



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)
Fr. John Gribowich, *Resident* (x408)

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.



2nd Sunday of Easter

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26b-27

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Apr. 8— 2nd Sunday of Easter
 9:00 Sr. Mary Irene by Frances X. Gates
 11:15 Barat Sparks by Frances X. Gates
 7:00 James Sparks by Frances X. Gates
Mon., Apr. 9— Annunciation of the Lord
 12:10 Elizabeth de Yoanna by Francine Kaplan
Tues., Apr. 10— Easter Weekday
 12:10 RIP Jose Garbanzos by the family
Wed., Apr. 11— St. Stanislaus
 12:10 Stephanie Amilowski by Anthony Caraballo
Thur., Apr. 12— Easter Weekday
 12:10 Richard Hall by Anita Mondello
Fri., Apr. 13— Easter Weekday
 12:10 Thomas Kaleta by Hanna Kaleta

Readings For The Week

Mon., Apr. 9 | Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40, Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

[She] shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us!" O Mary, you possessed such courage and trust! Help me to overcome my cynical distrust of humanity.

Tues., Apr. 10 | Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? Risen Christ, you are filled with mystery and wonder. Lead me in the ways of your truth.

Wed., Apr. 11 | Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

Light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light. Shed your light on our imperfections, O saving Lord, and embrace us in your healing love.

Thurs., Apr. 12 | Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

We must obey God rather than any human authority. When the poor cry out, O Lord, make our hearts brave, our will determined and our voices strong.

Fri., Apr. 13 | Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

What good are these [five barley loaves and two fish] for so many? O Bread of Life, gather and bless our fragmented talents that none of them may be wasted.

Sat., Apr. 14 | Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

We shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Through the storms of pain, anger and confusion, saving Lord, make your presence and your will known 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

Welcome Father Gribowich

Bishop Di Marzio has assigned Fr John Gribowich to residence at St Charles from April 9th. He previously served in St Nicolas of Tolentine Parish in Jamaica, Queens. Father Grimowich's day job will be at De Sales Media, the communications ministry of the Diocese of Brooklyn. It includes "The Tablet" our Diocesan Newspaper, "Net TV" our Diocesan Television Station and outreach through social media. He will also be pursuing an executive MBA at the University of California at Berkley.

We will have a wine and cheese reception for Father **after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 6th.** All are invited.

Restoration of Exterior of the Church

Now that at least technically Spring has arrived we can expect work to resume on the exterior of the Church. During the Winter months the appropriate files were generated and filed and we expect the permits to be granted shortly. In any event you will see some work done on the brick that was covered the bridge and scaffolding. The job will require 100% coverage. More information to follow as the month progresses.

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.

Black And Indian Missions Collection

Thanks to everyone who gave to the Black and Indian Missions collection in February. Through your generosity, St. Charles was able to contribute \$781.

Becoming A Catholic

At the Easter Vigil Mass St Charles Borromeo Parish celebrated Diane Cozadd's and Stephen Gilliam's full initiation and Kate Pietro-Effinger's, Elizabeth Tolon's and Sean Ward's reception into the Church. Edith Enriquez and Anya Tirelli joined them in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We also had the privilege and pleasure of celebrating the Sacraments for several members of the St Francis College Community. Yalice Pinto and Sheree Edmund were fully initiated and Savannah Padilla joined them in Confirmation.

Fully initiated means that the person was un-baptized and to join the Church require Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Reception means that the person was validly Baptized in another faith community and now wishes to worship as a Catholic. Other people were never Confirmed and wished to receive this Sacrament.

We greet all of them with great joy and assure them of our prayers. If you, or a loved one, have never been Baptized or if Baptized in the Catholic Church have not received Communion or Confirmation or are a Baptized non Catholic and would like to worship with us, please see Fr Smith after Mass or call him in the Rectory.

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