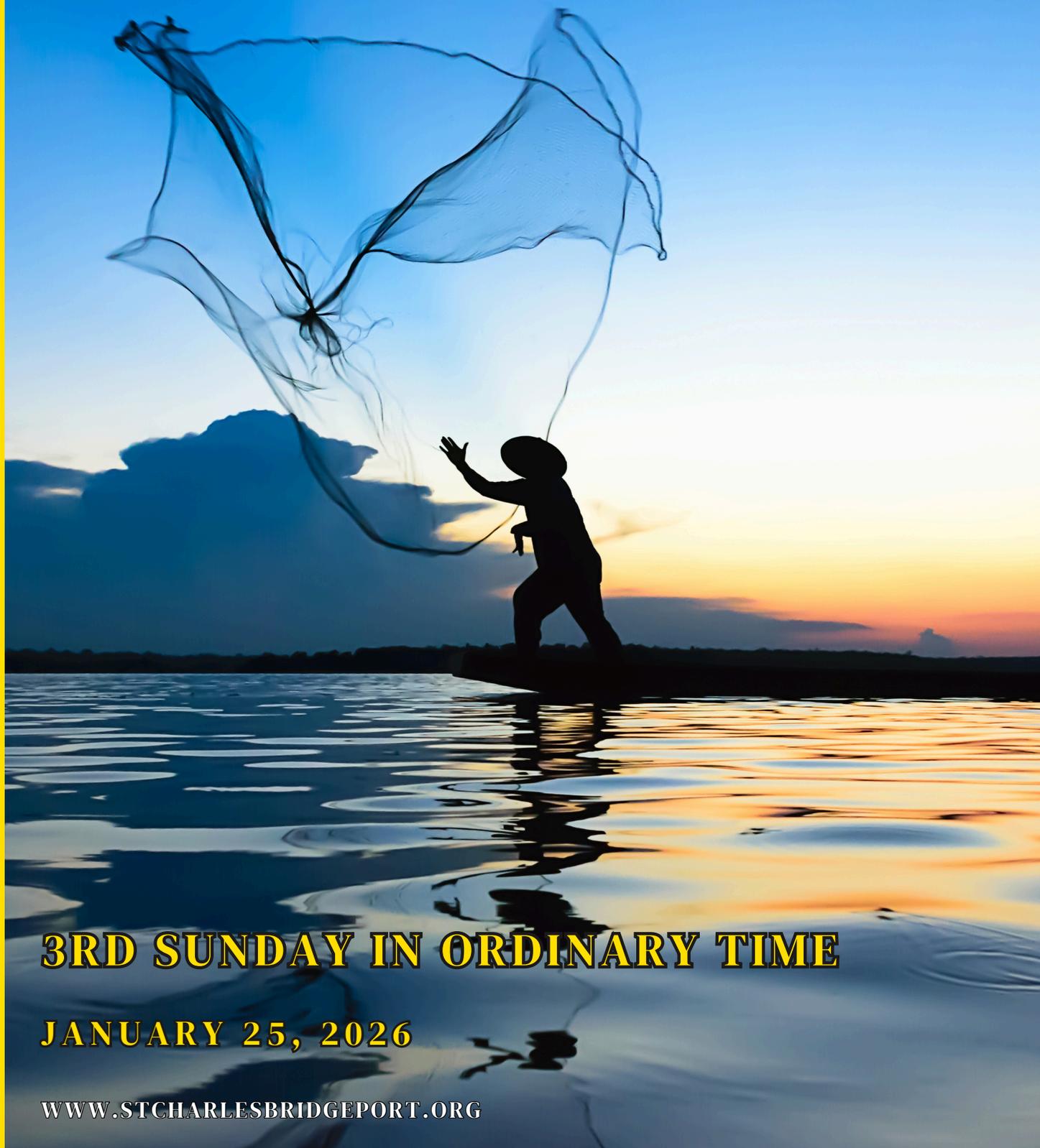




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S A I N T G E O R G E L I T H U A N I A N
R O M A N C A T H O L I C C H U R C H



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026

WWW.STCHARLESBRIDGEPORT.ORG

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

Scriptures: Isa 8:23-9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23

The Invitation to Follow

These weekend's readings invite us to reflect on how God brings light, unity, and purpose into our lives. In Isaiah, we hear of a people walking in darkness who are suddenly met by a great light, reminding us that God enters even our most forgotten places with hope and joy. Saint Paul challenges the Corinthians—and us—to turn away from division and rivalry, calling us back to the unity we share in Christ rather than in human leaders or wisdom. In the Gospel, Jesus begins His ministry by calling the first disciples—fishermen working by the Sea of Galilee—to leave their nets and follow Him. Their response reminds us that Christ calls each of us to leave behind what holds us back and to step into a life of discipleship, sharing His message of hope and healing with the world. Together, these readings call us to walk in Christ's light, to live in unity, and to let our relationship with Him guide how we live and serve others.

