



St. Charles Borromeo

A Roman Catholic community in the heart of Brooklyn Heights

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9 a.m. Family Mass
11:15 a.m.
7 p.m.

Weekdays: 12:10 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation as
announced.

Office Hours

Mon. – Thur. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Clergy Staff

Reverend Edward Doran, PhD,
Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Al LoPinto, *Administrator*

Fr. Anselmus Mawusi,
Parochial Vicar

Our Mission

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.



1st Sunday of Advent

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." *Mt 24:43-44*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sun., Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 Kenneth P. Thompson by Cassandra Pond

11:15 Virginia Quigley by Monica Sullivan

7:00 Edna Barcene by Nilda Rivera

Mon., Nov. 28 – Advent Weekday

12:10 Charles Berges

Tues., Nov. 29 – Advent Weekday

12:10 Stnley Amilowski by Anthony Caraballo

Wed., Nov. 30 – St. Andrew

12:10 Intentions of Ellen McGuinness

Thur., Dec. 1 – Advent Weekday

12:10 Kitty Tobin

Fri., Dec. 2 – Advent Weekday

12:10 Ralph Aracri by Anthony Caraballo

Vocations

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24: 37 – 44). If you think God is calling you to be a priest,, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Sacraments and Formation

Family Faith Formation: Children attend the 9 a.m. Sunday Family Mass followed by class.

Reconciliation: Monday – Friday 11:45 a.m.—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 p.m. in the Parish House at 31 Sidney

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.

St. Charles Staff

Family Faith Formation Director: Ms. Maureen Pond

Music Director: Mr. Sergio Sandi

Parish Secretary: Ms. Teresa Pendergast

Parish Trustees: Ms. Angela De Marco,
Mr. Frank Pond

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.

Readings For The Week**Mon., Nov. 28:**

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tues., Nov. 29:

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:24

Wed., Nov. 30:

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thurs., Dec 1:

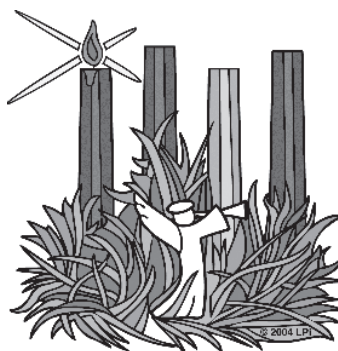
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri., Dec 2:

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Sat., Dec 3:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35b-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**1st Sunday of Advent**

"Stay awake! Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. And chances are, most of us are inclined to follow this fervent instruction from the Lord. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. When the ultimate

Advent comes-when Jesus returns-we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta.

Consider the apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus gave them a similar instruction to the one he gives today: "Keep watch" (Mt 26:38). And what happened? They fell asleep. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (26:41). How about us? Can we really stay awake? Indeed, the season of Advent presents a challenge: Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Though our spirit may be willing, can our "flesh" pull it off? Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ?

Saint Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light prevents physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again-even like a thief in the night-he will find us ready and waiting

Generations of Faith Campaign

Sunday, October 2, our 'in pew' appeal for the Generations of Faith campaign brought in pledges of \$241,730! This means that to date, our parishioners have generously donated \$460,560 toward our parish goal of \$1 million.

As reported in the parish bulletin, \$202,000 of what St. Charles raises in the campaign will go toward Diocesan programs to care for our diocesan priests who have served us all so faithfully and to youth evangelization programs. All funds that we raise over our diocesan goal will be used to repair and renovate our beautiful parish church. The parish of St Charles Borromeo has faithfully served our community for 167 years and it is up to us, the St. Charles Family Community, to restore and preserve our church for future generations of parishioners.

Msgr. Al, Fr. Ed and the parish trustees thank the 103 parishioners that have generously made pledges to our campaign. We also want to encourage any parishioners that have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider doing so. Today we will provide another opportunity to contribute to the campaign. In addition, you are always welcome to call the parish office for information on the campaign or to make a pledge.

As always, we thank the parish for their stewardship and prayers.

Women's Sixth Annual Advent Day of Reflection

Join your fellow Catholic women for the sixth annual Advent Day of Reflection on **Saturday, December 17**, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the The Sisters of Life Saint Vincent Ferrer Church, 869 Lexington Avenue (66th Street) , NYC. There is a \$25 registration fee which includes lunch. **Please RSVP to nolan.jacqueline29@gmail.com or call 212-721-4507.**

News For The Bulletin

Do you have any news or events you'd like to share with the parish? If there are items you think would be of interest please let us know by calling or emailing Teresa in the Parish Office. Phone: 718-625-1177 or Email: secretary@stcharlesbklyn.org.

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.

Annual Wreath Sale

Sunday, Dec. 4 after all the Masses, wreaths decorated by our parishioners will be available for sale. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and support our parish.

Advent Bible Study

Fr. Anselmus will be offering an Advent Bible study on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House at 31 Sidney Place. Please email secretary@stcharlesbklyn.org if you wish to join. A bible will be provided for any who attend.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

On the pews as you enter the Church you will find Christmas Offering Envelopes providing an opportunity to support the work of St. Charles Borromeo. Thank you for your generous offering.

Open Church

During the months of November and December we will open the Church at 8:00 am and close at 1:00 pm to provide an opportunity for prayer on the way to work. Please feel free to visit and stay for prayer and reflection.

Food Donations

During this Advent season please remember the members of our faith community who experience food insecurity. There are bins located in the back of the church for non-perishable food donations.

Christmas Toy Donations

Each year, Catholic Charities hosts *Santa's Toy Shop*, a toy drive that provides parents with the dignity to pick and choose themselves appropriate gifts for their children. "Personal Elves" are available to assist parents in selecting the right gift for their children.

We need **you** to bring Christmas joy to families in need by helping Catholic Charities collect new, unwrapped, non-violent toys as well as gifts cards. Please bring your gifts to Church so that Catholic Charities workers can collect and ready them for distribution.



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