



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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. *Lk 2:51-52*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Dec. 30 — Holy Family
 9:00 Regina Williams by the Family Faith Program
 11:15 Mary E. Keoughan by Frances R. Duffy
 7:00 Msgr. Anthony J. Barretta

Mon., Dec. 31 — Christmas Octave
 12:10 For the soul of Theresa Chen Xue
 by the Lin Gao family

Tues., Jan. 1 — Solemnity of Mary
 9:00 Sisters who served at St. Charles
 11:15 For the soul of Joseph Lin Yi Gui
 by the Lin Gao family

**Wed., Jan. 2 — Sts. Basil The Great
 & Gregory Nazaizen**
 12:10 Horacio, Inamar & Bettina Sison
 by Steve Sison and Wade Lambert

Thur., Jan. 3 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 Peter Bello memorial Mass

Fri., Jan. 4 — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 12:10 Peggy O'Connor by Michael Behan

Readings For The Week

Mon., Dec. 31 | 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
In the beginning was the Word ... Loving God, give me the grace to live by the wisdom of St. Paul: Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up.

Tues., Jan. 1 | Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable to you, God my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Wed., Jan. 2 | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. For a world where every mother's child is safe, happy and loved.

Thurs., Jan. 3 | 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. For your church, dear God, that we may be what you call us to be: your hands, your face, your good news in this world, we pray.

Fri., Jan. 4 | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
The person who acts in righteousness is righteous ... whoever sins belongs to the Devil. For an increase in those opportunities to understand people of different races, religions, nations and cultures, we pray.

Sat., Jan. 5 | 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. God of love, help us to believe the simplicity of your message and live it out even when life is not so simple.

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 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!

Vocations

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, 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.

Assistance from Catholic Charities

Persons in need can contact trained workers at Catholic Charities to receive assistance. The Main Walk-In Center is located at 191 Joralemon Street and a Call Center can be reached at 718-722-6001. The Walk-In Center and Call Center are available to provide assistance Monday-Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Take A Tour Of St. Charles

Interested in knowing more about our church and its history? **A self-guided tour is now available!** Look for the plaques at various locations throughout the building.

Solemnity Of Mary—New Year's Day

Tuesday, Jan. 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate **two Masses at St. Charles: 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

*God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.*

*We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.
Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.*

*Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.*

*We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

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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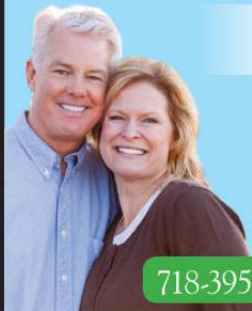
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