

# 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](http://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

APRIL 19, 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, APRIL 19

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

### *(Sunday Of Divine Mercy)*

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47/1Pt 1: 3-9

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31 (43)

8:00 a.m. Mass

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

19 VAN NESS PLACE

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

### Monday, April 20

Readings: Acts 4: 23-31

Gospel: Jn 3: 1-8 (267)

### Tuesday, April 21

Readings: Acts 4: 32-37

Gospel: Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)

### Wednesday, April 22

Readings: Acts 5: 17-26

Gospel: Jn 3: 16=21 (269)

### Thursday, April 23

Readings: Acts 5: 27-33

Gospel: Jn 3: 31-36 (270)

### Friday, April 24

Readings: Acts 5: 34-42

Gospel: Jn 6: 1-15 (271)

### Saturday, April 25

Readings: 1Pt 5: 5b-1

Gospel: Mk 16: 15-20 (555)

### Sunday, April 26

Readings: Acts 2: 14, 22-33/

1Pt 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24: 13-35 (46)

## *A New Birth Into a Living Hope*

### *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." [1 Pet. 1:3] My brothers and sisters in Christ, a week ago, we celebrated the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus on Easter Sunday. Today, we are reminded: Of the free gift of the new birth that we have received; that the free gift was given to us through the love, mercy and grace of our Heavenly Father; that the Heavenly Father gave up His only beloved Son as the sacrificial Lamb; and that through His perfect sacrifice, we may now share in the living hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [Acts 2:42-7] made reference to what it was like in the earliest days of the Catholic Church, in those days immediately after the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. In that reading, we heard the manner in which the Christians of the early Church worshipped.

The believers who welcomed the message of Peter, the first Pope, they received the Sacrament of Baptism in order to be admitted into the Body of Christ. Wholeheartedly, they devoted themselves to doing four things. [Acts 2:42]

As we are gathered here today in the Church which is the Temple of God, the early Christians also came together in the Temple. [Acts 2:46] As we praise God together, they also praised God together. As we have the goodwill of all the people at heart, so did our early Church brothers and sisters. [Acts 2:47]

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter of Peter [1 Pet. 1:3- 9] consisted of the first papal document that was sent to the Christians of Asia Minor to explain the new life that is received through the Sacrament of Baptism. Its purpose was to enlighten the believers so that they may rejoice in the salvation and new life that they had received from God.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we as Christians shared in the death of Jesus so we may share in His life. Having been baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. [Rom. 5:3] Having been buried with Him into death, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too will walk in the newness of life. [Rom. 5:4] Having been united with Christ in death, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. [Rom. 5:5] We know that our old self was crucified with Jesus so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. [Rom. 5:6]

Today's reading from the Gospel of John [Jn. 20:19-31] provided us with an account of what Jesus did after His glorious Resurrection. The reading began by telling us that on the evening that Jesus rose from the dead, He came and stood among His disciples who had gathered behind locked doors. Take note that this appearance was still on the day of the Resurrection of Jesus, on the first day of the week that we celebrated last week as Easter Sunday. [Jn. 20:19]

If you recall when Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene at the tomb in the morning of His resurrection, He told her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father." [Jn. 20:17] Now, appearing to His disciples during the same evening, He breath upon them the Holy Spirit [Jn. 20:22] in fulfillment of His promise to do so [Jn. 7:39] after ascending to the Father.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## April 19 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (*Divine Mercy Sunday*)

*“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”* JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

## **BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 “A YEAR OF SHARING GOD’S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE”**

And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, “I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.” Matthew 15:32

## *holy humor*

### **REASONS EVE WAS CREATED**

God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.

God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.

God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor’s, dentist, or haircut appointment for himself.

God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.

God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of child-bearing.

As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

As the Bible says, It is not good for man to be alone!

When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, “I can do better than that!”

**VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS:** You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on YouTube. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

We updated our teleconference login ID to enable us check the distractions from background. CONFERENCE ID: 978-990-5000. Access code: 570-414 - You can download the Freeconferencecall app and use as our meeting ID bsscbchurchmedia. The Zoom Video Conference remains the same. For your convenience, I have added Zoom information again below: Personal ID 381-980-5747 Web: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3819805747>.

We also have opened a line on What’sApp for those who do not have email or Facebook. Please send your name, cell phone number and email address to our Church media Cellphone # 973-280-0651 to be connected to our What’sApp platform or click this link below this message on your cell phone to be added automatically.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV>.

***God bless you as you connect to our media platforms and keep your Church family in prayer during this Pandemic. Let’s survive it together with God on our side.***

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm. Other spiritual activities will be announced when available.

**MASS REMEMBRANCE AND FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in your Tithing package. Please place them in the boxes in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

**DONATIONS AND GIFTS:** We are thankful to all our parishioners who give of their Time, Talent and Treasure to our parish. If you would like to make a donation or do the offertory as part of your mass request, here is a list of items to consider. Sacramental Wine – \$137.50 per case, Sacramental Host – \$23 per box, Lux Mundi Oil Refills for the Altar - \$48 per case and Flowers are \$45 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** It is important for us to have your updated contact information, if you have changed your address, phone number or email, please inform the office. This will assist us in ensuring you receive accurate information in a timely manner, and reduce the chance that important mail does not get lost. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with any anyone, this is for church records only.

**SACRAMENTAL FORMS:** Forms for all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: [bsscb.org](http://bsscb.org). Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to the parish office.

## *Word Of Life*

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, “be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.