



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO
SAINT GEORGE LITHUANIAN
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2025

WWW.STCHARLESBRIDGEPORT.ORG

YOUTH GROUP'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIP



The Youth Group had their annual Christmas trip, which they work so hard to fundraise for throughout the year. Starting at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC, they visited the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, explored the LEGO and Nintendo Stores, and enjoyed the incredible Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The day ended with delicious food at Empanadas Mama.



Parish Events

LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR WITH OUR YOUTH!

We wrapped up our Christmas celebration with gingerbread house fun and Leslie took the win!

We also celebrated all our December birthdays with so much laughter, creativity, and joy

We'll see our youth again in 2026, thank you, Lord, for these moments



YOUTH GROUP MISSION WORK

Thanks to the sweater donations we collected, three of our teens woke up early on a chilly Sunday morning to help distribute them to those in need. We are so proud of their generosity and heart for service!



FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Happy New Year!

As we begin this New Year, we give heartfelt thanks to God and to each of you for a truly wonderful and fruitful year. We are so proud to have such a vibrant and alive parish community, full of faith, generosity, and love. Our parish is blessed with so many groups and ministries, countless retreats, events, and opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth, all made possible because of your unwavering commitment to Saint Charles and Saint George. As we step into the first week of January, we encourage everyone to remain close to God, trusting in His guidance and love in every part of our lives. May this New Year bring renewed faith, joy, and hope, and may our parish continue to flourish as a place of prayer, service, and community, making 2026 another year of blessings and growth in the Lord.

Feliz Año Nuevo!

Al comenzar este Nuevo Año, damos gracias de todo corazón a Dios y a cada uno de ustedes por un año verdaderamente maravilloso y lleno de frutos. Estamos muy orgullosos de tener una comunidad parroquial tan vibrante y viva, llena de fe, generosidad y amor. Nuestra parroquia está bendecida con tantos grupos y ministerios, incontables retiros, eventos y oportunidades de fraternidad y crecimiento espiritual, todo posible gracias a su compromiso constante con San Carlos y San Jorge. Al iniciar la primera semana de enero, los animamos a mantenerse cerca de Dios, confiando en Su guía y amor en cada aspecto de sus vidas. Que este Año Nuevo traiga fe renovada, alegría y esperanza, y que nuestra parroquia continúe floreciendo como un lugar de oración, servicio y comunidad, haciendo del 2026 otro año de bendiciones y crecimiento en el Señor.

Feliz Ano Novo!

Ao iniciar este Novo Ano, damos graças de todo coração a Deus e a cada um de vocês por um ano verdadeiramente maravilhoso e cheio de frutos. Estamos muito orgulhosos por ter uma comunidade paroquial tão vibrante e viva, cheia de fé, generosidade e amor. Nossa paróquia é abençoada com tantos grupos e ministérios, incontáveis retiros, eventos e oportunidades de fraternidade e crescimento espiritual, tudo possível graças ao seu compromisso constante com São Carlos e São Jorge. Ao começar a primeira semana de janeiro, encorajamos vocês a permanecerem próximos de Deus, confiando em Sua orientação e amor em cada aspecto de suas vidas. Que este Ano Novo traga fé renovada, alegria e esperança, e que nossa paróquia continue florescendo como um lugar de oração, serviço e comunidade, tornando 2026 mais um ano de bênçãos e crescimento no Senhor.

In Christ,

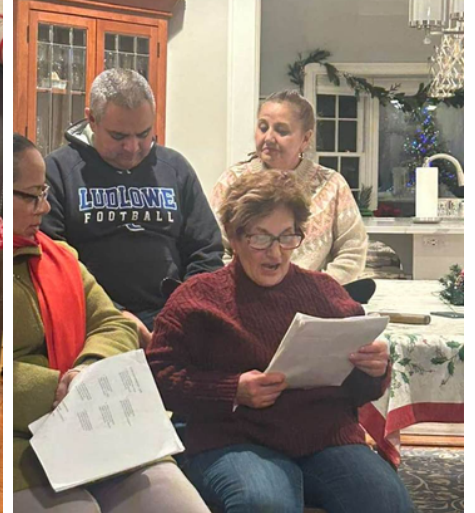
Rev. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

Our parish recently celebrated the Posadas Navideñas, a Hispanic tradition that reenacts Mary and Joseph's journey to find a place for Jesus' birth. The Posadas were held for nine nights, with parishioners organizing and hosting them in their homes. Each night took place at a different house, gathering for prayer, fellowship, and preparing their hearts to welcome Jesus.

