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*IF WE WISH TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor. – CARLO BORROMEO*

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized are asked to complete the Baptism Preparation Program. For registration details, please contact the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married are asked to contact the Pastor at least ONE YEAR in advance of their anticipated date and to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:30pm to 4pm.

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Fr Mario Cafarelli c.PP.S.** PASTOR  
**Fr Gerardo Laguardilla c.PP.S.** ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
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## PARISH STAFF

**Mary Magno** OFFICE MANAGER  
**Connie Marcoccia** RECEPTIONIST  
**Felix Vargas** CUSTODIAN

## OFFICE HOURS

**MON / TUE / THU / FRI** 9AM TO 3PM  
**WED** 9AM TO 12:30PM  
**SAT** 9AM TO 12PM

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

**MON to FRI** 8AM ITALIAN & ENGLISH  
**MON / TUES / THU** 9AM ENGLISH  
**WED / FRI** 7PM ENGLISH

**SAT (SUN VIGIL)** 4:30PM ENGLISH

**SUN**  
8AM ITALIAN  
9:30AM ENGLISH  
11AM ITALIAN  
12:30PM ENGLISH

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

On the first Friday of each month, the Holy Rosary is prayed at 6:30pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass, a Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Confession.

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## PARISH AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We warmly invite parishioners to share their gifts in our ministries. Please contact the Parish Office to learn more.

**Adult Choir** (ENGLISH, 12:30PM)  
**Catholic Women's League**  
**Coro Adulti** (ITALIANO, 11AM)  
**Daughters of Isabella**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
**Ministers of the Word**  
**Ministers of Welcome**  
**Ministers to the Altar**

**Ministry to the Sick**  
**Precious Blood Prayer Group**  
**RCIA** [rcia.stcharles@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.stcharles@gmail.com)  
**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The first Sunday of lent leads us into the desert with Christ. This is a season of grace, of forty days set apart for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a time to return to the Lord with all our hearts.

The Gospel of Matthew explains to us how Jesus fasted for forty days and faced temptation. In this moment we see both His humanity and His divine strength. The desert is a place of testing, but also of encounter. Lent invites us into our own spiritual desert, where through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we turn away from sin and grow closer to God. Prayer deepens our relationship with Him, fasting teaches us discipline and dependence on God, almsgiving turns our hearts outward in love and mercy. Together, these practices help conform us more closely to Christ. These practices help us rely less on ourselves and more on His grace.

As we begin these forty days, may we walk with Christ in trust and perseverance, confident that this journey will lead us to the joy and new life of Easter.

May this Lent be a time of sincere conversion, steadfast faith and renewed hope for our parish community.

### IMPORTANT MINISTRY MEETING

All Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are warmly invited and expected to attend a mandatory meeting on Monday, February 23 at 7:00PM. This evening will be a meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and preparation as ministers are commissioned for the next two years. **If you are not present, you will not be commissioned and unable to continue with your ministry.**

Your faithful service is a blessing to our parish community, and your presence is important as we continue together in these sacred ministries

### RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED!

The RCIA program is urgently seeking sponsors for our adult candidates for Baptism and Confirmation. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with a new Catholic and to celebrate with them as they join our Church at Easter. No experience is required and the time commitment is minimal. Please contact Sarah at [rcia.stcharles@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.stcharles@gmail.com) or 416-256-3534 for more information.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

Reminder our next First Holy Communion Class will take place on Saturday, February 28 at 3:00PM

### LENTEN EVENTS IN THE PARISH

#### Stations of the Cross

In Italian every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

In English every Friday at 7:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Chaplet Precious Blood

7:00 p.m. Mass

#### Parish Lenten Mission

**Italian Mission** TBA

**English Mission**

March 5 at 7:00PM By: Fr. Paul Johnston

#### Day of Confession

March 27

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### CWL-PIZZA AND BINGO NIGHT

The St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League is thrilled to present our Fifth Bingo Night with 50/50 raffle on **Thursday, February 26, 2026** in the Parish Hall open to ALL parishioners. Dinner starts at 6pm with pizza, salad, one beverage and a bag of chips followed by coffee and dessert. Additional beverages will be \$1.00 each. Bingo starts at 7pm to 9:30pm. Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased in the parish office. The cost includes one dinner meal and 5 Bingo cards. Ticket sales are limited and will not be available at the door on Bingo night. We are looking forward to enjoying a delightful evening with great fun and lots of prizes.

