



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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3rd Sunday of Lent

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Mar. 4— Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 Mrs. Cho by Kristy Duchak Xave Majic

11:15 Herman Agustin—Daddy rest in peace!
by Fr. Anselmus Mawusi

7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Mar. 5— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Tues., Mar. 6— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Wed., Mar. 7— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Barbara Caraballo

by her son Anthony Caraballo

Thur., Mar. 8— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Fri., Mar. 9— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Readings For The Week**Mon., Mar. 5 | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30***Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram, was highly esteemed and respected by his master...But valiant as he was, the man was a leper. Open our eyes and hearts to your mysterious ways, O God.***Tues., Mar. 6 | Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35***Peter...asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Forgive us that we may forgive others, Divine Mercy.***Wed., Mar. 7 | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19***Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Holy One, we pray for the grace to follow the spirit and intent of your law.***Thurs., Mar. 8 | Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23***When you speak all these words to them, they will not listen to you either; when you call to them, they will not answer you. Grant us the courage to hear and respond to the prophets of our day, O God.***Fri., Mar 9 | Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Trusting in your love, Great God, help us to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves.***Sat., Mar 10 | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14***I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Hear our prayers, O God, and be merciful to 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

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

This Lenten Season, St. Charles Borromeo Parish is observing Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. 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.

Relational Meeting Announcement

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 meeting 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 and they have been holding them for the last several weeks.

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?

Parish Data Base

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. We need also remember that this is a very mobile community and many people may be away for a week or two especially when there is no religious education.

We need to be concerned as well 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 at the end of Mass at all the Masses for several weeks 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.

The Annual Appeal

St Charles Borromeo Church received a check for \$5,837.00 from the Annual Appeal of 2017. This represents the amount that we exceeded goal. Many of you have already received the request for the 2018 campaign and I ask that you read it seriously and prayerfully. Think especially of how it will help people who are especially marginalized and vulnerable.

Christmas Collection For Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities sends their thanks for St. Charles contribution of \$2,760. These contributions continue to help the operation of Senior Centers, the delivery of hot meals to homebound seniors, case management services to seniors and families, job training and employment for young adults, aid to individuals and families facing homelessness, childcare and early education opportunities for children of low income families and many other vital services throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Help For DACA Recipients

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