



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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2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Feb. 25— Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 Julianna P. O'Brien by Carol Hoefling

11:15 Mrs. Catherine West months mind
by priests of the parish

7:00 Boo-Hwan by Sooah Nah

Mon., Feb. 26— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Tues., Feb. 27— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Daniel Caraballo by Anthony Caraballo

Wed., Feb. 28— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Thur., March 1— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Raymond Palestino by Mary Ann Palestino

Fri., March 2— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Sat., March 3— Lenten Weekday12:10 Faustina Awa Dormetorwu
by parish people and friends**Readings For The Week****Mon., Feb. 26 | Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38***The measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Creator God, you who made us in your image and know us completely, give us the grace this day to reach farther, dig deeper, listen longer, and love without measure.***Tues., Feb. 27 | Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12***Do what they tell you, but do not follow their example. Loving and nurturing God, grant me the grace to be the kind of person I wish others would be; to do for others what I wish others would do for me.***Wed., Feb 28 | Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28***You do not know what you are asking. Open my eyes, O God, to your plan for me, to your face in everyone I meet, to your presence in this world.***Thurs., Mar 1 | Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31***Between us and you a great chasm is established.... God of justice and mercy, give me the grace to believe what I profess and act on what I believe. Amen***Fri., Mar 2 | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46***The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit. O God, you have called us to your Kingdom; give us the grace of fervor so that we may be industrious builders or, at the very least, worthy bricks.***Sat., Mar 3 | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32***Not according to our sins does God deal with us.... Thank you, generous God, for the blessings of the past, the gifts of today, and the grace we anticipate tomorrow.***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.

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.

From The Pastors Desk

My dear parishioners:

Many of us can remember when we would have had more people at one Mass than we now have at all of them. Despite the numbers there was a real sense of belonging and relationship with the Parish. I look upon these memories as more than nostalgia but as a goal for the parish. St Charles is the perfect size to provide an opportunity for belonging and relationship. It is a splendid goal but will not happen by accident or by good intentions alone.

A time-honored way to allow people to form relationships is the individual meeting among parishioners. I have had over 70 relational meetings with people in the parish and will do at least 30 more. Through them I have developed a personal sense of belonging to the community and have connected with many parishioners. At very least I know many more people by name than otherwise.

I have also discovered that the parish is composed of a great and wonderful diversity of people and that creating a sense of belonging will require that these relational meetings be conducted by more than me. Therefore, I have asked few parishioners to be trained in the art of the relational meeting.

These techniques were developed by community organizers but our experience of them is perhaps through fund raising. So, putting this bluntly, no one will be asking you for money. This is not fund raising. Nor is it a time for a laundry list of requests or suggestions for parish management, that will come. It is an invitation to connection.

Now note that I have said that this is an invitation and an opportunity, it is not a requirement. There are people who wish to be a pillar of the church. They find a pillar and sit behind it for decades. For the Parish to have balance we want you and, given the quirks of my personality, I very much need you.

But I ask everyone to think seriously of participating either by signing up at the end of Mass or by accepting an invitation to meet with a parish leader during Lent. We are made in many ways by our communities or by their lack: what better way to be formed than being in relationship with those who love Jesus?

Through these meetings I have concluded that we need to update our data base. This is not only that people have moved and we do not have the current address and that many of us no longer have landlines, but that communication is so much easier by email. This was shown with two recent deaths when we could not contact parishioners with funeral information and other times that we had time sensitive information about local events that we could not effectively disseminate. I am also very concerned about the upcoming repairs on the BQE that will drastically affect our community. The Department of Transportation is not known for effective communication and St Charles will need to be one means, among many, of continually updating the community. Therefore, there will be volunteers beginning this Sunday (Feb. 25) who will remain after Mass to check the accuracy of our data of registered parishioners and to register those who are not. This is very important, and we ask for your cooperation.

Wishing you a blessed Lent, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Smith

Diocesan Mission Collection

Thanks to your generous gifts St. Charles contributed \$638 to last month's Diocesan Mission Collection.

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.

Mass Offerings Online

Mass offerings are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, someone in poor health and recovery, or a birthday or special occasion. Anyone wishing to have a Mass offered can now do so online. Just go to our website at www.stcharlesbklyn.org. Also, Masses may still be arranged by calling the rectory at 718-625-1177. Sunday (sung) Masses are also available.

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