La invitación a seguir

Las lecturas de este fin de semana nos invitan a reflexionar sobre cómo Dios trae luz, unidad y propósito a nuestras vidas. En Isaías, escuchamos de un pueblo que caminaba en la oscuridad y que de repente se encuentra con una gran luz, recordándonos que Dios llega incluso a los lugares más olvidados con esperanza y alegría. San Pablo desafía a los corintios —y a nosotros— a alejarnos de la división y la rivalidad, llamándonos a vivir la unidad que compartimos en Cristo y no en líderes humanos o en la sabiduría del mundo. En el Evangelio, Jesús comienza su ministerio llamando a los primeros discípulos—pescadores junto al mar de Galilea—para que dejen sus redes y lo sigan. Su respuesta nos recuerda que Cristo nos llama a todos a dejar atrás lo que nos detiene y a entrar en una vida de discipulado, compartiendo su mensaje de esperanza y sanación con el mundo. En conjunto, estas lecturas nos invitan a caminar en la luz de Cristo, a vivir en unidad y a dejar que nuestra relación con Él guíe cómo vivimos y servimos a los demás.

O convite para seguir

As leituras deste fim de semana nos convidam a refletir sobre como Deus traz luz, unidade e propósito para nossas vidas. Em Isaías, ouvimos falar de um povo que caminhava na escuridão e que de repente se encontra com uma grande luz, lembrando-nos de que Deus chega até mesmo aos lugares mais esquecidos, trazendo esperança e alegria. São Paulo desafía os coríntios — e a nós também — a nos afastarmos da divisão e da rivalidade, chamando-nos a viver a unidade que compartilhamos em Cristo, e não em líderes humanos ou na sabedoria do mundo. No Evangelho, Jesus inicia seu ministério chamando os primeiros discípulos—pescadores à beira do Mar da Galileia—para deixarem suas redes e segui-lo. A resposta deles nos lembra que Cristo nos chama a todos a deixar para trás o que nos prende e a entrar em uma vida de discipulado, compartilhando sua mensagem de esperança e cura com o mundo. Juntas, essas leituras nos convidam a caminhar na luz de Cristo, a viver em unidade e a permitir que nosso relacionamento com Ele guie a forma como vivemos e servimos aos outros.

In Christ,

Rev. Abelardo Vasquez

Pastor

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ALTAGRACIA

We sincerely thank everyone who joined us this Sunday for the celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia. It was a beautiful Mass that reflected the faith and traditions of the Dominican people. The celebration continued with a joyful reception filled with lively music, traditional food, and fellowship.

We especially thank the Comité Altagraciano, the Dominican Coalition, and all those whose dedication and hard work made this celebration of faith and unity possible.



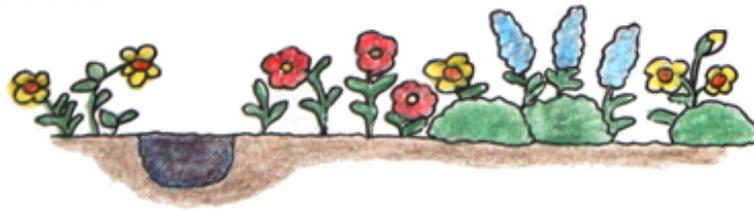
Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...

 he people who walked in -----
 have seen a great light;
 upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
 a ----- has shone.

You have brought them abundant ---
 and great rejoicing
 as they rejoice before you as at the -----,
 as people make merry when dividing spoils.

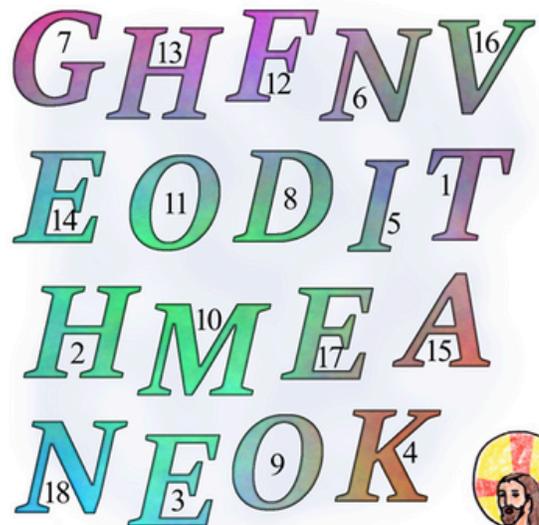
For the ----- that burdened them,
 the pole on their shoulder,
 and the rod of their taskmaster
 you have -----,
 as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks
 in the prophecy from today's first reading.

