



# 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.*



## The Ascension of the Lord

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” - Mk 16:15b-17, 18c

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun., May 13— Ascension Of The Lord**  
 9:00 Helen Vidrone by Frances X. Gates  
 11:15 Goyin Tirado Rodriguez & Stacey Yolanda Rodriguez by Ophelia Rodriguez & Esther Boone  
 7:00 People of the Parish

**Mon., May 14— St. Matthias**  
 12:10 For the soul of Chenshuzhan by the Chen Gao family

**Tues., May 15— Easter Weekday**  
 12:10 For the soul of Kao Tian En by the Chen Gao family

**Wed., May 16— Easter Weekday**  
 12:10 For the soul of Kao, Yuejiao by the Chen Gao family

**Thur., May 17— Easter Weekday**  
 12:10 For the soul of Huangyuying by the Chen Gao family

**Fri., May 18— Easter Weekday**  
 12:10 Michael DeVita by Anthony True & Giustina Schiano

**Readings For The Week**

**Mon., May 14 | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17**  
*I have told you this that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. Help us to remember Saving God, that you chose us out of love. Help us to remain in your love.*

**Tues., May 15 | Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a**  
*I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me. God of all people, may our prayer and work always give you glory.*

**Wed., May 16 | Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19**  
*Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock. When we struggle to find meaning and purpose, God of hope, consecrate us in your truth and love.*

**Thurs., May 17 | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26**  
*I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. Your words, Jesus, come to life through our actions of love.*

**Fri., May 18 | Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 105; Jn 21:15-19**  
*When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will...lead you where you do not want to go. Lord, help us to let go of our fears that we may be healed in your loving embrace.*

**Sat., May 19 | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25**  
*There are also many other things that Jesus did...I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written. Spirit of the risen Christ, open our hearts and minds to your Pascal mystery.*

**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

**Recent Collections**

Through our recent collections St. Charles was able to contribute \$513.27 to Catholic Relief Services and \$3,178 to Retired Priests (from the Easter collection). Thank you for your generous contributions.

**Alter And Garden Committee**

Come join us Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. as we prepare the church with plants and flowers for the feast or season. Even if you are not able to join us every Saturday, come when you can! For more information call the Rectory.

**Toiletry Donation Needed**

Catholic Charities is in need of small individual toiletry items: soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs/brushes, deodorant. There is a bin in the back of the church for contributions. Thank you for your generosity.



**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. 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.

**Congregation Of The Daughters Of Mary, India**

Sr. Anila Christy, D.M. will be speaking today to gather support for the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary. Kindly support this mission.

The Daughters of Mary Congregation was founded in 1938 by an Indian Missionary Priest, Msgr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil. The main purpose of this Congregation is evangelization through personal contact with the poor. Around the world thousands of mentally ill brethren, especially women, are dangerously suffering in the streets without food, clothing and a safe place to sleep. They depend on the garbage cans of restaurants for food. They don't brush, shower, or change their clothes. They beg for their living and sleep in the street corners, public parks, railway stations, bus stations and shop corridors. They are subject to abuse, poverty, pain, rejection and despair. Their own family and public alike reject them. Their life ends in the street itself. No one is there to take care of them, or even bury their dead bodies. The municipal workers put their dead bodies in the waste bin and burn it along with the waste. These are the shocking realities of these people. These people are poor, innocent, desperate, and lonely who need our help, care and concern.

Responding to the call of the time, the Sisters of the Congregation of Daughters of Mary, St. Joseph's Province find that it is very urgent to give shelter to the mentally ill women, wandering through the streets, neglected and isolated by family and society. They have prepared a proposal for construction of a shelter for these mentally ill women. Through your valuable contribution by mission appeal they will be able to support these poor brethren and bring new life in their lives. Thank you so much. May God bless you all.

**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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