



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 27 – The Holy Family
 9:00 Mariano Cruz by the Avanzino Family
 11:15 Marion Brzozowski
 7:00 Mary E. Keoughan
Mon., December 28 - Weekday
 12:10 In Thanksgiving for the Garbanzos Family
Tues., December 29 – Weekday
 12:10 Gerard and Marion Schaefer
Wed., December 30 – Weekday
 12:10 Paul Kelly by the family
Thur., December 31 – Weekday
 7:00 Edward Gates
Fri., January 1 – Weekday
 9:00 People of the Parish



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Family life is holy. Members of a family are called to honor and respect each other. It's in our family where we first learn this way of holiness. Pope Saint John Paul II once reminded us that the Holy Family is "the prototype and example for all Christian families."

Vocation Corner

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses

Mass on New Year's Eve will be at **7 p.m.**
 Mass on New Year's Day will be at **9 a.m.**

There will be no 12:10 Mass on either day.

Please join us and have a blessed New Year.

Thank You From The Outreach Committee

Our parishioners generous giving to Catholic Charities and Providence House has made this a happy Christmas for the children and their families in our diocese. Thanks to all who kindly give of their time, talent, and treasure to our less fortunate neighbors in Brooklyn and Queens. Wishing you all a healthy New Year.

From the Altar and Garden Committee:

The very best to everyone for the New Year 2016

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!

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.

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.

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.**

Jubilee Year Of Mercy

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

Prayer Of Pope Francis For The Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly
 Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from
 being enslaved by money;
 the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness
 only in created things;
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the
 words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
 "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all by for-
 giveness and mercy:
 let the Church be your visible face in the world, its
 Lord risen and glorified.
 You willed that your ministers would also be clothed
 in weakness
 in order that they may feel compassion for those in
 ignorance and error:
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
 loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with
 His anointing,
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace
 from the Lord,
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring
 good news to the poor,
 proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
 and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the interces-
 sion of Mary, Mother of
 Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit for ever and
 ever.
 Amen.