



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.

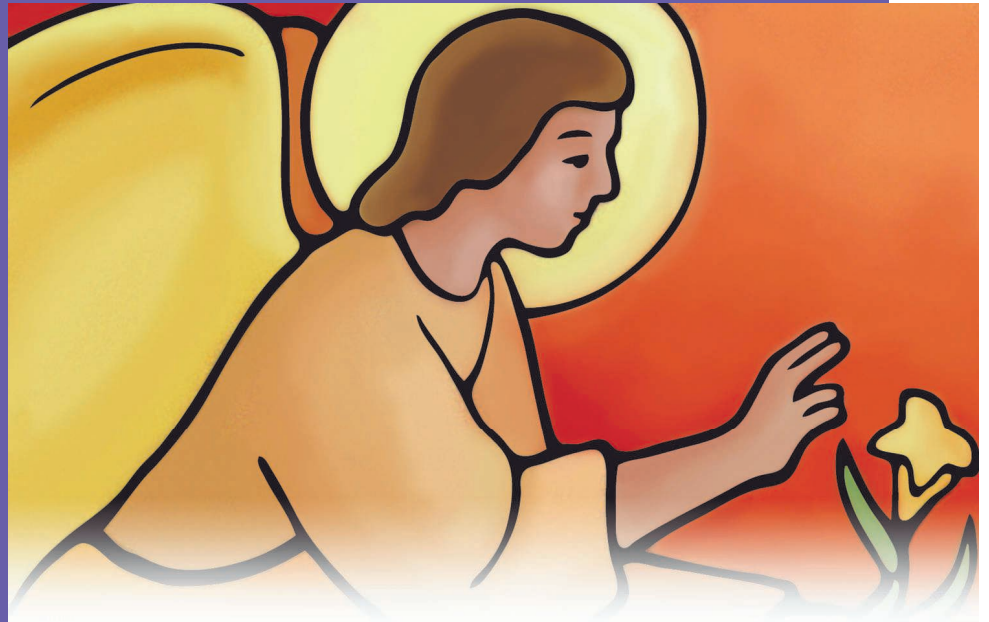
Clergy Staff

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.

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4th Sunday of Advent

And the angel said to her in reply,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the
power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Dec. 24— 4th Sunday of Advent
 9:00 Mrs. Diane & Mr. William May
 by John, Margaret & William May, Jr.
 11:15 Flor Garzon by Ed & Vivian Revuelta
 5:00 Ramona Jackson by Wieslawa Latka-Mucha
 Midnight People of the Parish

Mon., Dec. 25— Nativity Of The Lord
 9:00 Priest who served the Parish
 11:15 Sisters who served the Parish

Tues., Dec. 26— St. Stephen
 12:10 Deceased Members of LoPinto/Ostoni families

Wed., Dec. 27— St. John
 12:10 Stacey Yolanda Boong Rodriguez
 by Ophelia Rodriguez

Thur., Dec. 28— Holy Innocents
 12:10 Giacomo Franco by Anthony Caraballo

Fri., Dec. 29— Christmas Octave
 12:10 Filamena Franco by Anthony Caraballo

Readings For The Week

Mon., Dec. 25 | Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3; Lk 2:15-20
 "... not because of any righteous deeds we had done
 but because of his mercy ..." *Loving Father, on this
 Christmas morning, we rejoice in the priceless gift of
 your Son.*

**Tues., Dec. 26 | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt
 10:17-22**
 "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." *Holy Spirit, dwell
 within us that we may be courageous and steadfast.*

Wed., Dec. 27 | 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20: 1a; 2-8
 "... for the life was made visible ..." *" Open our eyes,
 Lord, to see you in all things.*

Thurs., Dec. 28 | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
 "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt."
*All knowing God, help us to see the plight of the holy
 family in today's refugees.*

Fri., Dec. 29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
*Whoever says he is in the light, yet hates his brother,
 is still in the darkness. God of light, make us beacons
 of your love.*

Sat. Dec. 30 | 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
*Do not love the world or the things of the world. Help
 us, God of abundance, to develop a healthy awareness
 of our selfish wants and our actual needs.*

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

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 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Propagation Of The Faith Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Propagation of
 the Faith Collection. St. Charles raised \$1,055 for this
 effort which provides for domestic missions.

Parish Mailing

If you did not receive a mailing from the Parish,
 please see Fr Smith after Mass or call the Rectory dur-
 ing the week. We wish to keep our mailing list up to
 date. We particularly ask that if you are a recent mem-
 ber of our community to register with the Parish. Even
 if you received a mailing and are registered if you
 have changed your email address or telephone num-
 ber, please let us know.

Christmas Message

The Priests of St Charles Borromeo wish you a most blessed Christmas Day and Season. Traditionally, the Christmas Season extends, at least, from sunset on Christmas Eve to Epiphany eve. It is often referred to as “Christmastide” and reflects the time when the Feast of the Epiphany was always celebrated on Jan 6th. This is 12 days after Christmas and is why Epiphany is called Twelfth Night in some countries and how we have the hymn the “Twelve days of Christmas”. There are other Feasts celebrated these days including the “Feast of the Holy Family” and “The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God”. These are wonderful in themselves but also remind us that the Birth of Jesus is not something which should be remembered for a day and then discarded in preparation for Valentine’s Day. We need to take time to savor the Incarnation. Let us keep up our Christmas ornaments and decorations until at least the Epiphany (this year celebrated on Sunday, Jan 7th) and when we look at them seek to keep alive the true Christmas Spirit of gratitude and charity.

Wishing you a most blessed Christmastide, we remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr William G Smith, Fr Anselmus Mawusi and Msgr Alfred LoPinto.

O Come All Ye Faithful

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

The Collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up at all the Masses for Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 31

Feast of the Holy Family

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

Families will be blessed at both Masses

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother

Sunday, Dec. 31

7 p.m. Mass

Monday, Jan. 1

9 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass

PARISH CONSTRUCTION WORK UPDATE

CHURCH:

What you will see this winter: You can now see the unpainted brick around the whole church. This provides an idea of how the church will look when completed. Please note: this is rather raw. There are many cracks in the brick and uneven and discolored mortar. This will be repaired in the spring as brick repair and pointing is very temperature dependent. For the next two or three weeks you may see our intrepid architect Yves on the scaffolding creating a map of the broken brick and decayed mortar. This will be given to the company which will repair the façade and to the Landmarks commission. You may also see an occasional work crew repairing the “white” areas in the rear of the church and securing the windows. This is dependent on the weather and we do not expect people every day. For security reasons alarms will be installed on the scaffolding itself.

What you can expect: Although the contract has not been signed we expect to employ a very large and reputable construction company to repair the brick. They will begin when weather permits and have a most impressive record for completing projects on time. Thus, I firmly expect the scaffolding to be down by July 4, 2018 and the job itself completed by Labor Day.

RECTORY:

Phone Service: I continue to apologize to those who have had difficulty reaching the rectory or who have received the incorrect announcement that the voice mailbox was full. We hoped to redesign the entire system when Fios was connected in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, we have now been told that we cannot expect that for 9 months, so we must find another option.

Intercom, Fire, Smoke and Carbon monoxide alarms: We have approved the new systems and are now waiting for the fire alarm to be approved and a schedule for multiple installations to be developed. (We do not want to ever open a wall in the rectory again).



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