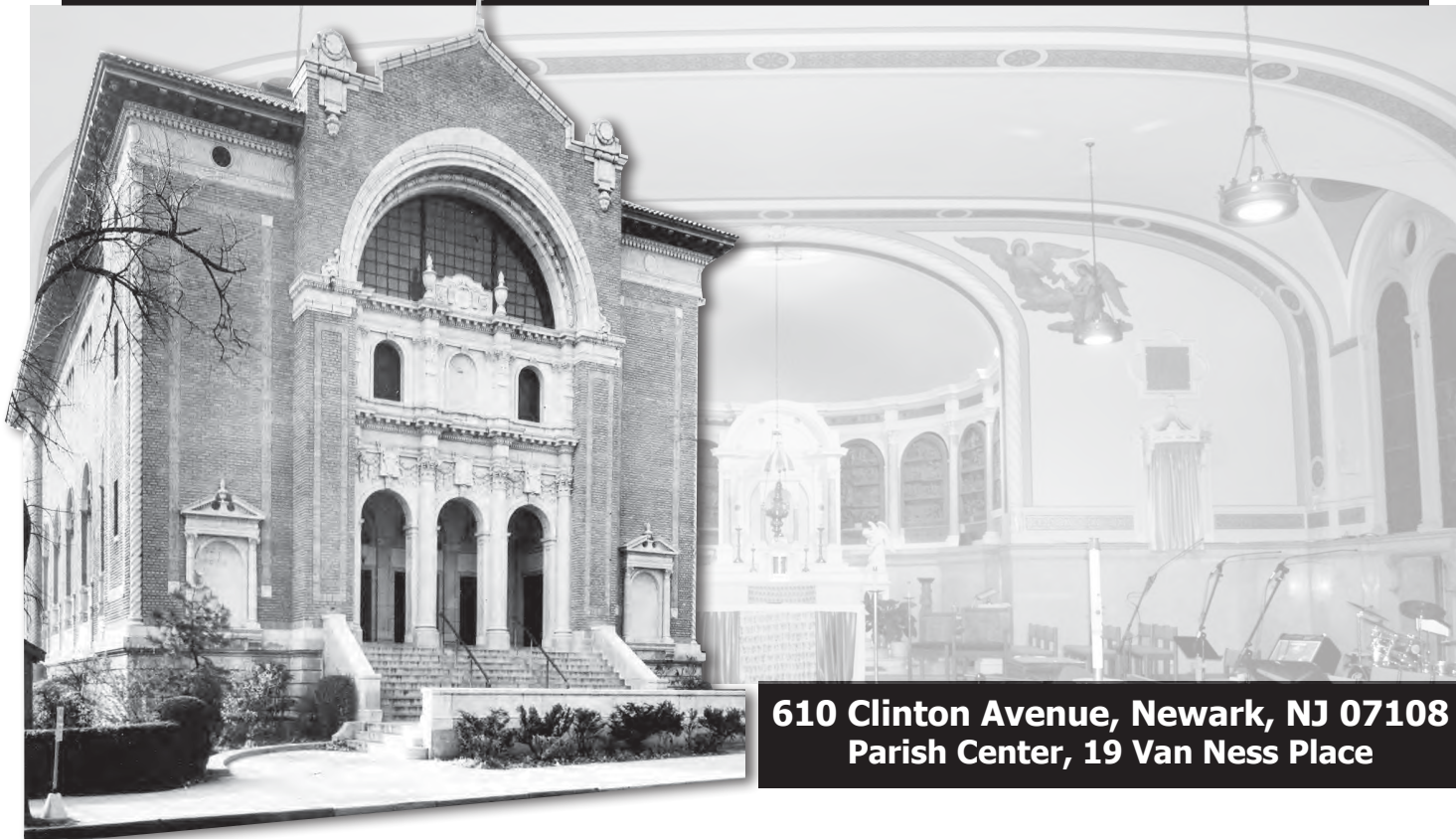


BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108
Parish Center, 19 Van Ness Place

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH

Faith and
Catholic tradition
in ministering
to the spiritual,
material,
educational,
physical and social
needs of the
parish community.

