



# 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., December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent**9:00 For the intention of Julianna O'Brien  
by Bob and Donna Whiteford

11:15 Families of the parish

7:00 For the intentions of Julianna O'Brien  
by the Frances X. Gates**Mon., December 14 - St. John of the Cross**12:10 For the intentions of Kati Rodgers  
by Jeanne & Paul Zaykowski**Tues., December 15 – Weekday**

12:10 F. X. Sullivan by the family

**Wed., December 16 – Weekday**

12:10 Jose Garbanzos by the family

**Thur., December 17 – Weekday**12:10 In thanksgiving for health care providers  
by Bill & Kate McCormick**Fri., December 18 – Weekday**

12:10 Mary E. Keoughan



*Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." Lk 3:15-16a*

**God's love for us is self-giving and unconditional, surpassing human love. Jesus uses words that are analogous to human relationships to describe God's relationship to us: he calls him "Father" and us "sons and daughters." When Jesus uses such words and images, it is important to remember that God's love surpasses all love found in human relationships. God loves us unconditionally, with total giving of self, and desires nothing more than for us to be in love with him and to love others as a sign of that love.**

**Vocation Corner**

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

The St. Charles Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

**December 24**

- 5 p.m. Family Mass with a Christmas Pageant
- 11:45 p.m. Christmas carols followed by Midnight Mass

**December 25**

- 9 a.m.
- 11:15 a.m.

Have a most Blessed Christmas!

**Advent Reconciliation Monday in the Year of Mercy**

Tomorrow, **Monday, December 14**, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating **Reconciliation Monday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.** During this time an opportunity to go to confession in preparation for Christmas will be available for all parishioners. Please arrange your schedule to attend this most important reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

**Altar & Garden Committee**

Come join us as we prepare the church for the Christmas celebration. We meet **Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** For more information - call the rectory at 718-625-1177.

**Christmas Toy Drives**

Every year at this time St. Charles participates in toy drives for Catholic Charities and Providence House. These toy drives are for families with children from infancy to the age of 18. These are low income families from varying ethnic backgrounds and many of the children receive no toys or gifts of any kind for the holidays. The toy drives spread a little happiness and celebration to thousands of children and families. Please help by donating unwrapped, age-appropriate non-violent toys. There is a donation box in the back of the church. Please drop donations in the box by **Thursday, December 17.**

If you cannot meet that deadline, please bring unwrapped gifts directly to 191 Joralemon St. between Court and Clinton Streets.

**Submitting News For The Bulletin**

It has been very exciting to watch the growth in St Charles Borromeo parish over the last several years. As the parish grows, we want to be sure we keep our parishioners up-to-date on all the parish and community news. Please let us know about community events such as volunteer opportunities, concerts, book discussions, etc. We'd also like to be able to announce the names of our new parishioners, parishioners getting married and baptized and recognizing the contributions of those that have passed away. We would also like to congratulate those couples celebrating Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

If you would like to share any of this news or if there are other items you think would be of interest to the parish, please let us know by sending us an email to: [stcharlesbklynbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stcharlesbklynbulletin@gmail.com).

Please note: the bulletin files are sent for printing a week ahead of time. Any timely notices should be submitted at least 10 days prior to the Sunday it would need to appear in the bulletin.

**BloomAgainBKLYN**

The BloomAgain team has been busy creating and delivering floral bouquets to Cobble Hill and Hopkins Nursing Homes because of Trader Joe's generous donation of flowers and St. Charles generously providing us with a workspace. We are once again looking for donations of small vases for our program. If you, or your neighbors, have vases you are looking to discard the BloomAgainBKLYN team would love to have them. There will be boxes in the rear of the church for any vases you would like to donate. Thank you!

**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.

**Marriage Tribunal**

In response to the request of Pope Francis our Diocesan Tribunal will no longer charge a fee for the process of obtaining an annulment. Pope Francis calls our attention to the work of Mercy carried on by Diocesan Tribunals.

**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!

**Offering Mass in Memory of a Deceased Person**

One of the more ancient traditions in our Church is to remember those who have died by having a Mass offered in their memory. It is a beautiful way of celebrating family members, parents or friends who have died. The offering for a week day Mass is \$15 while a Sung Mass on Sunday is celebrated for a donation of \$30. Contact the rectory or email us to have a mass celebrated.

We also celebrate Masses in honor of birthdays or anniversaries. Please see Fr. Ed if you have any questions about this!





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