Brooklyn: City of Churches

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At the OTB, men “cross” themselves as their horses race across TV screens double-checking their stubs before dropping them on the floor

At Grace’s, women bow their heads in supplication under hair-dryers while singing verses to each another from beauty magazines

At Greenpoint Savings and Trust, The stevedores pray their paychecks will last the week, and that the banks and their backs have a few good years left

At St. Alphonsus, people leave evening Mass with fingers still warm from lighting candles and from writing grocery lists in the margins of the Book of Revelation

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