We accomplish
this in our
worship, in
our programs,
and by the
example of our
daily lives.

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Fr. Albert Nzeh, *Pastor*
Fr. Erasmus Okere, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Longinus Ugwuegbulem, *Resident Priest*
Fr. Peter Iwuala, *Resident Priest*
Rev. Fr. Edwin Leahy, *Weekend Assistant*
Mrs. Robyn Padia, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Stephanie Smith, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Charles Noun, *Business Manager*
Mr. John Garner, *Music Director*
Mr. Felix Padia, *Property Manager*
Mrs. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*
Mr. Isi Igetei, *Parish Sacristan*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 500
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Website: www.bssc.org
Parish Office: Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1:00 pm–2:00 pm (Parish Chapel) or call the Parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish, sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Please call the Parish to register. Registered parishioners, call Fr. Erasmus Okere for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact a priest of the Parish at least six months in advance. At least one of the two to be married must be a member of the Parish.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Chapel.

NIGHTS OF PRAYER FOR FAVORS & RESTORATION

Every first Friday and third Thursday, 7:00 pm in the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.
Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Fri.: 6:30 p.m., Sat.: 7:30 a.m.
Special Masses: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion
7:00 pm in church. Every Third Thursdays 7:00–8:45 pm in church.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

- ALTAR SERVERS:** Isi Igetei
- BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ
- BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins
- CURSILLO:** Marilyn Smith
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Ruby Alexander
- FINANCE:** Yanielle Roberts
- FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Donovan Green
- HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore
- HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Yvonne Green
- LECTORS:** Fred Hill
- LITURGY:** Marilyn Smith
- MUSIC:** John Garner
- PARISH COUNCIL:** Donovan Green
- PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown
- REPAST:** Helen Brooks
- RCIA:** Marilyn Smith
- ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown
- TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
- VAN SERVICE:** Donovan Green
- WELCOME:** Joan Lowery
- WELLNESS:** Marleyne Tronchin

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Mary E. Brown, Claire Battle, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Marion Crawford, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Shirley Bazemore, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgyn, Karen Barrett

Ministry News

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

Please use the church invitation cards located in the foyer to minister to loved ones, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Also, become a friend of BSSCB on Facebook and post your prayer requests, suggestions and comments. You can also use it to invite others to our church. Let's be on Fire for God and do the work of an evangelist! Anyone desiring to make a difference in the lives of others by the giving of their time and treasure is welcome to do so. Please submit the names of any member who is sick or hospitalized so they may be visited and ministered to by one of our priests.

FOOD PANTRY

The Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Church Food Pantry was started in 1984 by Fr. Jack Martin. Our Food Pantry serves families, senior citizens, veterans, disabled and anyone in need food assistance. Most of our clients reside in the Newark area and we serve approximately 300 to 350 people a month. Our Pantry hours are 3rd and 4th Saturdays for singles 9 AM -11 AM and 3rd and 4th Tuesdays for families 11 AM-1 PM. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: BSSCB Food Pantry and give to any staff member in the Parish office. We are a pantry where our clients find hope and help with dignity and respect.

MEDIA

Tech Savvy? The media ministry needs you for recording our Mass and uploading to the website, assistance with the PowerPoint slides also needed. Speak with Robyn Padia after Mass or call the parish office. The "Sermons on CD" are available after each Mass upon request for evangelizing your neighbors, family, friends and the home bound. Also, the bible study CD'S are available.

MUSIC

Stop singing in the shower! If you are interested in joining the music ministry come out and audition with our music director John Garner for our Gospel choir. Choir rehearsals are every Thursday at 7 pm. Speak with Mr. Garner at the 8 or 10 am Mass.

