



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.

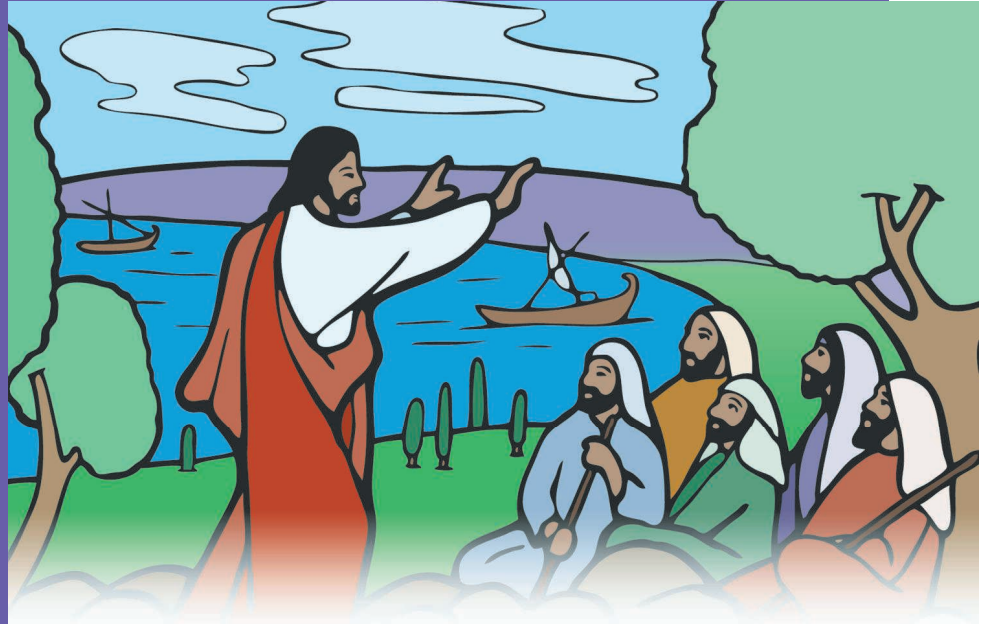
Clergy Staff

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



1st Sunday of Lent

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Feb. 18— First Sunday of Lent
 9:00 Julianna P. O'Brien
 by Donna & Robert Whiteford
 11:15 Mary Ricciardi by her family
 7:00 Gladis Nolasco Mendes de Casso
 by familia Nolasco Perez

Mon., Feb. 19— Lenten Weekday
 12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Tues., Feb. 20— Weekday
 12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Wed., Feb. 21— Lenten Weekday
 12:10 Raymond Palestino by Mary Ann Palestino

Thur., Feb. 22— Chair of St. Peter
 12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Fri., Feb. 23— Lenten Weekday
 12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Readings For The Week

Mon., Feb. 19 | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Gentle Teacher, guide me to joyfully live your law of love.

Tues., Feb. 20 | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

This is how you are to pray: Loving Savior, thank you for giving us the words to confidently and continually call on you.

Wed., Feb 21 | Jon 3:1-10; PS 51; Lk 11:29-32

...and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. Gracious and merciful Father, I come to you with a humble and contrite heart.

Thurs., Feb. 22 | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Tend to the flock in your midst. Obedient Savior, give me the modesty to follow your example of servant leadership.

Fri., Feb. 23 | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Merciful Lord, may we genuinely seek and eagerly celebrate every sincere desire to return to you.

Sat., Feb. 24 | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. Almighty and all-forgiving Father, grant all your children the capacity for compassion that you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus.

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

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. Those who have participated before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord.

Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

All lectors, EMs, altar servers, and ushers, and anyone involved or interested in these and other ministries, are invited to a "Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers" **Saturday, February 24** in St. Boniface Church's Newman Hall, 111 Willoughby St., Downtown Brooklyn.

8:45-9:15—light breakfast,

9:15-9:30—morning prayer

9:30-10:30—Fr. Tom Schirghi, SJ, Assoc. Prof. of Liturgical Theology, Fordham U., will address "Understanding Liturgical Ministry as a form of Christian Service,"

10:30-11:30—breakout sessions for each ministry—optional for St. Charles parishioners.

If you'd like to attend, please contact Kerin Coughlin, kerincoughlin@gmail.com, 917.363.0063.



A Poem by Elizabeth Jennings

Dust

We are made of dust, we are
Flying on every wind,
Blown to the back of the earth
Stormed at, broken, defiled
We are people of dust with a living mind.

Dust with spirit, grace
Goes to the end of the earth,
Follows the dark act, the thoughts
Lying, wounding, distraught,
We are dust from our birth,
But in that dust is wrought

A place for visions, a hope
That reaches beyond the star,
Conjures and pauses the seas,
Dust discovers our own
Proud, torn destinies
Yes, we are dust to the bone.

Join a Lenten Scripture Group—There's Still Time!

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 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 run 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 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.

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