



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 in Ordinary Time

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Jan. 28— 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 Antonio Joberto Guedes
by the Family Faith Program

11:15 Charles Lang by the Arias family

7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Jan. 29— Weekday

12:10 Josephine DiJoseph by Seth Bader

Tues., Jan. 30— Weekday

12:10 Antonio Joberto Guedes by Maureen Pond

Wed., Jan 31— St. John Bosco

12:10 Dan Donnelly by Anthony Caraballo

Thur., Feb. 1— Weekday

12:10 Louis Dedaj by Francis Chin & family

Fri., Feb. 2— Presentation of the Lord

12:10 Mary King by Francis Chin & family

Readings For The Week**Mon., Jan. 29 | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3;
Mk 5:1-20***Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you. Gentle Jesus, make me an instrument of your peace.***Tues., Jan. 30 | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43***Daughter, your faith has saved you Jesus, thank you for the grace of your presence; when it is time, allow us to reveal your face to another, we pray .***Wed., Jan. 31 | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6***A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.... Help us to be open to truth wherever we encounter it and be an expression of the truth for others, we pray.***Thurs., Feb. 1 | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29; Mk 6:7-13***He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts. Holy God, help us understand that our possessions may keep us from fully responding to your call.***Fri., Feb. 2 | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40***Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation. God of love and light, open our eyes to recognize Christ in our midst.***Sat. Feb. 3 | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34***Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.. When we are feeling overwhelmed, O God, grant us rest and peace.***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**Thank You Catechists!**

We would like to begin the year by extending a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful catechists who each week offer their time and talents to share faith with the children of the parish. Without their dedication, the Family Faith Program would not be possible. We deeply appreciate their work. Thanks and blessings to:

Pre K/Kindergarten Class – Rosa Rodriguez & assistant Caroline Lacitignola*Pre-Communion Class* – Carol Hoefling*First Sacraments Class* – Gloria Rosado & assistant Grace Armstrong*3rd Grade* - Dyanne Rosado*4th Grade* – Crystal Holley & assistant Nicole Carku*5th Grade* – Corinthia Mirasol-Spath*6th Grade* – Nicholas Napoli & Patricia Calise*Confirmation Class* – Maureen Pond & Shawn Nowicki*Substitute Teachers* – Beth Liou & Carol Ann DeSantis

Please pray for all these dedicated catechists and for the continued success of their efforts in the Family Faith Program.

Lenten Scripture Groups—Join Us!

This Lenten season, St. Charles invites you to Live Lent — join a small group for an opportunity to share your faith with some of your fellow parishioners. These weekly small discussion groups take a deeper look at each Sunday's gospel and provide inspiration for conversation about how our faith applies to our everyday lives.

Sign up online at stcharlescklyn.org or sheets are available in the pews and at the back of the church. Please fill one out with your contact information and your day & time meeting preferences. Either drop it in the offertory basket or put it in one of the baskets at the back of the church on your way out. Groups start the first week of Lent (Feb. 15) and run for six weeks (through March 28).

Instead of giving up chocolate, join us this Lent to connect with your parish neighbors, deepen your spirituality and learn more about your faith. If you'd like more information, please contact the rectory.

Help For DACA Recipients

Catholic Migration Services urges anyone who currently receives DACA to call our office and schedule an appointment as soon as possible. Please visit our website periodically at catholicmigration.org for information pertaining to DACA assistance.

Housing Waitlist Open

The waitlist has opened for Msgr. Edward T. Burke Apartments in Kensington, Brooklyn. The building is for elderly residents (62 or older) and adults who require a wheelchair. Applications are due Feb. 9. For more information and ways to obtain an application, contact Catholic Charities at 718-722-6001.

Timely Thoughts From The Bible

“You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:20).

“So you too should love the resident alien, for that is what you were in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19).

“You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt” (Leviticus 19:34).

“Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was ... a stranger and you gave me no welcome” (Matthew 25).

Buildings update: Winter**CHURCH:**

What you will see: You can now see the unpainted brick around the whole church. The paint removal was very successful, and the brick and mortar below are in very good condition for the most part. The paint has been mostly removed, however a few areas of touchup remain to be completed once the weather warms.

We are now at the stage where the architect is finalizing the work to be done as he can fully inspect the brick and brownstone that was previously covered. Our architect, Yves, is 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 will likely see some investigation going on around the church including the windows. This is to accurately express our restoration goals to Landmarks and the contractor. For security reasons alarms will be installed on the scaffolding itself.

What you can expect: Once the investigation from the architect is complete we will contract a very large and reputable construction company to repair the brick and restore the church facade. 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, Intercom, Fire, Smoke and Carbon monoxide alarms: These are all connected as they require wiring to be done behind the walls and we will only open them once. The plans with proper architectural drawings for the fire alarm have been submitted to the Fire Department. This can take up to 3 months to process. Once these have been approved the work can be completed quite quickly. I once more apologize for any difficulties in contacting the Rectory. We have resorted to a number of work arounds and, despite whatever message may sometimes be found on the system, the general voicemail does work and your calls will be returned. The bell for the office (rectory first floor) is also functioning.

Distribution Of The Precious Blood

Due to the severity of this year's flu outbreak, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, has mandated that effective immediately, the distribution of the precious blood to the faithful at Mass be suspended. This suspension will be lifted upon conclusion of this flu season.



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