



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)

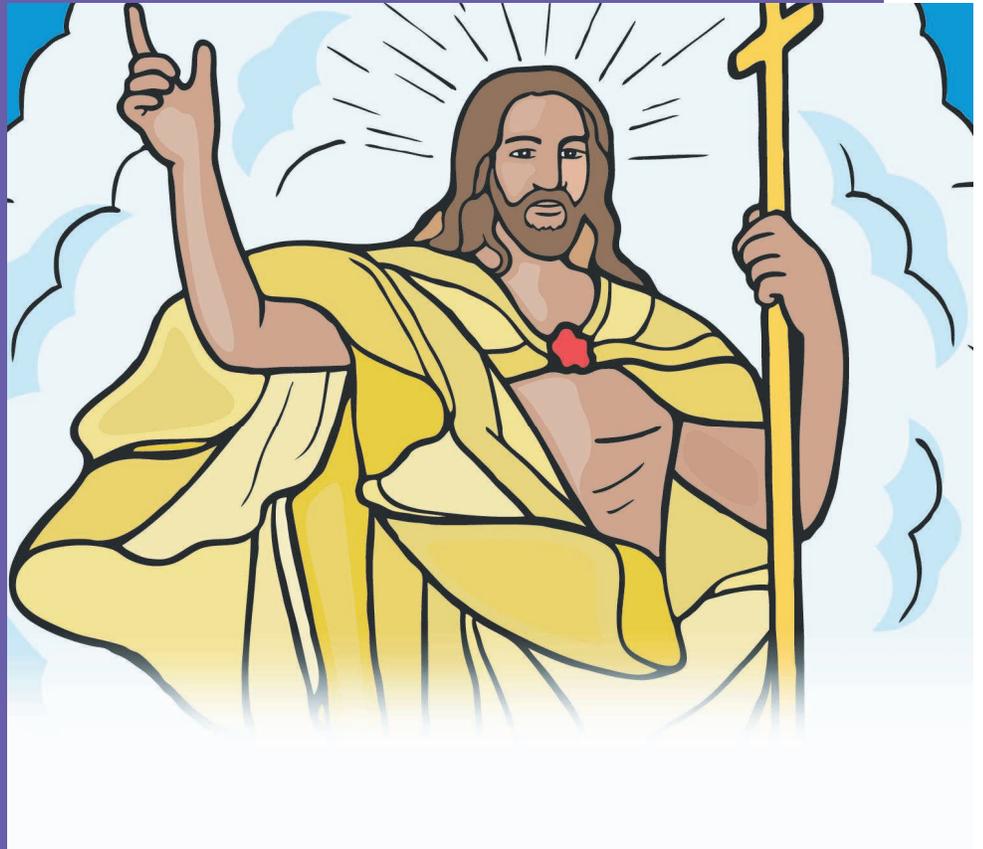
Clergy Staff

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.



1st Sunday of Advent

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Lk 21: 27-28

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Dec. 2 — 1st Sunday Of Advent**

9:00 Edward T. Gates by Frances X. Gates

11:15 Shane Kirkpatrick by Peggy McGuire

7:00 Baldressara LoPinto

Mon., Dec. 3 — St. Francis Xavier

12:10 Ralph Aracri by Anthony Caraballo

Tues., Dec. 4— Advent Weekday

12:10 Mary Ricciardi by Mary Ricciardi

Wed., Dec. 5— Advent Weekday

12:10 Leticia Torres by Mary Muniz

Thur., Dec. 6 — Advent Weekday12:10 Josefa & Carmen Barreiro
by the Sullivan family**Fri., Dec. 7 — St. Ambrose**

12:10 Ron Smith by Mary Muniz

Readings For The Week**Mon., Dec. 3 | Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11**

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached [Jesus] and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." Holy, eternal God, your love and care are for all people.

Tues., Dec. 4 | Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. May we be instruments of your shalom, holy One.

Wed., Dec. 5 | Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Jesus summoned his disciples and said, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd." Be with us as we prepare for your birth, Lord Jesus.