OJY KOEY SNAKDRE
 GLTHI EHSMSAD ASEVHRT

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 January 25th, 2026



What did Jesus say as He began to
 preach by the sea?
 Sort out the letters by their numbers to
 fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.



CENA BAILE *San Valentin*



\$30
POR PERSONA

14 DE FEBRERO 2026/ 7PM

\$40 EN PUERTA

IGLESIA SAN JORGE Y SAN CARLOS
443 PARK AVENUE BRIDGEPORT

MERCEDES JIMENEZ 203-540-7381
DOLLY DE LEON 475-239-9269

CELEBRANDO A CRISTO DE ESQUIPULAS

The people of Guatemala came together to celebrate the Feast of the Christ of Esquipulas. It was a beautiful Mass followed by a reception. We give thanks for this meaningful celebration, which reflected the rich spiritual traditions of the Guatemalan community and brought us together in unity and joy.

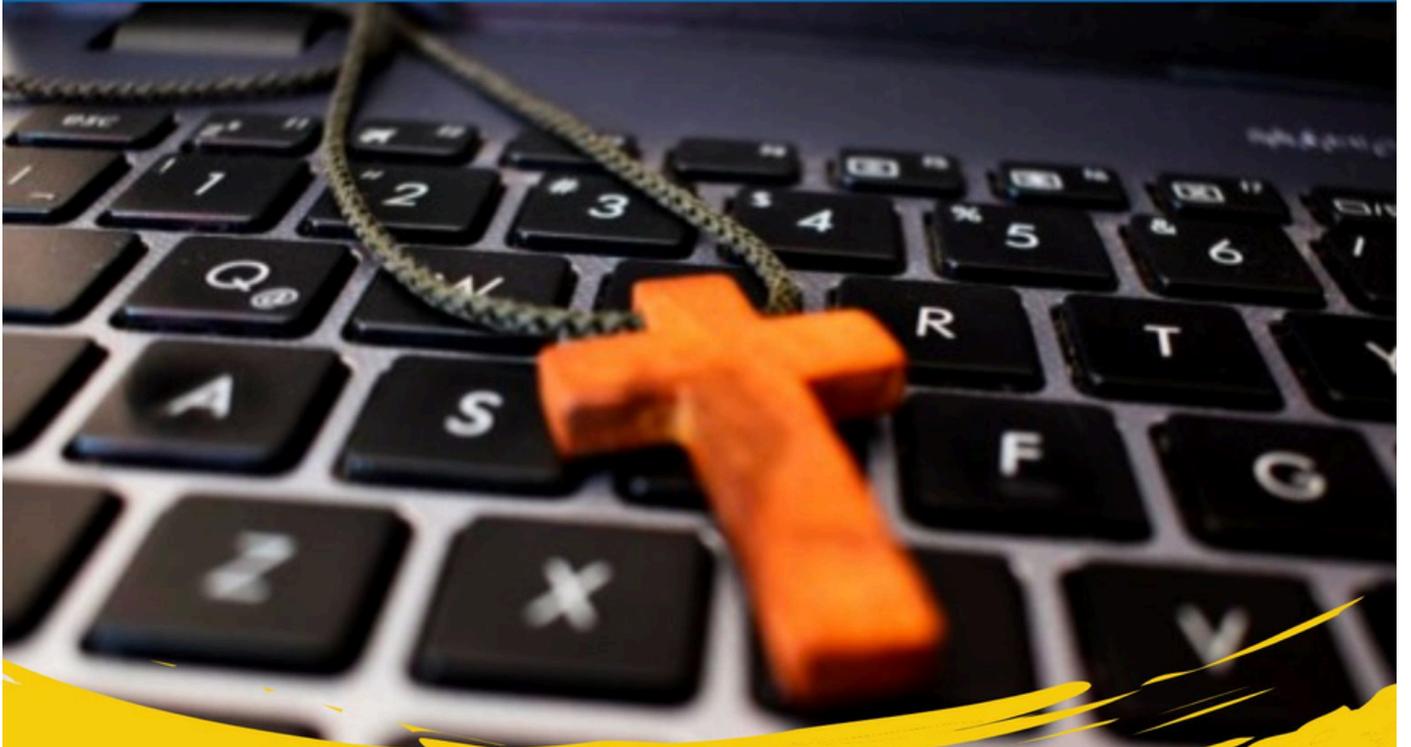




CENÁCULOS
en familia

**Catequesis
Familiar**

Trabajo y **ORACIÓN**



JUEVES
Enero 29

8 PM



En la parte baja
St Charles Borromeo

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a night of elegance, fellowship, and celebration by the sea



