



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.



2nd Sunday of Advent

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Lk 3:5-6

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Dec. 9 — 2nd Sunday Of Advent**

9:00 Charles Lundgren by Carol Hoefling
 11:15 Peter J. Bello by your Aunt Louise Orsino
 7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Dec. 10 — Advent Weekday

12:10 Duncan Fraiser by Noreen Healey

Tues., Dec. 11— Advent Weekday

12:10 John Sen Xing's Soul by Lin Gao Family

Wed., Dec. 12— Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:10 Alfredo B. Manduley by Roberto & Griselda Manduley

Thur., Dec. 13 — St. Lucy

12:10 Blessings for Gao by the Lin Gao family

Fri., Dec. 14 — St. John Of The Cross

12:10 Frances X. Sullivan by the Sullivan family

Readings For The Week**Mon., Dec. 10 | Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26**

The desert and the parched land will exult. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

Tues., Dec. 11 | Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Will the [shepherd] not ... go in search of the stray? Loving God, when my heart grows fearful of the world's evil, help me to remember you have not given up on us.

Wed., Dec. 12 | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

See, I am coming to dwell among you. May we rejoice, as Mary did, in our ability to become the body through which Christ is delivered to the world.

Thurs., Dec. 13 | Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Let anyone with ears listen! May all our Advent works and prayers give you praise and thanks, O God.

Fri., Dec. 14 | Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Wisdom is vindicated by her works. God of light, teach us to discern the way of your truth.

Sat., Dec. 15 | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Elijah will indeed come and restore all things. Give courage, O Lord, to the Elijahs of today who call us all to live with integrity.

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 **next Sunday December 16 at the 11:15 Mass**. All are welcome.

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

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



Our Lady of Guadalupe

This Wednesday, Dec. 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We remind you that Mass will be celebrated at 12:10PM

*O God, Father of mercies,
who placed your people under
the singular protection
of your Son's most holy Mother,
grant that all who invoke the*

*Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,
may seek with ever more lively faith
the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of
peace.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

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 it's 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 is the second Sunday 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.

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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