



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 Most Holy Trinity

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Mt 28:19-20

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sun., May 27– Most Holy Trinity
 9:00 People of the parish
 11:15 Deceased priests of the diocese
 7:00 Giovanni Nelson by Aunt Darlene Martinez
 and Grandma Nancy Martinez

Mon., May 28— Weekday
 12:10 Alice Besheer by the May family

Tues., May 29— Weekday
 12:10 Barbara Caraballo by Anthony Caraballo

Wed., May 30— Weekday
 12:10 Mr. Stephen Diven by Phil Murray

**Thur., May 31— Visitation of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
 12:10 Visitacion Portugal by the Schmitt family

Fri., June 1— St. Justin
 12:10 Thomas Reynolds by Phil Murray

Readings For The Week

Mon., May 28 | 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111; Mk 10:17-27
"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Forgive me, Merciful Lord, for what I have done and what I have failed to do.

Tues., May 29 | 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98; Mk 10:28-31
"We have given up everything and followed you." Through my small sacrifices in following you, O Suffering Servant, see my gratitude for your many truly lasting gifts.

Wed., May 30 | 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147; Mk 10:32-45
Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant... Humble Jesus, draw me close to you in service and sacrifice.

Thurs., May 31 | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12; Lk 1:39-56
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; All Knowing Father, I offer my enthusiastic "yes" to the role you have chosen for me in your plan for salvation.

Fri., June 1 | 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26
Love covers a multitude of sins. Gracious and loving God, grant me the grace to be alert to opportunities to love every day throughout my life.

Sat., Jun 2 | Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33
To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of his glory,... ... to the only God, our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

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.

Vocations

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." How do you hope to share in God's glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Relational Meetings

For the past few months 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 contact the office to let us know.

Scotto Funeral Home

Scotto Funeral Home which has served the needs of many of our parishioners for generations will be relocating to another location in Carroll Gardens. Until the move is complete they will be using the facilities of Cobble Hill Funeral Home. They are also available for those who do not wish a wake in a Funeral Home but an extended time in the Church itself. The contact information for Scotto's is 718-875.2515. (This is the same as in our bulletin and the calendars they generously provided.)

Assistance from Catholic Charities

Persons in need can contact trained workers at Catholic Charities to receive assistance. The Main Walk-In Center is located at 191 Joralemon Street and a Call Center can be reached at 718-722-6001. The Walk-In Center and Call Center are available to provide assistance Monday-Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Collection For Catholic Home Missions

Through our recent collections, St. Charles was able to contribute \$583 to the Catholic Home Missions. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Diocesan Events

For up to date information on events occurring all throughout the diocese visit **meetmein.church**.

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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