



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. (x402)

Clergy Staff

Fr. William G. Smith, *Pastor* (x409)

Msgr. Al LoPinto, *Resident* (x406)

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 of Lent

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:24, 31-32

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Mar.18— Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 Julianna O'Brien by Carol DeSantis
 11:15 Dr. Thomas J. Quigley by Phil Murray
 7:00 Julianna O'Brien by Frances X. Gates

Mon., Mar. 19— St. Joseph

12:10 John Terefinko by Donna & Robert Whiteford

Tues., Mar. 20— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Julianna O'Brien by Jeanne Fastook, M.D.

Wed., Mar.21— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Ralph Aracri by Anthony Caraballo

Thur., Mar. 22— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Giuseppe Vulpis by Gail Calderone

Fri., Mar. 23— Lenten Weekday

12:10 Julianna O'Brien by Angela DeMarco

Readings For The Week**Mon., Mar. 19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a**

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus. Your promises, O Lord, I will sing forever; through all generations I will proclaim your faithfulness!

Tues., Mar. 20 | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

When you lift up the Son of Man, you will realize that I AM! O Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come to you!

Wed., Mar. 21 | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3; Jn 8:31-42

But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Blessed is your holy and glorious Name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages! .

Thurs., Mar. 22 | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death. Remember your covenant, O Lord, which you made binding for a thousand generations!

Fri., Mar 23 | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Even if you do not believe me, believe the works. In my distress I called upon you, O Lord, and cried out to you, my God!

Sat., Mar 24 | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people. You will turn our mourning into joy, O God, and you will console and gladden us after our sorrow!

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

Fr. Anselmus

Fr. Anselmus Mawusi, who has ministered at St. Charles Borromeo since November of 2016, has been asked to assist in another Parish. He was called at 3 p.m. during the nor'easter and was at the new Parish by 5 p.m. It is this dedication to the mission of the Church along with his kindness and good humor that marked his every effort at St. Charles. He will be remembered and missed. Msgr. LoPinto has graciously volunteered to assist whenever he can, and I am grateful to him for his generosity.

I am sure that I speak for everyone when I assure Fr. Anselmus that he will be in our minds, hearts and prayers. His new assignment is at:

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Ministry To The Sick And Homebound

It is our honor and pleasure to bring communion to those who are sick/homebound and unable to attend Sunday Mass. If there is someone you know who would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Rectory and speak with Fr. Smith.

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 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.

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.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

St. Charles is observing Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday morning from 9 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. Those who have participated before can attest to the abundance of grace that is received from this time spent with Our Lord.

Holy Week Schedule

- 3/26 *Reconciliation Monday*
12:10 p.m.: Mass (with Confessions following)
4p.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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