



# St. Charles Borromeo Church

*A Roman Catholic Community in the Heart of Brooklyn Heights*

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## Weekly Mass Schedule

**Sunday: 9 a.m.** Family Mass • **11:15 a.m.** • **7:00 p.m.**

**Monday – Friday: 12:10 p.m.**

**Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced**

## Mission Statement

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.

**Family Faith Formation:** Children attend the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family Mass followed by class.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m. to 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 2:00 p.m.

**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.

**Interested in joining the parish or becoming a Catholic? Please call the Rectory.**

**St. Charles is wheelchair accessible.** The access ramp is located on Aitken Place.  
A restroom is located through the door to the left of the altar.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Sun., January 31- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 Lucia Cruz by the Avanzino family

11:15 Deceased people of the parish

7:00 Geraldine P. Chesl

**Mon., February 1 - Weekday**

12:10 John Tobin

**Tues., February 2 – Presentation of the Lord**

12:10 Joseph Y Qui Lin by the family

**Wed., February 3 – Weekday**

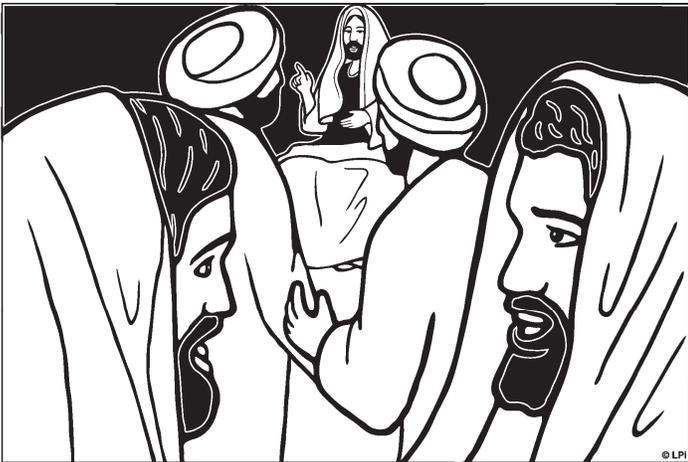
12:10 John Pleasant

**Thur., February 4– Weekday**

12:10 For the intentions of John Allen

**Fri., February 5 – St. Agatha**

12:10 Goeff Southwark



*He said to them, Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing. "And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Lk 4:21-22*

**Love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. Without it, we gain nothing. God the Father sent his son, Jesus, out of love to save and redeem us, and to teach us how to live so that we might have eternal life in heaven. Receiving this great gift demands a response on our part – namely, faith and love for Jesus. We must strive to continually grow in our love for Jesus, for it is what gives life to our faith and keeps it strong.**

### Vocation Corner

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

### Fr. Edward Doran Retiring

Today Fr. Edward Doran will officially retire from being Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo and administrator of Assumption and the Dean of Brooklyn 3 Deanery and move to senior priest status while remaining in residence at St. Charles Borromeo. Msgr. Alfred LoPinto will become the administrator of St. Charles Borromeo while remaining Vicar for Human Services, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President of Catholic Charities. Thanks to Fr. Ed for his eight years of service to the Parish and best wishes in his retirement.

After each Mass **today** we will have refreshments to honor the work and contributions of Fr. Ed on his retirement as Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. **The celebration will be held in the Parish House after each Mass.** Please join us to say Thank You!

### Outreach Committee

We have a long-standing association with Providence House. The women and their children are provided a safe environment and education to help them lead productive and fulfilling lives. An exciting new program has been established at Providence House. Monroe College has partnered with Providence House to provide training and certification for the women residence in home health care, licensed practical nursing, and registered nursing. Let us all pray for the success in their chosen health care profession.

Please join us at our next meeting on Feb. 7th, in the sacristy, after 9 a.m. Mass. New members are always welcome.



### Operation Rice Bowl

Join our parish community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the pews by the entrance of the Church this Sunday and next Sunday. Remember that what you give up for Lent changes lives.

**Lent 2016 Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday—February 10**

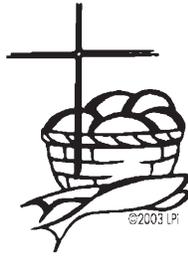
7:30 a.m. Mass and distribution of ashes

12:10 p.m. Mass and distribution of ashes

4:00 p.m. Prayer service with distribution of ashes

5:30 p.m. Mass and distribution of ashes

7:00 p.m. Mass and distribution of ashes



**Daily Mass** during Lent will held at **7:30 a.m.** and **12:10 p.m.** Try to attend Mass often during Lent.

**Eucharistic Adoration** will be held Monday through Friday, **9 a.m.—noon.** Spend a day with Jesus.

**Lenten Reading Program:** This year’s selection is Discovering Your Dream by Gerald Fagin, SJ. Fr. Fagin uses St. Ignatius’s principles of the Spiritual Exercises, coupled with an Ignatian approach to decision making, to guide us through a discernment process that truly satisfies our deepest desires and brings us closer to God. He shows readers how St. Ignatius’s own decision-making process can be molded to meet the needs of our faith and lead us to our truest selves that God desires for all of us.

**Books will be on sale today and February 7 after each Mass. The requested donation is \$5.**

**Lenten Daily Meditation:** Living Lent With Mercy. Daily prayer and meditation bring blessings.

Lent is earlier this year so please begin to think about the Lenten sacrifices and prayers which will make this a most special Lent.

**Altar And Garden Committee**

Did you make a New Year’s resolution? If not, come join the Altar and Garden Committee. For more information - Call St. Charles @ 718 625 1177. Happy New Year 2016 !!

**Eucharistic Adoration—Volunteers Needed**

Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 10th, will soon be upon us. This Lenten Season, St. Charles Borromeo Parish will once again observe Eucharistic Adoration in the church each weekday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is always attended to during this period, we need to schedule volunteers who will commit to one hour a week during this time to be present in church. If you can participate, please let us know the hour and the day of the week that works best for you. If you cannot commit to an hour every week, but can do several specific hours during Lent, we would like to hear from you as well.

Those who have participated in Lenten Eucharistic Adoration before can attest to the abundance of grace as a parish and as individuals that is received from this time spent with Our Lord. Please give serious consideration to participating and **email Maureen Pond at [mempond@mac.com](mailto:mempond@mac.com) if you would like to take part.**



**Ideas For Living Mercy During The Jubilee Year**

There are many ways we can respond to the call to live mercy. Here are a few ideas:

- Use the “Two Feet of Love in Action” guide to consider how you can strengthen both charitable works and social justice at home and as part of your faith community. Visit [www.usccb.org/twofeet](http://www.usccb.org/twofeet) for more information.
- Get Involved Locally. Explore the map at [PovertyUSA.org](http://PovertyUSA.org) to find local organizations that practice mercy by learning about and addressing poverty. Or, contact your diocesan director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- Participate in Action Alerts on issues of life and dignity from the U.S. Catholic bishops. Go to [cqcengage.com/catholicbishops](http://cqcengage.com/catholicbishops).

To explore the many kinds of works of mercy and how you can live them in your daily life go to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) or [iubilaeummisericordiae.va](http://iubilaeummisericordiae.va).

