



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.



4th Sunday of Easter

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:16-17

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., Apr. 22— 4th Sunday of Easter
 9:00 Mrs. Doreen Gray McCormack
 by Anne Cahalan
 11:15 Cinthia Hodge by Mado & Campbell famly
 7:00 People of the Parish
Mon., Apr. 23— Easter Weekday
 12:10 James Nathan by Margaret May
Tues., Apr. 24— Easter Weekday
 12:10 William Salguedo by Jane Sackheim
Wed., Apr. 25— St. Mark
 12:10 Deborah Aracri by Anthony Caraballo
Thur., Apr. 26— Easter Weekday
 12:10 Aleven Sanchez by Marilyn Sarvida
Fri., Apr. 27— Easter Weekday
 12:10 Garnet Goodman

Readings For The Week

Mon., Apr. 23 | Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10
I am the gate for the sheep. Watchful Shepherd, forgive me when I stray from your protective embrace.

Tues., Apr. 24 | Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30
But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. Open my ears and my heart, gentle Shepherd, to hear and follow the Father's call.

Wed., Apr. 25 | 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Send forth your church, O Lord, with a renewed missionary spirit.

Thurs., Apr. 26 | Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
These are now his witnesses before the people. Risen Savior, give me the courage to profess the faith so that others may see you in my witness and know that I am yours.

Fri., Apr. 27 | Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6
"I am the way and the truth and the life." Loving Savior, help me respond to your call to follow you, to build relationships, and to go into the world boldly sharing your truth.

Sat., Apr. 28 | Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14
"Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" Jesus, my friend and companion, be patient as I seek to deepen my relationship with you.

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.

Vocations

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Relational Meetings

For the past several weeks a team of parishioners has been having individual or relational meetings with members of the Parish. This has allowed us to know each other better and to form relationships for the future. I have done about 90 Meetings since arriving here last July and feel that these meetings have given me a greater sense of the community than anything else I could have done. It has been so successful that we have decided to continue this after Lent. If you have not had an individual meeting with a member of the team and would like one, please sign the request sheet in the rear of the church or call the rectory. Also, if you are asked to have a meeting, please accept the invitation.

Parish Data Base

If you have not received an email from the Parish in the last two weeks that means we do not have your correct email address. Please see a volunteer at the rear of the Church to make sure we have your most current information.

2018 Annual Appeal

I would like to thank all those who have generously pledged to the 2018 Annual Appeal. If you haven't pledged or have not received pledge information in the mail, there are envelopes and information available in your pews and the back of the church. Donations from the Annual Appeal help people in our community who are especially marginalized and vulnerable. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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.

Collections Update

We recently raised \$1079 for Holy Places through the Good Friday collection and \$594 for the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund through the Holy Thursday collection. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Church Renovation Update

The first stage of the redevelopment of the entrance area of the Church has been 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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