



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



4th Sunday of Lent

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Mar. 11— Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 Julianna O'Brien
by the Nowicki-Thompson family
11:15 Julianna O'Brien by St. Charles Book Club
7:00 People of the parish

Mon., Mar. 12— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Tues., Mar. 13— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Wed., Mar. 14— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Barbara Caraballo
by her son Anthony Caraballo

Thur., Mar. 15— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Fri., Mar. 16— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ronald Weiss by Monica F. Sheehan

Readings For The Week**Mon., Mar. 12 | Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54**

I created Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight. May I rejoice in my life and exult in Your people.

Tues., Mar. 13 | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. Use my hands and feet, generous Lord, that others may also come to share in your healing gifts.

Wed., Mar. 14 | Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Even should [a mother forget her infant] ... I will never forget you. Through our prayers and actions, O Saving God, you raise up all those who are bowed down.

Thurs., Mar. 15 | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

You accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God? O God of love, give me courage to testify on behalf of your will as Jesus did.

Fri., Mar 16 | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

We know where he is from. God of love and truth, may I always seek understanding and justice, and persevere in their pursuit.

Sat., Mar 17 | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing? Place a guard over my mouth, dear Master, that I may hear your voice above all others.

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.

Churches In Need Collecton

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Churches In Need collection in January. Through your generosity we were able to give \$582.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

3/26 Reconciliation Monday
3p.m.—9 p.m.: Confessions

3/29 Holy Thursday
7:30 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper

3/30 Good Friday
3 p.m.: Good Friday Liturgy

3/31 Holy Saturday
9 p.m.: Easter Vigil

4/1 Easter Sunday
9 a.m.: Mass
11:15 a.m.: Mass

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