



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.

Clergy Staff

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.

St. Charles is wheelchair accessible.



6th Sunday of Easter

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." *Jn 14:15-17*

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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., May 21— 6th Sunday of Easter
 9:00 Ernesto Rosado by his family
 11:15 Lou DeCanio by his family
 7:00 Maksymilian Rusin by Annette Rusin and Mark Bischel

Mon., May 22 — Easter Weekday
 12:10 Linda Alperin by the Sullivan family

Tues., May 23 — Easter Weekday
 12:10 Angelina Liciaga Ressay by Robert Sosa and Mei-Ya Tsai

Wed., May 24 — Easter Weekday
 12:10 Filomena Franco by Anthony Caraballo

Thurs., May 25 — The Ascension of the Lord
 12:10 John F. Gallagher Sr. by the Gallagher family
 7:00 Fr. Charles Kraus

Fri., May 26 — St. Philip Neri
 12:10 Elizabeth Schick by Philip Murray

Readings For The Week

Mon., May 22 | Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home. Lord, give me the grace to offer all I am and all that I have.

Tues., May 23 | Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds. Lord, help us to live our baptismal call every day.

Wed., May 24 | Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
I walked around looking carefully at your shrines... Lord, help us to gently and respectfully challenge disbelief.

Thurs., May 25 | Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
From now on I will go to the Gentiles. Guide me, Lord, how and where I can best do your will.

Fri., May 26 | Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you. Help me to trust, Lord, that with your help and in your name, I can do great things.

Sat., May 27 | Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
The brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. Give us, Lord, a humble spirit, gentle teachers, and full knowledge of your power and glory.

Food Donations Needed

Catholic Charities is in need of non-perishable food donations. There is a bin in the back of the church for contributions, many thanks for your generosity!

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
 Frank Pond

Sacred Sites Open House Today

St. Charles will be open to visitors **today, May 21st**, from **12:30 pm—4:30 pm** as part of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's 7th annual 'Sacred Sites Open House'.

Participating Houses of Worship throughout Brooklyn, New York City and New York State will be open to visitors.

The list of participating Houses of Worship can be found online at nylandmarks.org and sacredsitesopenhouse.org

Weekly Scripture Group

Fr. Anselmus is holding a weekly Scripture Group **Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish House. The topic is *Understanding the Bible, It's Formation and Content*.

Vocations

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Ascension of the Lord—May 25

Thursday, May 25th is the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be held at 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.



"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

What consoling words Jesus had for his disciples, even as he was about to bring an end to his earthly ministry. He had spent some time with them after his Resurrection, but now his mission was complete and he was about to return to be with his Father in heaven. Undoubtedly this must have been a difficult moment for the disciples. But as if to reassure them, Jesus gives this remarkable promise: that he will always be with them, even when he is no longer physically present. We know, of course, that the presence he is referring to comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit, and what is most wonderful about this promise is that it also applies to us.

Jesus is with us always. His presence dwells in our hearts through the sacrament of baptism in which we receive the real, indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We are not alone! The sometimes difficult journey of Christian life is not one we need to navigate alone. Christ himself ascended into heaven so that he could make himself present in a more universal and timeless way through his Spirit to all people who call upon him. Thus we rejoice on this feast of the Ascension. It's not so much about Jesus leaving. Rather, it's about him continuing his mission in a new way, a way that includes us very directly.

So let us remember that Jesus is present with us, even when we cannot see him next to us or hear his voice loud and clear. Let us call upon his Holy Spirit when we need guidance, comfort, or direction. And today, let us give thanks to God the Father for sending his Son to save us and for giving us his Spirit to accompany us on our own journey of life.

Special Mass of Inclusion

On Sunday, June 4, a **Regional Mass of Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf** for parishes in Deaneries 3, 4, 8, and 9 will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled 10:15 a.m. **Mass in the Lower Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica**, (5th Avenue between 59th and 60th Streets) in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. A breakfast and a Special Needs Resource Fair will immediately follow the Mass. Arrangements will be in place for those with physical, mental or emotional needs. Families, companions and friends are most welcome. The Lower Church, & reception site are accessible, as are the toilets. American Sign Language and screen captioning will be offered. Volunteers will be available for needed assistance. **Questions? Please call Phil Murray at 718-875-5407 or e-mail to PDMur@aol.com.** We look forward so much to meeting you.

Day of Retreat

Fr. George Sears will be presenting at the Day of Retreat—Evangelizing the Gospel of Life, hosted by the Rosary for Life. The event will be hosted at the Resurrection Auditorium at 2331 Gerritsen Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11229 on June 17th. The full-day event costs \$30 per person and includes lunch. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish office for a registration form.

Ending the Death Penalty

"All Christians and people of good will are thus called today to fight not only for the abolition of the death penalty, whether legal or illegal, and in all its forms, but also in order to improve prison conditions, with respect for the human dignity of the people deprived of their freedom" - Pope Francis

The belief in the dignity of the human person is a pillar of our Catholic faith. The death penalty represents a failure of our society to fulfill the demands of human dignity, as evidenced by the 158 people and counting who have been exonerated due to their innocence since 1973. The Catholic Mobilizing Network invites all people of faith and good will to sign the National Catholic Pledge to End the Death Penalty. Go to catholicmobilizing.org to find out more

Catholic Charities Humanitarian Dinner

The Bishop's Humanitarian Award Dinner will be held **Wednesday, June 28th** at Cipriani Wall Street. The event is the main fundraiser for the support of Catholic Charities, Brooklyn and Queens. To purchase tickets, be a sponsor or take out an ad, call 718-722-6202.



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