



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., February 7- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

11:15 Anna Lynch

7:00 Mary E. Keoughan

Mon., February 8 - Weekday

12:10 Camielo Caiazzo by Diana Boyar

Tues., February 9 – Weekday

12:10 Catholic Lawyers Guild

Wed., February 10 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Intentions of Julianna O'Brien

5:30 Michael Segares

7:00 Margaret Cafiero

Thur., February 10– Lenten Weekday

7:30 Joseph Quagliariello

12:10 Patricia Jordon by Christina Biondo & Rosemarie Wyman

Fri., February 11 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 Tom Tempia

12:10 Terry Lonnie Ezell by Ron Guardinella



Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Christianity demands that we make a leap of faith, placing our lives in the hands of Jesus. In order to be a true follower of Jesus, we must let go of the security of an earthly life and place our lives into the hands of the Lord. This daunting challenge can be met by remaining firm in our faith and belief that Jesus has saved us and opened the way to eternal life in heaven. We can rely upon the Lord to be our strength.

Vocation Corner

“They left everything and followed Jesus.” If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Greetings,

*Wednesday, February 10 is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Pope Francis in his Lenten Message asks, “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy.” To assist us here at St. Charles to respond to Pope Francis’ call we are sharing with you the full text of the Pope’s Lenten Message. We are also making available to you a pocket sized booklet “**Living Lent with Mercy.**” The booklet offers you food for prayer and reflection for each day of Lent with scripture references. As you will note from the Pope’s message he is encouraging all to “prayerful listening to God’s Word.*

*Additionally, beginning with Ash Wednesday we here at St. Charles will have **in addition to the 12:10 p.m. daily Mass a 7:30 a.m. Mass Monday through Friday.** The Eucharist is perhaps the greatest gift of God’s mercy shared with us and the opportunity to participate in daily Mass during the Lenten season is a great way to grow closer to the Lord. I hope that the opportunity for 7:30 a.m. Mass enables those going to work to start each Lenten day with the Lord who can then give direction to our living of each day.*

*Also during Lent there will be the **opportunity for daily prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. till noon Monday to Friday.** All are invited to stop by and spend time with Jesus.*

*Finally, Lent is a special time to remember our less fortunate sisters and brothers. To assist us I invite each family/individual to take a **Rice Bowl provided by Catholic Relief Services.** Please use the Rice Bowl to daily contribute to feeding the hungry. I invite you to return your Rice Bowl with your donation during Holy Week. Pope Francis states “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favorable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God’s word and by practicing the works of mercy.”*

- Msgr. Al

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to the 143 parishioners (35% of our registered members) who pledged \$59,715 (217% of our assigned goal of \$27,553). The funds above our assigned goal assist us to continue the many charitable works carried on by the Parish. We appreciate the prayers and support of all of our wonderful members!

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 be 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 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.

Outreach Committee

February 10th is the beginning of the Lenten Season. During this season of prayer and reflection, let us help our less fortunate neighbors with our time, talent and treasure.

Please join us at our meeting today, in the sacristy, after 9 a.m. Mass. New members are always welcome.

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 if you would like to take part.**

Today Celebrates The World Day for Consecrated Life

Through baptism, we are all called to a life of holiness. Each of us has a vocation. Each year the Church celebrates and honors men and women in religious communities with the World Day for Consecrated Life, and in a special way in this Year of Consecrated Life called for by Pope Francis. On this day, we give thanks for the women and men who have committed their lives to living and working in and through a religious community. They do so much good in the world. As the Holy Father has said, "the consecrated life appears to us just as it really is: a gift of God!"

Prayer For Those Called To Consecrated Life

Good and gracious God
 who calls every man and woman to live a life of holiness,
 we give you praise for those men and women we call brothers or sisters.
 Grant them the wisdom to know and love you and to share that love with others.
 Grant more vocations to the Church through consecration to religious life.
 We ask all this in the name of Christ, your Son and our Lord.
 Amen.