ST. CHARLES BORROME0 & ST. GEORGE LITHUANIAN
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
4TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER

Mark your calendars and get ready for another beautiful evening of celebration, fellowship, and joy! More details will be coming soon. We look forward to celebrating with you again!

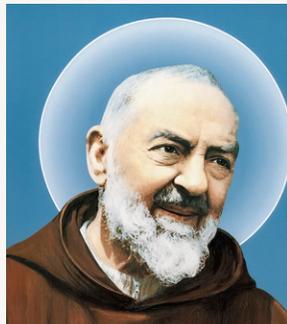
Date: [Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM](#)

Location: [Anthony's Ocean View - 450 Lighthouse Rd, New Haven, CT 06512](#)

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!



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) and the NATURE OF HUMAN KNOWING
An Academic Public Lecture at St. Joseph's Seminary

Thursday, March 26
Lecture begins at 7:00 PM
Tickets: \$25 per person (plus event fee)
Attend at St. Joseph's historic campus or online via Zoom

SPEAKER: DR. KEVIN BIRTH
Professor of Anthropology
Queens College, CUNY

Register at tinyurl.com/Spring2026AcademicLecture or scan the QR code with your phone

Questions? Contact Joann Brisson at: sjacademics@stjosephs.edu | 914-367-8145

JANUARY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 25

11:00 am: Hector Rodriguez R.I.P.
Requested by Ramona Rodriguez

Monday, January 26

7:30 am: Michith Siri Souk's Health
Requested by Michith

Tuesday, January 27

7:30 am: Chan Samarth's Health
Requested by Michith

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 am: Siri Souk Family's Health
Requested by Michith

Thursday, January 29

7:30 am: Xang Sayarath Family R.I.P.
Requested by Michith

Friday, January 30

7:30 am: Siri Souk Family R.I.P.
Requested by Michith

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am: Cumpleaños de Joaquín León Leiva
Requested by Sus Papas



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.



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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Diocese of Bridgeport Vocations

Upcoming Dates:
March 25, 2026 at 6PM - St. Aloysius

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



Fr. Christopher Ford
Director of Seminarians
frford@bridgeportpriest.org
(203) 416-1625



Fr. Ferry Galbert
Vocations Director
FrGalbert@diobpt.org
(203) 416-1625

PANTRY WEEK

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



CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES
Sábado 7 and 21 de Febrero 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 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 llévalo 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 resewva 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

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 la salud de la
Familia Ordoñez Borja*

Requested by:
Julia Borja

SAINT CHARLES & SAINT GEORGE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saint Charles Borromeo

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 pm Spanish (U.Ch)

7:00 pm Portuguese (U.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

Vigilia del Sabado (Saturday):

6:30 pm - Spanish

Domingo (Sunday):

10:30 am - Spanish



WEEKDAY MASSES

Saint Charles Borromeo

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am English (U.Ch)

Tue & Fri: 7:00 pm Haitian (L.Ch)

Wed & Thu: 7:00 pm Spanish (L.Ch)

Thu & Fri: 7:30 pm Portuguese (U.Ch)

Sat: 8:00 am Spanish (L.Ch)

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

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Parochial vicar



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



Deacon. David Rivera,
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Sara Orozco – Finance Council Chair

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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

Sol Alvarez

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 Columbus

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

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

The youth group has a co-ed volleyball team and an all-boys soccer team, and we're looking for some friendly competition!

If you're up for a game, contact Segundo and let's make it happen. Come out, have fun, and enjoy some great times together as a parish family



Religious Education

Office Hours

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

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 13th 14th 16th

WEDNESDAY
FEB 18

Ash Wednesday

FEB 20

Every Friday - Stations of the Cross Upper Church

SUNDAY
MAR 8

Day Light Saving

APRIL 3

Good Friday - No Classes on April 3rd 5th 6th

APRIL 10

Classes Resume

IMPORTANT DATES:

CONFIRMATION - APRIL 17TH

RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION - APRIL 24TH

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT - MAY 2ND

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION - MAY 9TH

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 24 / Sunday, Jan 25, 2026