



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. – Thur. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clergy Staff

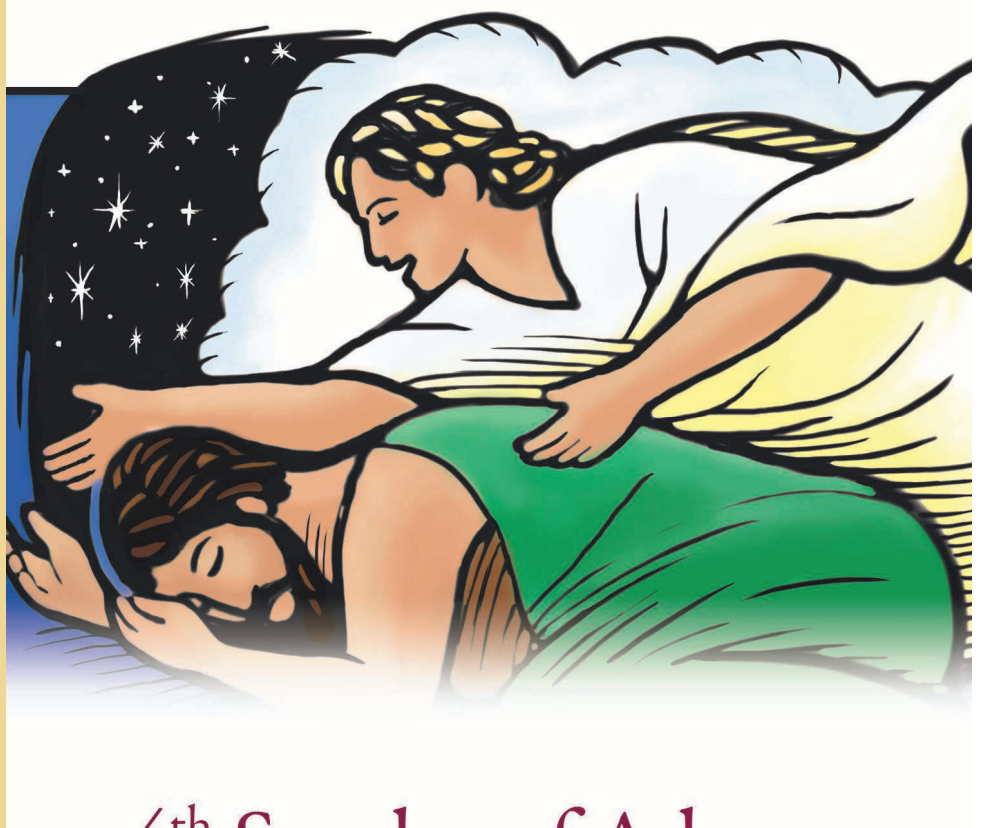
Reverend Edward Doran, PhD,
Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Al LoPinto, *Administrator*

Fr. Anselmus Mawusi,
Parochial Vicar

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.



4th Sunday of Advent

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." *Mt 1:20-21*

St. Charles is wheelchair accessible.

Interested in joining the parish or becoming a Catholic? Please call the Rectory.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Dec. 18 – Third Sunday of Advent
 9:00 Miguel Segares by Elana & Daisy Diamontopulos
 11:15 Annette & Charles Lundgren by Carol Hoefling
 7:00 Lin Gao family by Lucia Gao

Mon., Dec. 19 – Advent Weekday
 12:10 Bill McCormick by the McCormick family

Tues., Dec. 20 – Advent Weekday
 12:10 Joan Calise Gaya by the Calise family

Wed., Dec. 21 – Advent Weekday
 12:10 Larry, Mary & Peter Marrione by the Alcudia family

Thur., Dec. 22 – Advent Weekday
 12:10 Lee Andrew Hirsch by Mom

Fri., Dec. 23 – Advent Weekday
 12:10 Deceased Members of the LoPinto & Ostuni families

Readings For The Week

Mon., Dec. 19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
I am Gabriel, who stand before God.

Tues., Dec. 20
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Wed., Dec. 21
Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Hark! my lover – here he comes, springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills.

Thurs., Dec. 22
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, while the hungry batten on spoil.

Fri., Dec. 23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
John is his name!

