



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.



Pentecost Sunday

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me." - Jn 16:12-14a

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., May 20— Pentecost Sunday**

9:00 Alice Besheer by Marilyn Donahue
 11:15 Helen Caiazza by Madoo & Campbell families
 7:00 People of the Parish

Mon., May 21— Weekday

12:10 Stanley Amilowski by Anthony Caraballo

Tues., May 22— Weekday

12:10 Jean Francois & Kerolle family
 by Mr. & Mrs. Baromus Daniel

Wed., May 23— Weekday

12:10 David Mahabir by Arthur R. Raymond

Thur., May 24— Weekday

12:10 Margaret M. Murry 20th Anniversary
 by Phil Murray

Fri., May 25— Weekday

12:10 John Gallagher, Sr. by the family

Readings For The Week**Mon., May 21 | Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19; Mk 9:14-29**

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O Lord!

Tues., May 22 | Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55; Mk 9:30-37

Do you not know that to be lover of the world means enmity with God? Had I but wings like a dove I would fly away and be at rest, with you, dear Lord!

Wed., May 23 | Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49; Mk 9:38-40

You have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow! Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all who dwell in the world: in no way can we redeem ourselves!

Thurs., May 24 | Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49; Mk 9:41-50

Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud! Dear God, redeem me from the power of the nether world by receiving me!

Fri., May 25 | Jas 5:9-12; Ps 105; Mk 10:1-12

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless God's holy name!

Sat., May 26 | Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141; Mk 10:13-16

Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. O Lord, to you I call, hasten to help me; hearken to my voice when I call upon 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

Family Faith Program 2018 – 2019

Registration for new families entering the Family Faith Program at St. Charles is now open. We offer religious instruction for grades Pre-K through 8th each Sunday in the school year after the 9:00 a.m. Family Mass. Program brochures are available in the back of the church. **Please email Maureen Pond at mempond@mac.com for more information or to register.**

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.

Vendor Showcase & Flea Market

St. Patrick Parish in Bay Ridge will be hosting a Vendor Showcase and Flea Market on June 9 & 10. If you would like to participate as a vendor call 718-238-2600 ext. 103 or go to stpatrickbayridge.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. 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.

Feast Of Mary, Mother Of The Church

At the request of Pope Francis, on the Monday after Pentecost from this year forward we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. This title is most associated with Blessed Pope Paul, 6th who will be canonized a Saint in October. This date is chosen to reflect Mary's reception of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost the "birthday" of the church. **Mass at St Charles will be celebrated at 12:10.**

The opening prayer may be found below:

*O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,
to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day by day
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all the families of the
peoples.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Blessing Of The Narthex

The Narthex, reception area in the rear of the church, will be blessed at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 27th.** The first set of matching cabinets will have been installed the previous week. Dr. Emmanuel Illical, who donated the Narthex, and his family will be present. He is being married the following week and will most likely be leaving our community so this is our only opportunity to thank him for his generosity and kindness. A reception will follow the Mass in the Narthex itself.

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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