16,681.07

ONLINE GIVING

A convenient and secure way to support our ministry. Your faithful generosity helps us continue God's work.



ONE IN CHRIST THE 2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL (AS OF 10/10/25)



As of October 10, 2025, 268 donors have helped our parish reach 72% of the \$33,900 goal. Grateful for your support!

Thanks for supporting our parish. Make a gift at 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the code with your phone.



General Information

OFFICE HOURS



(203) 333-2147



office@stcharlesbridgeport.org



www.stcharlesbridgeport.org

Saint Charles:

1279 East Main Street, Bridgeport,
CT 06608



Saint George:

443 Park Avenue, Bridgeport,
CT 06604



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.

(Office located in Saint Charles)

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CAPILLA DE ADORACION PERPETUA



Spend time with Jesus in Perpetual
Adoration in the Upper Church, open 24/7.
All are welcome to pray and experience
His peace.

Pasa tiempo con Jesús en Adoración
Perpetua en la Iglesia de Arriba, abierta las
24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana.
Todos son bienvenidos a orar y
experimentar Su paz.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

While our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is under renovation, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Upper Church. All adorers and visitors are welcome to spend time with the Lord there.

Mientras la Capilla de Adoración Perpetua está en renovación, el Santísimo estará expuesto en la Iglesia de arriba. Todos los adoradores y visitantes son bienvenidos a pasar tiempo con el Señor allí.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Classes began Sunday, June 15, and are held Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Urban Center. For more information, contact Ana at (845) 591-2459 or the parish office.



Sanctuary Candle

This week the candle burns for:

*Por la salud de
Isaias Taveras*

Requested By:
De su abuela Marina Taveras

SAINT CHARLES & SAINT GEORGE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saint Charle Borromeo

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 pm Spanish (U.Ch)

7:00 pm Portuguese (L.Ch)

Sunday:

7:00 am Haitian (L.Ch)

8:45 am Spanish (U.Ch)

10:45 am Portuguese (U.Ch)

11:00 am English (L.Ch)

12:45 pm Spanish (U.Ch)

5:00 pm Haitian (U.Ch)



Saint George

Sábado Vigil (Saturday):

6:30 pm - Spanish

Domingo (Sunday):

8:30 am - English

10:30 am - Spanish



WEEKDAY MASSES

Saint Charles Borromeo

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am English (Chapel)

Tue & Fri: 7:00 pm Haitian (Chapel)

Wed & Thu: 7:00 pm Spanish (Lower Church)

Thu & Fri: 7:30 pm Portuguese (Chapel)

Sat: 8:00 am Spanish (Lower Church)

Saint George

Lunes - 7:00 pm | Monday - 7:00 pm

Martes - 7:00 pm | Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Viernes - 7:00 pm | Friday - 7:00 pm

Sábado - 6:30 pm | Saturday - 6:30 pm

Primer Viernes del Mes - 6:00 pm Adoración

First Friday - 6:00 pm Adoration

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

Saint Charles Borromeo

Sábados: 11:00 am-12:00 pm y 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Saint George

Sábados: 5:00 pm / Saturdays: 5:00 pm

PRIEST OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

HORARIOS DE OFICINA PARA LOS SACERDOTES - CON CITA UNICAMENTE

Father Abelardo:

Wednesday and Thursday - Morning Hours / Miércoles y Jueves - Horas de la mañana

Father Ricardo:

Monday and Thursday from 9am - 12pm / Lunes y Jueves de 9am a 12pm.

Father Chucho:

Wednesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Miércoles y Jueves de 3 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

To make an appointment please contact the parish office : (203) 333-2147/ Para hacer una cita llamar a la oficina

MEET YOUR PARISH TEAM!

Here to guide, support, and warmly welcome you to our parish family

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Rev. Jose Jesus Montoya
Parochial vicar



Rev. Kevin O'Brien, S.J
Weekend Priest



Deacon. David Rivera,
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Parish Group

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

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

Exercito de Cristo, Brazilian Youth Group

Every Two Weeks, Sundays 5PM

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 Segundo Domingo de Mes

Grupo de Liturgia

Sundays After Mass

Group Virgen de Juquila

Geraldo Flores, Miercoles 7PM en St. George

Granitos de Mostaza

Sabados 2:30 PM, Ultimo Domingo del Mes Rosario 9:45 am

Grupo Folklorico Hijos de la Virgen de Juquila

Josefina Hernandez & Yeniza Cruz,

Jueves y Viernes 6:30- 8:45 PM

H

Haitian Youth Group, Angel's of God

Weekly Fridays 7:30PM - 10PM, UC

J

Juan XXIII Movimiento

Byron López, Saint George, Miercoles 6:30 PM

K

Knights of Colombus

Raul Ruiz, St. George, Last Friday of the Month 7:00 PM

L

Lazos de Amor Marianos

Sandra Guzman, Saturdays after 8AM 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

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

N

Neocatechumenal Way

Victor Melgar, Saturday at 8PM

P

Prayer Charismatic Group

Tuesdays 7PM Chapel

Pastoral Sick Group

Sundays After Mass

Prayer Group

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

R

Rosario de las Familias

Weekly Thursdays and Fridays 7PM - 7:30PM

S

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

Melissa Liranzo & Delimar Soto

Saint Charles Youth Group

Segundo Ruiz, Sundays 5PM - 7PM

Blue - Spanish

Green - Portuguese

Red - Creole



Scan to reserve a room in
the Parish

Escanee para Reservar un
Salon en la Parroquia

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
scbgraphicdesign@gmail.com

O LLAME A LA OFICINA
(203) 333-2147

Religious Education



Have you visited the Saint Padre Pio Chapel yet? Look in the back—there are two important figures waiting to be discovered! Can you guess who they are?

Religious Education

Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday	Martes y Jueves
4:30pm 6:30pm	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Second floor of the	Segundo Piso de
Urban Center	el Centro Urbano

Class Schedule:

- Fridays: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Mondays: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Classes begin:

- Friday, September 26
- Saturday, September 27
- Monday, September 29

WANTED WILLING SERVANTS APPLY IN PERSON

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

MONDAY DEC 8	Perpetual Adoration Chapel Opening. Mass at 7PM with Bishop Frank Caggiano. ALL KIDS MUST ATTEND
WEDNESDAY DEC 24	Christmas Pageant 5:00PM Upper Church
DEC 26, 27, 29	No Classes Dec 26 th , Dec 27 th , Dec 29 th
JAN 2, 3, 5	No Classes January 2 nd 3 rd 5 th
TUESDAY JAN 6	Three Kings Day Mass to Be Determined
FRIDAY JAN 9	Classes Resume
THURSDAY FEB 12	BISHOP CAGGIANO MEETING WITH PARENTS FOR 1ST COMMUNION PARENTS 7:00PM-9:00PM LOCATION: THE MCGIVNEY CENTER
FEB 13, 14, 16	No Classes February 13 th 14 th 16 th
WEDNESDAY FEB 18	Ash Wednesday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS ATTENDANCE

All Kids taking Religious Education must sign this and return this page to their Catechist every week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/RCIA/
CATECHIST/CLERGY SIGNATURE:

STUDENT'S NAME:

Saturday, Dec 13 / Sunday, Dec 14, 2025