### THANK YOU!

The third annual St Charles Borromeo CWL Fundraiser Brunch for the Children of the Holy Land was held on Sunday, February 1st, 2026 at the Venue Event Space. It was another great success! God bless all who attended and to all those who contributed to its success! A special thank you to the wonderful parishioners of St Charles Borromeo who have given with generosity of heart to the children of the Bethlehem Crèche. This year we were able to raise \$6890.00. We would like to express our gratitude to Bernardo Funeral Homes and Lady York Foods for their generous support. God bless you all in this Lenten season. Next year's fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 7th at the Venue Event Space. Save the date!

**IMPORTANTE RIUNIONE DEL MINISTERO**

Tutti i Lettori e i Ministri Straordinari dell'Eucaristia sono calorosamente invitati e sono tenuti a partecipare a un incontro obbligatorio lunedì 23 febbraio alle 19:00. Questa sera sarà un momento significativo di preghiera, riflessione e preparazione per l'incarico dei ministri per i prossimi due anni. **Se non sarete presenti, non riceverete l'incarico e non potrete continuare il vostro ministero.**

Il vostro fedele servizio è una benedizione per la nostra comunità parrocchiale e la vostra presenza è importante mentre continuiamo insieme in questi sacri ministeri. Vi preghiamo di fare ogni sforzo per unirvi a noi. Vi siamo profondamente grati per la vostra dedizione e disponibilità a servire.

**SERATA BINGO CWL**

La St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League presenta la nostra quinta serata di Bingo con estrazione 50/50 giovedì 26 febbraio 2026 nella sala parrocchiale, aperta a TUTTI i parrocchiani. La cena inizia alle 18:00 con pizza, insalata, una bevanda e un sacchetto di patatine, seguita da caffè e dessert. Le bevande aggiuntive costeranno 1,00 \$ ciascuna. Il Bingo inizia dalle 19:00 alle 21:30. I biglietti costano 30,00 \$ e possono essere acquistati presso l'ufficio parrocchiale. Il costo include una cena e 5 cartelle del Bingo. La vendita dei biglietti è limitata e non saranno disponibili all'ingresso la sera del Bingo. Non vediamo l'ora di trascorrere una piacevole serata con tanto divertimento e tanti premi.

**GRAZIE!**

Il terzo brunch annuale di raccolta fondi della CWL di San Carlo Borromeo per i bambini della Terra Santa si è tenuto domenica 1° febbraio 2026 presso il Venue Event Space. È stato un altro grande successo! Dio benedica tutti i partecipanti e tutti coloro che hanno contribuito al suo successo! Un ringraziamento speciale ai meravigliosi parrocchiani di San Carlo Borromeo che hanno donato con generosità di cuore ai bambini della Bethlehem Crèche. Quest'anno siamo riusciti a raccogliere \$ 6890,00. Vorremmo esprimere la nostra gratitudine alle case funerarie Bernardo e Lady York Foods per il loro generoso supporto. Dio vi benedica tutti in questo periodo di Quaresima. La raccolta fondi del prossimo anno si terrà domenica 7 febbraio presso il Venue Event Space. Segnatevi la data!

*Masses of the Week*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

4:30PM Salvatore Iozzo, Giuseppe Marchese, Ippolito Covelli, Rosa Carlisano, Carmen Rosa Zuniga

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

8:00AM Benedizioni per i partecipanti di 40 giorni per la vita

9:30AM For the Protection of the Unborn, For the Souls of Maria Salvati, Alfred De Souza, Cyril Buntalilid, Blanca Irene Bustamante, Julietta Avelar, Mike & Mark Vidov, Ally Iraq

11:00AM Giuseppe Gambino, Angelo e Benito Marino, Giacomo Riga, Palma Pietropaolo, Luciano Chiarotto, Antonio Schiavo, Carolina e Francesco Cervo, Gsetano Mario Brogna, Giovanni e Adele Schiavo, Adamo e Antonietta Caputo

12:30 PM Pro Populo

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

9:00AM Almerinda & Jose Ferreira

7:00PM Meeting with All Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

9:00AM Sebastiano Montoni, Leonard De Souza, Ersilia & Umberto Colucci, Diago Anthony Victor

7:00PM Via Crucis

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

8:00AM Protezione Per i Neonati

7:00PM Rinaldo Tarsitano

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

9:00AM Almerina & Jose Ferreira

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:00AM Luis Pontes

7:00PM Protection for the unborn

7:30PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

4:30PM Pro Populo

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