



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 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
 9:00 Angel Louis Moreno by the Avanzino Family
 11:15 Msgr. Peter Zendzian
 7:00 Mary Greenan by Bill, Kate & Will McCormick

Mon., December 21 – Weekday
 12:10 Laurence Morrone by Alcudia Family

Tues., December 22 – Weekday
 12:10 Catherine E. Wallace
 by Spencer & Lillian Wong

Wed., December 23 – Weekday
 12:10 Raymond Santagata by Joan James

Thur., December 24 – Weekday
 12:10 William & Diane May by May Family
 12 AM—People of the Parish

Fri., December 25 – Weekday
 9:00 Helen Tierfinko by Donna & Bob Whiteford
 11:15 In honor of the volunteers of the parish



And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Lk 1:43-45

God's ways are not our ways. The readings today demonstrate that conventional wisdom is not true: a mighty Savior comes from a lowly place, death on a cross brings life, and an old woman feels her child leap in her womb as a young pregnant virgin greets her. In the final days of Advent, let us put conventional wisdom aside and be attentive to the mystery and wonder of God's ways.

Vocation Corner

"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or 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!

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.

Catholic Charities Collection

Bishop DiMarzio invites all in this Extraordinary Year of Mercy to join him in this year's Annual Catholic Charities Collection. The collection will take place at all our Christmas Masses. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from you envelope box with your gift enclosed. If you do not have a printed envelope for this collection they are available as you enter Church or simply use your own blank envelope marked for **Catholic Charities**. Bishop DiMarzio urges all to join in sharing God's love with families and children in need by giving generously to this year Catholic Charities Christmas collection!

Catholic Online

Please go to www.catholiconline.org for Catholic news and information for all people of God to deepen the understanding of our Catholic Faith. The web site provides an objective, unbiased, view of Catholicism. Please visit their web page today!

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.

Catholic Charities Toy Drive

The boxes of toys, books and clothing were overflowing with love and generosity. Catholic Charities and Providence House picked-up the donations for our children in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens on Dec. 18th. If you were unable to meet the pick-up date, please bring your gifts to Catholic Charities at 191 Joralemon St. for wrapping and distribution. Catholic Charities is between Court and Clinton Street.

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!

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!

Help Needed with a Project on Irish Catholics

Cara Harris is asking for help and guidance with a project concerning the lives of Irish Catholics in New York. She currently attends King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School in Birmingham, UK and has been given the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). She has decided to focus on John F. Kennedy's impact on Irish Americans in New York. She is interested in this topic because her own grandparents were Irish Catholic immigrants who settled in New York, and were living there when JFK was assassinated.

She is hoping that there are parishioners or community members who would be willing to answer some questions regarding their experiences being an Irish Catholic in New York, and whether JFK's election and assassination impacted upon their lives in any way. **Please contact Cara at caraharris48@gmail.com if you're interested.**





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