



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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Jan. 14— 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 People of the parish

11:15 Angelina & Mario Sanguineti
by Mary Ann Pelestino7:00 Bettina Sison Turner
by Steve Sison & Wade Lambert**Mon., Jan. 15— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

12:10 Ronnel Dagohoy by Marilyn Roy

Tues., Jan. 16— Weekday12:10 Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona
by the Cutrona family**Wed., Jan 17— St. Anthony**

12:10 Raymond Miller by a friend

Thur., Jan. 18— Weekday

12:10 Vicente Caraballo by Anthony Caraballo

Fri., Jan. 19— Weekday

12:10 Deceased priests of the diocese

Readings For The Week**Mon., Jan. 15 | 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22***New wine is poured into fresh wineskins. Oh Lord, you are our Father, our God, our Rock, our Savior!***Tues., Jan. 16 | 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-24***The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. O God, you are our refuge and our fortress, our stronghold, our deliverer, our shield in whom we trust!***Wed., Jan. 17 | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6***Stretch out your hand! O God, you are our refuge and our fortress, our stronghold, our deliverer, our shield in whom we trust!***Thurs., Jan. 18 | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12***The unclean spirits would shout, "You are the Son of God!" O God, you have rescued me from death, my feet, too, from stumbling.***Fri., Jan. 19 | 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19***Jesus summoned those whom he wanted, and they came to him. Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge!***Sat. Jan. 13 | 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21***Again the crowd gathered at the house, making it impossible for them even to eat. O Shepherd of Israel, rouse your power, and come to save us!***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**

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Pilgrimage Opportunities

The diocese is offering two pilgrimages in the near future:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico

March 2-8

With Fr. Jorge Ortiz, Spiritual Director

For information contact Lucille at Regina Tours

1-800-Catholic x208

lucille@groupist.com

Ireland and Attendance at the 9th World Meeting of Families

August 9-17

With Bishop Massa and Mass with Pope Francis

For information call Peters Way Travel 516-605-1551

Letter To The Parish
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Last week I mentioned that I would be asking the members of the parish to know each other better. I have found no better way to do this than relational (one-on-one) meetings and have had almost 70 of them with members of the Parish. Through them I feel that I have been able to know you not just know about you far more than merely chatting after Mass or at parish Meetings. I think this is a very common experience and I have asked some people with whom I have met these past few months to have relational meetings with other Parishioners.

These are not interviews, nor are we asking for money nor, at least immediately, for participation in any parish function or ministry. They are a somewhat structured means of contacting each other person to person. Those of you who have had one with me have heard my story and I have heard yours. It is constantly amazing to me how this can reveal so many areas of common interest and concern that would have been otherwise closed. This is most surprising with people who have “seen” each other for years but never really knew one another.

Nothing is for everyone. There will be people who will read this and look forward an individual meeting with great enthusiasm. There will be others who would prefer a root canal. No one should feel in anyway forced. To those who are intrigued but unconvinced I would ask that if a fellow parishioner requests a meeting I ask you to consider it very seriously. It can be at a coffee shop, at home or in the rectory. When the greeting space is created in the rear of the church there will be an area set aside for them as well.

Many programs and projects will, no doubt, come from these meetings and that is good and to be encouraged and praised but the most important thing will be a sense of our community. It is a basic experience and belief of Catholic Christians that belonging comes before believing. By belonging we affirm our belief that it is the risen Lord that creates and sustains us against all things for all time.

Generations Of Faith

If you haven't received your envelope from Generations Of Faith for 2017, please contact the parish office and we'll have the diocese send it to you.

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).

Trip To Lancaster, PA

The Senior Citizens of the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph invite you on a trip April 14 to see the musical, the life of “Jesus”. This includes round trip transportation and lunch. Cost for adults is \$150. For information contact Sr. Heidi at 718-638-1071 ext. 412 or hdelgadillo@stjosephs-brooklyn.org.

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