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS (PSE)

Vibrant, creative, enthusiastic, hardworking individuals are needed for the Parish Special Events committee please speak with Mary Brown or call the parish office if you are willing be a part of this team.

RCIA

Instruction classes are available for adults 18 and over who want to know more about the Catholic Church or want to be prepared for the sacraments. Contact Marilyn Smith.

VAN

Drivers are needed for our van ministry. If you have a valid license and are available to assist one Sunday please speak with Mr. Green.

**WEEKLY READINGS
& MASS INTENTIONS**
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

All Masses said in the parish should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God. Parishioners are encouraged to offer intentions for these Masses. Donations for flowers at the altar are also available. Call the parish office for any of these requests.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation Of The Lord

Readings: Mal 3: 1-4/Heb 2: 14-18
Gospel: Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32 (524)

8:00 a.m. Mass: *Birthday blessings for Steven and Natasha God bless you*

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. IGBO

**DAILY MASSES MON.– FRI. 7:30 AM
& 6:30 PM SAT. 7:30 AM**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,
7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM
IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL**

Monday, February 3

Readings: 2Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13
Gospel: Mk 5: 1-20 (323)

Tuesday, February 4

Thanksgiving to God Birthday blessings for my sister Regina for another year of life.

Readings: 2Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a 10-19: 3

Gospel: Mk 5: 21-43 (324)

Wednesday, February 5

Thanksgiving to God Birthday blessings for my daughter Lakicha for another year of life.

Readings: 2Sm 24: 2, 9-17
Gospel: Mk 5: 1-6 (325)

Thursday, February 6

Readings: 1Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12
Gospel: Mk 6: 7-13 (326)

Friday, February 7

Readings: Sir 47: 2-11
Gospel: Mk 6: 14-29 (327)

Saturday, February 8

Readings: 2Kgs 3: 4-13
Gospel: Mk 6: 30-34 (328)

Sunday, February 9

Readings: Is 58: 7-10/1Cor 2: 1-5
Gospel: Mt 5: 13-16 (73)

For My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

"For my eyes have seen Your salvation." [Lk. 2:30] These are the words that echo the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord that we are celebrating today. The events surrounding this special Feast are found in Chapter 2, verses 22 to 40 of the Gospel of Luke. The Feast of the "Presentation of the Lord" in the Temple, always observed on February the second in the Roman Rite, is also known as "Candlemas Day" and the "Purification of the Blessed Virgin."

Some may ask, what does "Candlemas Day" mean? During the eleventh century, the liturgical calendar required that the First Reading be the Book of Zephaniah versus today's reading from the Book of Malachi. In the Book of Zephaniah, it states, "At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps..." [Zeph. 1:12] In harmony with the words of this biblical verse, the faithful of those days participated in a candle light procession. Nowadays, the Catholic liturgy still permits a procession. Using the rite in the sacramentary, the candles are blessed at the beginning of the Mass. For the procession, the priest wears a chasuble or cope.

Today's Feast is also called, the "Purification of the Blessed Virgin." In the days of the birth of Jesus, the Jewish custom commanded that a woman who gave birth to a son remain in semi-seclusion for 40 days. Counting from December 25th as the first day, the fortieth day fell on February 2nd, which is today's date.

The Book of Leviticus tells us, "The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the people of Israel, saying: If a woman conceives and bears a male child, she shall be ceremonially unclean seven (7) days: as at the time of her menstruation, she shall be unclean. On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. Her time of blood purification shall be thirty-three (33) days; she shall not touch any holy things, or come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purification are completed." [Lev. 12:1-4]

When the days of her purification are completed, (7 + 33 = 40) whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a lamb in its first year for a burnt offering, and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. He shall offer it before the Lord, and make atonement on her behalf; then she shall be clean from her flow of blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, male or female. If she cannot afford a sheep, she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean." [Lev. 12:6-8 and Exo. 13:11-13; 22:29; Numb. 18:15-16; Deut. 15:19]

Therefore, the Blessed Virgin Mary's Presentation of the Lord to the Temple was executed in obedience with the precept of the Law. She redeemed her first-born from the Temple and she was purified by the prayer of Simeon the righteous in the presence of the prophetess Anna. [Lk. 2:22-36]

While today's readings echo both, the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, in its wisdom, the Catholic Church deemed it more praiseworthy to place emphasis on the Feast of the Lord Jesus.