Thurs., Dec. 6 | Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Everyone who listen to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. Gracious God, help us build a strong foundation that our lives may point to you.

Fri., Dec. 7 | Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the tyrant will be no more and the arrogant will have gone. Relying on your guidance, O God, may we work together to create a global community of love, respect, justice and peace.

Sat., Dec. 8 | Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. For courage, wisdom and a willingness to say yes, we pray.

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

Francis Chin

Children's Pageant

The Children's Pageant, presented by the Family Faith Program, will be **Sunday December 16 at the 11:15 Mass**. All are welcome.

Religious Retirement Fund

There will be a second collection next week to support the Religious Retirement Fund. Your generosity is appreciated.

Intention of the Mass

The Intention of the Mass is the most precious gift we can give to our departed beloved ones. We also encourage offering Masses for birthdays, illness or a special intention. The Mass is a truly unique gift. Visit the rectory, call or go to stcharlesbklyn.org to schedule a Mass.

Vocations

"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Holiday Wreath Sale—Today

Wreaths are available for sale today after all the Masses. Purchase a wreath and support St. Charles!

St. Charles Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be **next Sunday, Dec. 9 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass**. We will be reading A Town Like Alice by Neville Shute. New members are always welcome!

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.

Church Renovation Update

Although work started to increase over the past few weeks, our project was being held back slightly waiting for additional permits. As of late last week, drawings were approved and additional permits are in place. Work pace should begin to increase further.

Mockups and samples continue to be installed. These allow Landmarks to sign off on all materials.

Masonry work is in progress at multiple areas throughout the building. It is primarily cutting and preparing of the brick joints which will start to be filled with new mortar soon.

Window repair is in progress. The wood frame of the windows has been fully surveyed and the repair and replacement of that wood is ongoing.

Paint for deteriorated areas of stonework is being sampled now and waiting for the architect's approval before moving ahead.

It has been decided that the gutter condition is worse than originally thought and will need to be replaced.

This work will continue into the winter. As the colder weather approaches exterior masonry work will have to stop but roof work, window repair, and other miscellaneous work will continue through the winter to help move the project along as quickly as possible.

St. Charles/Custom House Toy Drive

St. Charles Borromeo is partnering with Custom House for its 7th annual Toy Drive. Please donate unwrapped toys and place them in the collection box at the back of the church or drop them off at Custom House (Montague St. between Clinton and Henry) **before December 15**.

All toys will be distributed by Brooklyn Catholic Charities.

Advent

Today we begin the season of Advent (Lat. *adventus*, an arrival), the four-week liturgical season preceding Christmas in which the Church prepares to celebrate the birth of Christ while also anticipating his second coming. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to 30 November (the feast of St. Andrew), called the First Sunday of Advent. The Church's liturgical year also begins on this day.

Readings and practices of the Advent season emphasize both penitence and the joyful expectation of the Lord's coming. From the First Sunday of Advent to 16 December, the liturgical focus is on penitence and preparation for the second coming—with readings centered around the messianic prophecies of John the Baptist and Isaiah, and gospel selections which depict Jesus as the fulfillment of those prophecies. Also during this period, violet vestments are worn by the clergy (rose vestments are also acceptable on the Third, or "Gaudete" Sunday), further emphasizing the theme of repentance.

Liturgies of the final week of Advent focus on the approaching birth of Christ, with the role of the Blessed Mother receiving special emphasis. The observation of a preparatory season prior to the celebration of Christmas dates back to the fourth century.

There are many wonderful Advent practices from the Advent candles to a Jesse Tree, but there is none better than attending Mass during the week. We remind you that not only do we have a very conveniently scheduled 12:10 p.m. Mass Monday to Friday but parishes with many offices or factories nearby have "worker friendly" Mass times. The readings for Mass on the weekdays of Advent are also marvelous and well worth reading even if you are unable to attend Mass. Let us truly seek to truly welcome Jesus' arrival this year.



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