



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 3- The Epiphany of the Lord**
9:00 Mary Dee Freed by The Family Faith Program
11:15 For the intentions of James W. Duffy, Jr.
by the Week family
7:00 People of the parish
- Mon., January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
12:10 Special intention of Christina Ukachukwu
- Tues., January 5 – St. John Neumann**
12:10 People of the parish
- Wed., January 6 – Christmas Weekday**
12:10 People of the parish
- Thur., January 7 – Christmas Weekday**
12:10 Barbara Caraballo by Anthony Caraballo
- Fri., January 8 – Christmas Weekday**
12:10 Raymond Sullivan by the Sullivan family



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

We are to walk always in the light of the Lord. The visit of the Magi is a dramatic event that symbolizes the universality of Christ's saving mission on earth. In effect, this event tells us that Jesus opened the kingdom of God not only to the Jews, but to all humankind. It is up to each of us to walk in the light of Christ so that we might come to share eternal life in heaven.

Vocation Corner

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Fr. Edward Doran Retiring

On January 31, 2016 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.

Outreach Committee

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2016. We have made our New Year resolutions to give up smoking, lose weight, or exercise more. Please offer your talents and time to our parish: the Altar and Garden Committee meets every Saturday morning (enter through the kitchen door); the Outreach Committee meets the first Sunday of the month in the sacristy after 11:15 Mass; if you love singing join the choir, or welcome parishioners to the mass as an usher, or volunteer to be a lector, or take classes to become a Eucharistic minister. Please lend a hand.

Bible Discussion Group

You are invited to join us **Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.** at St. Charles Borromeo church. Our mission is to explore and reflect on the scriptures as well as to foster community through prayer, study and fellowship. We are continuing with the Books of Wisdom and will be discussing the Book of Proverbs next.

Please call Gloria Rosado (718) 643-9654 or Tracy Howard (631) 327-4489 for additional information. All are welcome!

Mass Offerings Online

Mass offerings are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, someone in poor health and recovery, or a birthday or special occasion. Anyone wishing to have a Mass offered can now do so online. Just go to our website at **www.stcharlesbklyn.org**. Also, Masses may still be arranged by calling the rectory at 718-625-1177. Sunday (sung) Masses are also available.

Lent Advertising Campaign

The Parishes in Brooklyn Deanery # 3 (St. James Cathedral, Assumption, Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen, St. Boniface, St Charles, St Mary, Star of the Sea, St Paul & St Agnes and Visitation) have sponsored Lenten Advertising Campaigns by having signs on bus kiosks as well as in subway stations to acquaint the people in the areas served by these Church with the spiritual resources offered by the Catholic Church in these communities. The first campaign (2014) used the theme **Welcome** which featured a picture of Pope Francis with his arms stretched out in a welcoming gesture. The second campaign (2015) used the theme **We are all in this together**, again accompanied by a picture of Pope Francis.

We would like to invite interested parishioners to suggest a theme for the 2016 Lenten Campaign. **Please submit any ideas to rectory@stcharlesbklyn.org or to Fr. Ed.** All entries will be evaluated and might become the theme of our 2016 campaign. This campaign is designed to reach out to residents outside of our Parish communities to invite them to experience the benefits of being part of the Catholic faith community. Please share any creative ideas which might be the basis of the 2016 campaign.

Inviting Friends to Join the Church

Each year we Baptize people who say they 'found their way to our Church' because friends, neighbors or family members invited them to explore the Catholic Faith. Please take the time to talk to the people you know to see if any would like to explore the Catholic Faith. Contact Fr Ed for more information.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy has begun. Go to usccb.org or iubilaeummisericordiae.va to explore the many kinds of works of mercy and how you can live them in your daily life.

National Migration Week

National Migration Week begins today. Pope Francis said this about the international emergency of migrants: "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, all typical of a throwaway culture, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

The plight of migrants is not just a national concern but also an international concern. As we mark National Migration Week here in the US, let us begin to realize that we all need to open our hearts and doors to those who leave their homes in search of a better life.

Syrian Refugee Crisis

The political and humanitarian crisis in Syria is a serious concern for the Catholic Church and the bishops of the United States. In the past five years, at least four million Syrians have fled their country as a consequence of the civil war and the rise of ISIS. Pope Francis and the Catholic bishops have called on the U.S. government and the international community to provide support to both Syrian refugees fleeing violence and to countries that have been at the forefront of this humanitarian effort. There are a number of ways to help **go to usccb.org to find out more.**

Prayer for Migrants

Loving Father,
 we pray that you provide your divine protection to all migrants,
 particularly those who are driven from their homes due to war or violence,
 who are uprooted due to environmental degradation and climate change,
 or whose material poverty pushes them to find opportunities elsewhere.
 Show us how we might reach out to these vulnerable populations
 and help them to begin a new life in a new home. Open our hearts, so that we may provide
 hospitality
 for all who come in search of refuge.
 Give us the courage to welcome every stranger, as Christ in our midst.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.