Word Of Life

"When parents say 'yes' to life for their child, they are saying 'yes' to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying 'yes' to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. We encourage everyone to tithe so that we can meet our expectations. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk.12:34

SUNDAY COLLECTION

	JANUARY 26	
Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
TBA	\$4,350.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Martine Vancol, Adriana Henry, Ezinne Anyanwu, Kanga Patrice
Lectors:	8 am	Hans Tanis, Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Inah Abita, Toni Taylor
Eucharistic:	8 am	Ammy Plummer, Marva Mendoza
	10 am	Eugene Tronchin (B) Charlie Howard, Mary Brown, Sharon Burgwyn, Berhita Taborn

Bible Study at BSSCB Church

Our Bible Study sessions will continue almost every Wednesday through June. Bible study convenes at noon in Church hall and 7:30 pm in the Convent hall.

All are welcome. Participation is necessary by reading and discussing the lessons. Afternoon session ends at 1 pm and the evening session at 9 pm. Be a good steward of your time by reading and studying God's Word daily!



February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

IN THE GARDEN...

Keep your loved ones in memory, your family in prayer, healing, and/or thanksgiving:

Sunday Masses 8 am, 10 am & 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Masses 6:30 p.m.

Candles in front of Blessed Mother

Eucharistic Body of Christ

Eucharistic Blood of Christ

The Sanctuary Candle (weekly)

All names will be listed in the bulletin the week prior.

Contact Robyn in the parish office: 973-824-6548



ANNUAL APPEAL SUNDAY February 9: We will be viewing the Annual Appeal video at each mass. The theme this year is "Shining the Light of Christ." The Archdiocese has begun sending out letters to those who have shared their blessings before. We will also have envelopes available for those who may want to contribute. Please consider making a contribution.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION 2020: Men's Commission Catholic Men's Conference, February 29; *"Man of God, I Am My Brother's Keeper?"*. **Women's Commission:** *"Alive In Christ: The Eucharist... His Heart in My Heart"*; **Saturday, March 7**, Seton Hall University, from 8 am to 4 pm. Mass begins at 4 pm celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL: Mark your Calendars for the upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: **Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST CHARLES BORROMEO FASHION SHOW / TRICKY TRAY LUNCHEON, April 18, 11 am - 4 pm. Holiday Inn North, 160 Frontage Road, Newark.

2020 MASS WITH THE NEOPHYTES SUNDAY, MAY 24: Cardinal Tobin cordially invites all who will be newly Baptized, newly received, and those completing Initiation, along with their sponsors and families to join with him at the Celebration of the Eucharist, 12 pm at The Cathedral Basilica. Our candidates are Dominique Kathleen Alford and Dean Maglione. Please support them as they take this next step in their faith. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending.

TAX REQUEST STATEMENT: BSSCB Church expresses our sincere appreciation for your contribution during 2019. To request a tax statement, please call the parish office at 973-824-6548 and speak with the secretary.

STATES RALLY: For information regarding the State Rally and payments contact, Ammy Plummer or Stephanie Williams, 8 am Mass; Donovan Green or Pat Ross, 10 am Mass. Checks should be made to BSSCB and in the memo section please put **States Rally**. If you are planning a fundraiser and plan on using the church as the venue, please speak to committee members and/or call parish office for availability of space and date.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE" Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Luke 9:16-17

Any information to go in the bulletin, must come directly from the church office only.