



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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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. 7— Epiphany Of The Lord
 9:00 Peter Root by Fr. William G. Smith
 11:15 Raymond Sullivan by the Sullivan family
 7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Jan. 8— Baptism of the Lord
 12:10 Barbara Caraballo by Anthony Caraballo

Tues., Jan. 9— Weekday
 12:10 Rosemary Fuscald

Wed., Jan 10— Weekday
 12:10 the soul of Rosa Chen by the Lin-Gao family

Thur., Jan. 11— Weekday
 12:10 faith blessings and good health
 of Magdalena Wnek by her mother

Fri., Jan. 12— Weekday
 12:10 Chinedu Ukachukwu by Cristina Ukachukwu

Readings For The Week

Mon., Jan. 8 | Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Mk 1:7-11
Here is my servant...with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit. Forgive me God, when I presume to know your will better than others.

Tues., Jan. 9 | 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2; Mk 1:21-28
Do not think your handmaid a ne'er-do-well...think kindly of your maidservant. Speak Lord, and your servant will try to listen with an open heart.

Wed., Jan. 10 | 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
Rising very early before dawn, [Jesus] went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Touch and soften our hard hearts, Jesus. Make us clean.

Thurs., Jan. 11 | 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
Why has the Lord permitted us to be defeated today? Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us the courage to forgive others in turn.

Fri., Jan. 12 | 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home. Thank you, Jesus, for choosing to eat with "tax collectors and sinners."

Sat. Jan. 13 | 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners. We offer praise as our sacrifice to glorify you, O Lord our God!

Vocations

"Rise up in splendor! Your light has come." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? 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: Maureen Pond
Music Director: Sergio Sandi
Parish Secretary: Blanca Anchundia-Toala
Parish Trustees: Angela De Marco
 Frank Pond

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.

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 calling or emailing the parish office. Phone: 718-625-1177 or Email: 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 10 days prior to the Sunday it would need to appear in the bulletin.

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 to stcharlesbklyn.org to schedule a Mass.

Epiphany & Letter To The Parish

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. It means manifestation or showing and we will follow the newly restored custom of proclaiming the movable feasts of the year at all the Masses. Those are the days when we celebrate the great acts of our saving God such as Easter and Pentecost which unlike Christmas are not commemorated on the same day every year. As noted last week this requires a response on our part. I hope that many of you will make personal "Epiphany:" resolutions to reflect the recognition of God acting in your lives. Mine will be to make a greater effort to remember to bow my head at the name of Jesus. We as a parish will be making some resolutions as well, the major one of which will be to know each other better.

St Charles is a beautiful and specious church which, alas, does not have adequate meeting room. Given that the nave, main body, of the church is so large we will be able to remove the last 5 pews in the rear to create a gathering space. This has many liturgical benefits for Baptism and Funerals which we will explain in the future but will be obvious the first time you see them. It also will allow us to replace some of the pews and, more importantly, kneelers in the front of the church which have fallen into disrepair without having to buy new ones. It will also provide an area to greet one another and celebrate parish events after Mass. I have been given many suggestions that have ranged from commemorating wedding anniversaries every month to toasting our law students when they pass the bar. Most of all I hope that people will feel free to use it to spend time with each other and I trust to your creativity.

As these pews were memorialized for loved ones we assure you that they will be remembered and treated with dignity and respect. This will start in early February and we will keep you updated as to its progress.



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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