We also held the Novena al Niño Jesús, a nine-day prayer devotion leading up to Christmas, at 5 a.m., led by Padre Chucho. These beautiful celebrations helped our community joyfully prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Parish Events

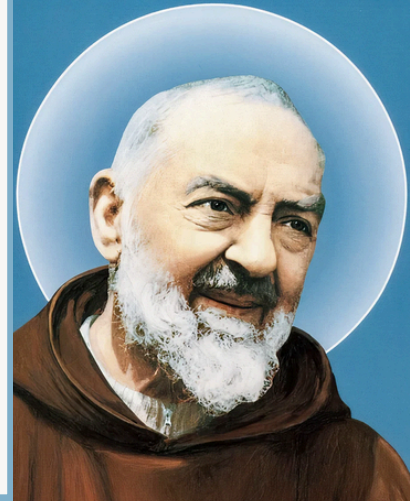
OUR PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN—
A LASTING GIFT TO OUR PARISH.

YOU STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF
THIS BLESSING. EVERY GIFT, LARGE OR SMALL, HELPS
COMPLETE THIS SACRED WORK.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SCAN THE QR CODE!



THREE KINGS DAY MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

AT 7 PM

ST CHARLES UPPER CHURCH

The Three Kings are on their way—with a special
surprise! All children are invited to join the fun!



“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you”

1 Peter 5:7

Life is full of highs and lows, share your prayer requests — big or small — and know that
someone is lifting you up in faith this week.

Cut this Space and leave it in the intention box in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel
We're Honored to Pray with and for You!

Parish Events



WOMEN'S MINISTRY 15TH ANNIVERSARY!

Our Women's Ministry celebrated its 15th Anniversary. We are grateful for this devoted and faithful group that has been a cornerstone of our parish community. As one of our eldest ministries, they gather regularly for monthly meetings and annual retreats, supporting one another, growing in faith, and worshipping together. Congratulations!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Charismatic Prayer Group joyfully celebrated its 2025 Christmas Fellowship, giving thanks to God for the blessing of gathering together despite unfavorable weather. It was a meaningful time of fellowship shared with our pastor, Father Abelardo, and fellow members.



JANUARY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 4

11:00 am: Hector Rodriguez R.I.P.

Requested by Ramona Rodriguez

Monday, January 5

7:30 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas

Wednesday, January 7

7:30 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas

7:00 pm: Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

Requested by Susana Figueroa

Thursday, January 8

7:30 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas

7:00 pm: Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

Requested by Susana Figueroa

Friday, January 9

7:30 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am: Manuela Rojas Quechol

Requested by Familia Poblano Rojas



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

(203)516-1844 / lamparasencendidasbprt@comunicadoras.org

Diocese of Bridgeport Vocations

Upcoming Dates:

March 25, 2026 at 6PM - St. Aloysius

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

Feeling a nudge toward the priesthood? Reach out to learn more.



Fr. Christopher Ford

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(203) 416-1625



Fr. Ferry Galbert

Vocations Director

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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 3 and 17 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

CLASES DE VIRTUS
SÁBADO 31 DE ENERO
A LAS 9 A.M. EN ESPAÑOL
POR FAVOR REGISTRARSE
www.virtusonline.org
PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN 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 ou poko resevwa anvlòp ou yo oswa si ou chanje adrès ou, tanpri ranpli fòm sa a epi pote li nan biwo pawas la.

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 St. Padre Pio Perpetual Adoration
Chapel, open 24/7. All are welcome to pray
and experience His peace.

Pasa tiempo con Jesús en Adoración Perpetua
en la capilla de adoración perpetua de San
Padre Pio, abierta las 24 horas del día, los 7
días de la semana. Todos son bienvenidos a
orar y experimentar Su paz.

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

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 el alma de
Santia Santiago*

Requested By De sus Hijas Ada y Janeth



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

Saturday: 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

CLERGY



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Rev. Jose Jesus Montoya
Parochial vicar



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



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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

Youth Group is
on break.
We'll be back
January 11,
2026.



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, Jan 3 / Sunday, Jan 4, 2026