



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

Fr. William G. Smith, *Pastor*
Fr. Anselmus Mawusi, *Parochial Vicar*
Msgr. Al LoPinto, *Resident*

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 Transfiguration of the Lord

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *Mt 17:5*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Aug. 6— Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00 Rodrigo Sarvida by Marilyn Sarvida

11:15 Trudy Cathey by Peggy McGuire

7:00 Lingao family by the Lingao family

Mon., Aug. 7— Weekday

12:10 John Pelc by Mary Muniz

Tues., Aug. 8— St. Dominic

12:10 Deceased priests of the parish

Wed., Aug. 9— Weekday

12:10 People of the parish

Thur., Aug. 10— St. Lawrence

12:10 William May

Fri., Aug. 11— St. Clare

12:10 Deceased religious sisters of the parish

Readings For The Week**Mon., Aug. 7 | Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21***I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me. O Lord, that we may recognize when our loaves of hope and fishes of compassion need to be shared.***Tues., Aug. 8 | Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14***Throughout my house [Moses] bears my trust. ... The presence of the Lord he beholds. Carve your laws on our hearts and not in stone, O God.***Wed., Aug. 9 | Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28***O woman, great is your faith! O that today you would listen to God's voice, harden not your hearts.***Thurs., Aug. 10 | 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26***God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that... you may have an abundance for every good work. O Lord, and direct the work of our hands.***Fri., Aug. 11 | Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28***Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. May confidence in your love for us give us the freedom to live more generously, O Lord.***Sat., Aug. 12 | Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20***If you have faith the size of a mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you. My heart is glad and my soul rejoices; my body rests secure.***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*.

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

Vocations

“This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to Him.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer, confident that He will make known your vocation if you listen to Him? If God may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

Altar & Garden Committee

Come join us Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m., as we prepare the church for the upcoming week and tend to our St. Francis Garden. Even if you are not able to come every Saturday, join us when you can! For more information call the Rectory @ 718-625-1177.

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 online to schedule a Mass.

Time Frame For Parish Building Improvements

Church

Now: Erecting of Scaffolding.

From Aug 15th:

Exterior:

Power line: One will be run from the church to the scaffolding. It will be mostly out of sight and certainly out of reach.

Shed: A facility for the workers to shower. This shed will remain up for several months. If it is placed along the fence in the garden, the flowers and other plants will need to be moved to the Rectory Garden by Aug. 19th. If not it will be placed in the parking area with the loss of secure parking.

Repair work:

Where the church has been painted red: Sections of the Church will be wrapped in plastic. The paint will be removed, the bricks inspected and then repaired if necessary.

Where the brick was painted white: A net will be set on the scaffolding and the brick inspected and if necessary repaired.

Interior: Some work needs to be done in the Church Boiler room, this may cause some noise but will not interrupt Mass.

General Prognosis: The exterior of the church should be completed by Independence Day, 2018.

Parish Center/Rectory

Office: The Parish office has been returned to 31 Sidney Place.

Repairs:

Now: Sufficient power has been restored to the building that Fr Anselmus and I have been able to return to the living quarters of the Rectory. Msgr Lo Pino should return shortly. The damage directly caused by the electrical fire has been mostly repaired and will be covered by our insurance.

Upcoming: Problems with the workmanship in the most recent installation: The fire revealed that much of the actual work done in the renovation of the building was not what was ordered and reported. We are presently looking at the options which range from a complete rewiring to targeting the more serious lapses. Several plans have been designed and are being reviewed by an independent electrical engineer. How much of this will be covered by insurance will be a matter for negotiation and, possibly, litigation. In any event the building will not be reopened until safety can be assured,

Items which were not part of the original renovation: While the building is being worked on we are looking at possible improvements. Most specifically we hope to install a fire alarm that will be connected to the general alarm system and a more efficient water heater.

General prognosis: The repair work should be completed by Labor Day but the negotiations for repayment will be ongoing.

The Transfiguration of the Lord



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the

day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.



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