



# St. Charles Borromeo

*A Roman Catholic community in the heart of Brooklyn Heights*

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## Weekly Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9 a.m. Family Mass  
11:15 a.m.  
7 p.m.

Weekdays: 12:10 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation as  
announced.

## Office Hours

Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (x402)

## Clergy Staff

Fr. William G. Smith, *Pastor* (x409)

Msgr. Al LoPinto, *Resident* (x406)

Fr. John Gribowich, *Resident* (x408)

## Our Mission

We, the family of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, dedicate ourselves to our faith in God. We celebrate our faith through the Eucharist, proclaim our faith through the Gospel, and express our faith by seeking to build a community which is a living testimony of the power of God's love for His children.

*St. Charles is wheelchair accessible.*



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sun., Aug. 5—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 People of the parish

11:15 Flowers donated in memory Caroline Palestino from her loving family and Mary Ann Palestino

7:00 Deceased sisters of the diocese

**Mon., Aug. 6—Transfiguration of the Lord**

12:10 Mary E. Keoughan by Frances B. Duffy

**Tues., Aug. 7—Weekday**

12:10 Deceased priests of the diocese

**Wed., Aug. 8—St. Dominic**

12:10 Raymond Beni by Jean Beni

**Thur., Aug. 9—Weekday**

12:10 Pray for Lin Gao family by the Lin Gao family

**Fri., Aug. 10—St. Lawrence**

12:10 For the newly baptized of St. Charles parish

**Readings For The Week****Mon., Aug. 6 | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10***And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Open our eyes, mysterious God, to the many moments of glory all around us.***Tues., Aug. 7 | Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36***When [Peter] saw how strong the wind was he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Be our sure foundation when we are afraid, O God Most Holy.***Wed., Aug. 8 | Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28***It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. For faith that makes us courageous and open to all your people, we pray.***Thurs., Aug 9 | Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23***But who do you say that I am? Lord Jesus, help us to know and follow you.***Fri., Aug. 10 | 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26***Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Great giving God, grant us a spirit of cheerful generosity as we grow in our giving.***Sat., Aug. 11 | Hb 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20***This man deserves death; he has prophesied against this city as you have heard with your own ears. Lord, teach me your ways, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.***Sacraments and Formation***Family Faith Formation:* Children attend the 9 a.m. Sunday Family Mass followed by class.*Reconciliation:* Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m.—noon or call the Rectory.*Baptism:* The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 4th Sunday of each month during the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Registration and parent class is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Parish House at 31 Sidney.*Marriage:* Couples seeking to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact the Rectory to arrange an appointment at least 6 months prior to the desired marriage date.*Anointing of the Sick:* The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. In an emergency please call the rectory.**St. Charles Staff***Family Faith Formation Director:* Maureen Pond*Music Director:* Sergio Sandi*Parish Secretary:* Blanca Anchundia-Toala*Parish Trustees:* Angela De Marco  
Frank Pond**Family Faith Program 2018 – 2019**

Registration for new families entering the Family Faith Program at St. Charles is now open. We offer religious instruction for grades Pre-K through 8th each Sunday in the school year after the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass. Program brochures are available in the back of the church. **Please email Maureen Pond at [mempond@mac.com](mailto:mempond@mac.com) for more information or to register.**

**Altar And Garden Committee**

Come join us Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. as we prepare the church with plants and flowers for the feast or season. Even if you are not able to join us every Saturday, come when you can! For more information call the Rectory.

**Vocations**

"I urge you to live in the manner in which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

Some valuable quotes from Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate*:

1. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. (76)
2. True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. (79)
3. Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. He "flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts" (Wis 1:5). The Father, "who sees in secret" (Mt 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows "what is in man" (cf. Jn 2:25). (84)
4. Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for "whoever would save his life will lose it" (Mt 16:25). (90)
5. If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being? (98)
6. The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist.

Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. (101)

7. We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters. (104)
8. It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons. That is itself a subtle form of violence. (117)
9. Humiliation makes you resemble Jesus; it is an unavoidable aspect of the imitation of Christ. (118)
10. So let us not fall into the temptation of looking for security in success, vain pleasures, possessions, power over others or social status.

### **Save The Date: New Parishioners Meet and Greet**

On **Sunday, Sept. 16**, we will have a reception in the back of the church after each Mass to welcome new parishioners and enjoy fellowship with all St. Charles members. We hope to see you there!

### **Fall Faith-Sharing Groups**

This fall St. Charles will be hosting small faith-sharing groups, which will run for six weeks. If you would like to participate, please leave your contact information with the rectory. More information on dates and times coming soon.

### **Sacraments**

Sacramental preparation for non-Baptized people who would like to be Baptized, for Baptized non-Catholics and for Catholics who have not received Holy Communion and/or been Confirmed will begin in the Fall. The classes recognize the busy schedules of members of our community and are quite flexible. Please see Fr Smith after Mass, call him at 718-625-1177 ex. 409 or email him at [pastor@stcharlesbklyn.org](mailto:pastor@stcharlesbklyn.org).

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