



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.



3rd Sunday of Advent

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." *Lk 3:16*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Dec. 16 — 3rd Sunday Of Advent
 9:00 Anna Rita Lundgren by Carol Hoefling
 11:15 Elaine & Eleanor Bilbao
 by Daniel & Eddie Revuelta
 7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Dec. 17 — Advent Weekday
 12:10 Anthony Aracri by Anthony Caraballo

Tues., Dec. 18— Advent Weekday
 12:10 Julia May Haggarty by William O'Neill

Wed., Dec. 19— Advent Weekday
 12:10 James Thomas Martin Crosby
 by Philip Murray

Thur., Dec. 20 — Advent Weekday
 12:10 Thomas Ricciardi by Mary Ricciardi

Fri., Dec. 21 — Advent Weekday
 12:10 Mary Ricciardi by Mary Ricciardi

Readings For The Week

Mon., Dec. 17 | Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. O Wisdom of our God most high, guiding creation with power and love: Come to teach us the path of knowledge.

Tues., Dec. 18 | Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. O Leader of the house of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: Come rescue us with your mighty power!

Wed., Dec. 19 | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all people: Come save us without delay.

Thurs., Dec. 20 | Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness.

Fri., Dec. 21 | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb. O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: Come save us, Lord our God.

Sat., Dec. 22 | 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. O King of all nations and keystone of the church: Come and save us, who you formed from the dust.

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

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.

St. Charles/Custom House Toy Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated to the toy drive. Your generous contributions will be distributed by Catholic Charities.

Vocations

“All were questioning in their hearts.” Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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.

Children's Baptism

Whether you have had a child Baptized before or if this is your first time we are here to assist you. The regular time for Baptisms is the 11:15 Mass on the fourth Sunday of the Month and the pre-baptismal class is at 2:00PM (in the Church) on the second Sunday of the Month. Sunday Baptisms are not usually celebrated during Advent and Lent and we recognize scheduling difficulties during the year and will always seek to accommodate. Please see Fr. Smith after Mass or call him in the rectory.

St. Charles Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be **Sunday, Jan. 13 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.** We will be reading Captain Pantoja and the Special Service by Mario Vargas Llosa. New members are always welcome!

Today is **Gaudate Sunday**. It means rejoice in the truest sign that we are close to Jesus.



O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

O Come All Ye Faithful

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

12:10 Mass

5 p.m. Children's Mass and Nativity pageant

12 a.m. Midnight Mass (Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

A collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up at all the Masses for Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 30

Feast of the Holy Family

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

7 p.m. Mass

Families will be blessed at all Masses



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