



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.



3rd Sunday of Easter

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Apr. 15— 3rd Sunday of Easter**

9:00 Edward T. Gates by Frances X. Gates
 11:15 Raymond Sullivan by the Sullivan family
 7:00 Faustina Ama Dormetrowu
 by Frances X. Gates

Mon., Apr. 16— Easter Weekday

12:10 Richard T. Farrell by Francis Chin & family

Tues., Apr. 17— Easter Weekday

12:10 Mr. Primo Ramos by the Gallagher family

Wed., Apr. 18— Easter Weekday

12:10 Keith Bridges by Anthony Caraballo

Thur., Apr. 19— Easter Weekday

12:10 Juliette Gimán by Maureen & Frank Pond

Fri., Apr. 20— Easter Weekday

12:10 Giuseppe Vulpis by Gail Calderone

Readings For The Week**Mon., Apr. 16 | Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29**

All those who sat in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen and saw that his face was like the face of an angel. The way of truth I have chosen; I have set your ordinances before me, O God!

Tues., Apr. 17 | Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

You stiff-necked people! Into your hands I commend my spirit, O Lord, O faithful God!

Wed., Apr. 18 | Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of God's name!

Thurs., Apr. 19 | Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Beginning with this Scripture passage, Philip proclaimed Jesus to him! Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness.

Fri., Apr. 20 | Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? Steadfast is your kindness toward us, and your fidelity, O Lord, endures forever.

Sat., Apr. 21 | Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. How shall I make return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

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.

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. 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. 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.

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.

Church Renovation Update

This week the first stage of the redevelopment of the entrance area of the Church was completed. This entailed removing the pews between the first two pillars as one enters the Church. In technical terms we are creating a narthex: a space within the church but not part of it. It can thus be used for everything from coffee and cake after Mass to exhibitions by local artists. (I hope this description will cause many people to check Wikipedia for the whole history.)

The next step will be the construction of closets into the back pews. These are being custom made and will be installed by the end of the month. The purpose is twofold: First, we cannot make any changes in the Church without providing storage for the planned activities. This is a problem for many churches, they want to do more but do not plan how to store the items needed. The committee working on this for St Charles is acutely aware of this issue. Second: It will give the area a more finished or planned look. St Charles was designed by a very famous and talented architect, Patrick Charles Keely, and we must do whatever we can to preserve his vision. If we go to war with the building, we will all lose. This first stage is a gift from Dr. Emmanuel Illical in memory of his grandparents. His mother will join us in May to dedicate a plaque in their honor.

The next step will be to build another set of cabinets on the set of pews nearest the second column as you enter the church. This will again allow more storage space and will better define the area. Eventually, serving areas, if possible, with running water will be built along the walls where the pews once were. This however cannot be done until the walls themselves are repaired. As we will need a year to see if the external repairs have held, this will not be until 2020. You will also note some discoloration in the floor. As there will be considerable work done to make the church ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant which will affect the floor. Finishing it will be a sign that our construction is coming to an end.

A building such as ours is a gift and a responsibility which we need to accept graciously and seriously. It must be used to fulfil the needs of the present, but we must respect the past. Many opportunities will emerge as we work through this process but one I know is obvious and we can begin immediately. More than a few young parents have expressed frustration bringing their very young children with strollers and the toys and stuffed animals to church. There was no room for them. Now there is, please use it and remember that we can proudly say at St Charles: "Strollers welcome".

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