



# 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.*



## 4th Sunday of Advent

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Lk 1:41-42*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1979 CCD.

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sun., Dec. 23 — 4th Sunday Of Advent**

9:00 Mrs. Diane & Mr. William May  
by John, Margaret & William May Jo  
11:15 Charles Lundreng by Carol Hoefling  
7:00 Deceased members of  
the LoPinto & Ostuni families

**Mon., Dec. 24 — Advent Weekday**

12:10 Raymond Miller by a close friend  
5:00 Msgr. Charles Diviney  
Midnight Brother Beckett Ryan

**Tues., Dec. 25— Christmas**

9:00 Mrs. Diane & William May by the May family  
11:15 People of the parish

**Wed., Dec. 26— St. Stephen**

12:10 Elia G. Malara by the McArdle family

**Thur., Dec. 27 — St. John**

12:10 Giacomo Franco by Anthony Caraballo

**Fri., Dec. 28 — Holy Innocents**

12:10 Filomena Franco by Anthony Caraballo

**Readings For The Week****Mon., Dec. 24 | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79**

*For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. Lead us, compassionate Lord, to go before you to open eyes to see you in all things, to open mouths to praise you with every word, and to open hearts to share your tender love.*

**Tues., Dec. 25 | Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14**

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory. Open our hearts, loving Father, to the Christ-child born within us today.*

**Wed., Dec. 26 | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22**

*They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. Glorious Father, fill us with your wisdom and spirit to courageously witness to you.*

**Thurs., Dec. 27 | Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8**

*We have seen it and testify to it. Divine Master, give us the grace to be steadfast in love and loyalty. May our words and example enable us to be known as your beloved disciples.*

**Fri., Dec. 28 | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18**

*Out of Egypt I called my son. Hold me in your protection, loving Father. Guide me where I need to be to do your will.*

**Sat., Dec. 29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35**

*Whoever claims to abide in him ought to walk just as he walked. Gentle and loving Teacher, may the manner in which I live reflect my knowing you and your knowing me.*

**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](http://stcharlesbklyn.org) to schedule a Mass.

**Retired Religious Collection**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Retired Religious collection. Through your generosity we raised \$2412 to support this important fund.

**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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**Thank You**

A huge thank you to our Family Faith Director, Maureen Pond and our Cantor, Ulises Solano for all their wonderful work on the Nativity pageant. It's beautiful a St. Charles tradition that the entire parish looks forward to every year.

**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!

**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 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*

*Monday, Dec. 31*

12:10 p.m. Mass

*Tuesday, Jan. 1*

**Solemnity of Mary**

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

**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.



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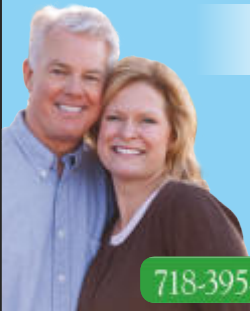
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