



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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Feb. 4— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 Julianna P. O'Brien by Luke Campbell

11:15 Anthony McLaughlin by the Rosado family

7:00 Eduardo & Julia Cuevas by Julia Aguilera

Mon., Feb. 5— St. Agatha

12:10 Julianna O'Brien by Anita Mondello

Tues., Feb. 6— St. Paul Miki & companions

12:10 Stanley Amilowski, Jr. by Anthony Caraballo

Wed., Feb. 7— Weekday

12:10 For the intentions of the members of the NYS Court Officers Ceremonial Unit, NYS Courts Pipes and Drums and all NYS Court officers by the family of the Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona

Thur., Feb. 8— Weekday

12:10 Linda Catuera by Maureen & Frank Pond

Fri., Feb. 9— Weekday

12:10 Mary & Thomas Ricciardi by the family

Readings For The Week**Mon., Feb. 5 | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56***They began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard Jesus was. Healing God, may I be more willing to invest time and energy into becoming the whole person, both in body and in spirit, that you created me to be.***Tues., Feb. 6 | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13***I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. How lovely is your dwelling place, almighty God, when I am at peace with you.***Wed., Feb 7 | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23***Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. May the law of God be in our hearts and may our steps never falter.***Thurs., Feb. 8 | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30***Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps. In your generosity, God, you have graced us with many blessings. May we be generous in turn to those in need.***Fri., Feb. 9 | 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37***The more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord.***Sat. Feb. 10 | 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10***They ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over — seven baskets. I commit myself to you Lord and to your way; I trust in you knowing you will act.***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**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and once again this Lenten Season, St. Charles Borromeo Parish will once again observe Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended to during this period, we need volunteers to commit to one hour a week during this time to be present in church.

If you can participate, please let us know the hour and the day of the week that works best for you. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, but can do several specific hours during Lent, we would like to hear from you as well. Those who have participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord. Please give serious consideration to participating and sign up on the sheets in the back of the church or email Maureen Pond at mempond@mac.com.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent is a time for looking at our lives and finding both the presence and the absence of God. We thank Him for his Grace through our relationship with Jesus, but we take this time to pause and reflect on how we have weakened this relationship through sin. On Ash Wednesday we are signed with ashes to show our recognition that we need repentance. It is an important ritual and, as you can see below, we will make every opportunity help you receive them. Please note however we also will have many hours for confession. What better day to ask for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

MORNING

7:00 a.m.: Mass with distribution of ashes
 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Confessions

AFTERNOON

12:10 p.m. Mass with distribution of ashes
 4:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday (Non – Eucharistic)
 Service: with Confessions to 5:30 p.m.

EVENING:

6:30 p.m. - Confessions to when last person leaves
 7:00 p.m. – Mass with distribution of ashes

HOMEBOUND:

If you or a neighbor are homebound and wish to receive ashes and Holy Communion, please call the rectory for a home visit on Ash Wednesday.

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 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.

Buildings Update: Winter

CHURCH:

What you will see: 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 and the job itself completed by Labor Day.

Special Note on Windows: The coverings have been removed from several windows on the courtyard elevation, the rear elevation large window, and several Aitken place façade locations. The architect is in the process of surveying them now and will continue while the weather holds. Once complete, our contractor will be protecting them with plastic until work can begin. Some of the windows are holding on by dirt and memory and emergency work will be done. This may not be attractive but will be fixed by the time the project is done.

RECTORY:

Phone Service, Intercom, Fire, Smoke and Carbon monoxide alarms: These are all connected as they require wiring to be done behind the walls. 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 workarounds 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.

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