Sat., Dec. 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Vocations

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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: Ms. Maureen Pond
Music Director: Mr. Sergio Sandi
Parish Secretary: Ms. Teresa Pendergast
Parish Trustees: Ms. Angela De Marco,
 Mr. Frank Pond

Advent Bible Study

Fr. Anselmus will be offering an Advent Bible study on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House at 31 Sidney Place. Please email secretary@stcharlesbklyn.org if you wish to join. A bible will be provided for any who attend.

Christmas Toy Donations

Each year, Catholic Charities hosts *Santa's Toy Shop*, a toy drive that provides parents with the dignity to pick and choose themselves appropriate gifts for their children. "Personal Elves" are available to assist parents in selecting the right gift for their children.

We need **you** to bring Christmas joy to families in need by helping Catholic Charities collect new, unwrapped, non-violent toys as well as gifts cards. Please bring your gifts to Church so that Catholic Charities workers can collect and ready them for distribution.

Reconciliation Monday

On December 19th from 4 until 8 PM confessions will be available in all Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as the Archdiocese of New York. Please be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to prepare for Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

On **Saturday, December 24** we will celebrate our Christmas Eve Family Mass and Nativity Pageant at **5:00 p.m.** Please come at **11:30 p.m.** to enjoy Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass.

On **Sunday, December 25** our Masses will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

There will not be a celebration of the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Generations of Faith Campaign

Sunday, November 27, our 'in pew' appeal for the Generations of Faith campaign brought in pledges of \$251,730! To date, our parishioners have generously donated \$470,560 toward our parish goal of \$1 million.

As previously reported, \$202,000 of what St. Charles raises in the campaign will go toward Diocesan programs to care for our diocesan priests who have served us all so faithfully and to youth evangelization programs. All funds that we raise over our diocesan goal will be used to repair and renovate our beautiful parish church. The parish of St Charles Borromeo has faithfully served our community for 167 years and it is up to us, the St. Charles Family Community, to restore and preserve our church for future generations of parishioners.

To date, the front doors of the church have been repaired and the Aitken St. door has been replaced with new doors. The final part of the door restoration will be the installation of panic bars on the front doors with a new locking system. The Aitken St. doors will receive a new electronic system allowing the doors to be opened with an outdoor button, making the doors more accessible for people with disabilities and the elderly. The next piece of interior work will be converting the existing fixtures and bulbs to LEDs, helping to reduce the cost of our electric utility bill. We anticipate the outside restoration work will begin in late winter / early spring. At this time, we are in the final stages of negotiating a contract with the architect.

Msgr. Al, Fr. Ed and the parish trustees thank the 105 parishioners that have generously made pledges to our campaign. As we approach the end of 2016 please consider a donation to our campaign and talk to your accountant to see if you will be able to achieve a deduction for a charitable donation to this effort!

As always, we thank the parish for their stewardship and prayers.

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2017 is the feast of Mary the Mother of God in addition to being New Year's Day. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 and 11:15 AM as well as 7:00 PM. This is a wonderful time to ask the blessing of God upon the start of our New Year! Please attend Mass and bring family and friends with you on this most special day.

Catholic Charities Collection

Bishop DiMarzio invites all to join him in this year's Annual Catholic Charities Collection. The collection takes place at all Christmas Masses. Please return the Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with you gift. If you do not have a printed envelope please use the Catholic Charities envelope available or your own blank envelope marked Catholic Charities. Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year's Catholic Charities Christmas Collection.

Advent Call to Action

"What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me". This is the great challenge to all Catholics. Here at St Charles, we have many opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters. This season there are three distinct calls to action.

Santa's Workshop Collection is requesting new non-violent toys and books for children of all ages. Please donate them unwrapped. The Winter Clothing Drive needs new socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. This collection is for all age groups. The Food Pantry Collection especially needs food for this season. When children are home from school the need is often increased. Labeled boxes are in the rear of the church just waiting to be filled to overflowing.

Please be generous during this season of hope and peace. As the Pope's year of mercy is ending, let us remember his exhortation to make our mercy toward others and action as well as a prayer.

2017 Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2017 are available beginning this week. Mass Intentions are a wonderful way to remember a loved one. Stop by the office or call for more information.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

On the pews as you enter the Church you will find Christmas Offering Envelopes providing an opportunity to support the work of St. Charles Borromeo. Thank you for your generous offering.



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