

1900

The Cathedral Club is formed by Father George Mundelein in March to give Catholic leaders a place to socialize and discuss. Lewis Drummond is the organization's first president. Its first headquarters were located at 94 Greene Ave, Clinton Hill.



The club holds its first event (a euchre tournament and dance) under the watchful eye of Bishop Charles McDonnell (left) at the Pouch Mansion at 345 Clinton Ave.

1902

The club holds the "first barn dance ever held in Brooklyn," according to the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. Once again, the site was the Pouch Mansion. The event benefited the club's new headquarters on Greene and Vanderbilt Avenues.

1907

The club purchases the Clubhouse on Sixth Avenue and St. Mark's Place.

1925

The club's 25th annual dinner is held at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn Heights to honor the organization's founder, Cardinal George Mundelein. New York City Mayor William Collins speaks, lashing out against the anti-Catholic sentiments of the Ku Klux Klan.

1939

The club's annual dinner honors District Attorney-elect William O'Dwyer, who eventually becomes the mayor of New York City.



1941

The club's gala dinner honors Bishop Thomas Molloy. New York Governor Herbert Lehman speaks at the event.

1952

The club's annual dinner honors Brooklyn Dodgers' owner Walter O'Malley. Major League Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick speaks at the event.

1953

At the club's annual dinner, Charles Mylod is the guest of honor as Archbishop Thomas Molloy presides. New York City Mayor Vincent Impellitteri and Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore are in attendance.

# WELCOME TO THE CLUB

## A Look at 125 Years of the Cathedral Club of Brooklyn

2017

The club's annual dinner honors Newsmax CEO Christopher Ruddy. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, speaks at the event.

2021

The club cancels its annual dinner because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



2009

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio speaks during the annual dinner of The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn, urging laypeople "to take a more active role in politics and community affairs."



2000

The club's annual dinner honors Cardinal John O'Connor, archbishop of New York. It was one of Cardinal O'Connor's last public appearances before he died two months later at the age of 80.

2022

The club's annual dinner returns to Brooklyn, with the celebration held at El Caribe, Mill Basin.

1995

Sharon Miggins serves as the Cathedral Club's second female president.

2025

The club's 125th annual dinner is again held at El Caribe. New York Police Department Chief of Department John Chell and attorney Joseph S. Rosato are honored as Father Michael Bruno speaks about the history of the Cathedral Club.

1994

Eleanor Breslin serves as the Cathedral Club's first female president.

The club's annual dinner honors Robert Charles Golden, an executive at Prudential Securities. New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani speaks at the event as Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Sullivan presides.



1993

The club's annual dinner honors John Campi, vice president of the New York Daily News. Texas Sen. Phil Gramm speaks at the event as Auxiliary Bishop René Valero presides.

1990

Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, who spent 24 years in the U.S. Senate and became the Democratic nominee for vice president in 2000, is the guest speaker at the club's 90th annual dinner.

1989

Illinois Senator Henry Hyde, whose Hyde Amendment prevents federal funding from being used for abortions, is the guest speaker. Bishop Francis J. Mugavero, the diocese's fifth bishop, presides.



1980

The club welcomes women as members for the first time.

1974

The club sells its building on Sixth Avenue and St. Mark's Place.

1966

The annual dinner honors Brooklyn Congressman Hugh Carey, a member of St. Saviour's Parish, Park Slope, and the future governor of New York. Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who would run for president in 1968, was the guest speaker.

1954

Senator John F. Kennedy, who became the first Catholic elected president in 1960, speaks to the club about the threat of atomic war. He predicts that French Indochina will be the "keystone" to the defense of Asia.



1960

The club's dinner honors Brooklyn Congressman John J. Rooney, known as a "frank torchbearer for the so-called Catholic lobby," for his support of American aid to Francisco Franco's regime in Spain. His friend, Texas Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, who was elected U.S. president in 1964 after serving as president for one year following the assassination of Kennedy, is the guest speaker.

