



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 Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Mt 2:10-11*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Jan. 6 — Epiphany Of The Lord
 9:00 William & Edna Hoefling by Carol Hoefling
 11:15 Raymond Sullivan by the Sullivan family
 7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Jan. 7 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 For blessings for Stephen Lin
 by the Lin Gao family

Tues., Jan. 8 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 Sisters who served at St. Charles

Wed., Jan. 9 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 Edmund T. Wrenn by his mother

Thur., Jan. 10 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 Deceased priests of the diocese

Fri., Jan. 11 — Christmas Weekday
 12:10 Hannah Behan by Michael Behan

Readings For The Week

Mon., Jan. 7 | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit. God of wisdom, help me to discern your voice and your truth amid the barrage of false prophecies.

Tues., Jan. 8 | 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Lord of tenderness and compassion, let my love come from you so that I may reach out to others patiently and unconditionally.

Wed., Jan. 9 | 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. Fill our hearts, generous Father, with your boundless love.

Thurs., Jan. 10 | 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
His commandments are not burdensome. Give us the grace, merciful God, to follow your wise and loving plan.

Fri., Jan. 11 | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Whoever possesses the Son has life. Son of God, giver of eternal life, help me to be aware that you are with me and within me wherever I go.

Sat., Jan. 12 | 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
There is such a thing as deadly sin. God of wisdom and truth, give me the grace to accept my gift of free will with personal responsibility and dignity.

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

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.

St. Charles Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be **next 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

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious 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.

Epiphany of the Lord



The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi. "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

Parish Registration

We encourage all new parishioners to be sure to fill our Parish Registration Form. This assists with planning services for the number of parishioners who are part of the Parish, tracks weekly contributions for tax purposes and allows for letters of permission to become God parents or sponsors. The Diocese of Brooklyn also "tracks" the number of parishioners to see if a Parish needs an increase in the number of priests serving the Spiritual needs of the Parish.

News For The Bulletin

Do you have any news or events you'd like to share with the parish? If there are items you think would be of interest please let us know by emailing secretary@stcharlesbklyn.org.

Please note: the bulletin files are sent to the printer a week ahead of time. Any timely notices should be submitted at least a week prior to the Sunday it would need to appear in the bulletin.



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