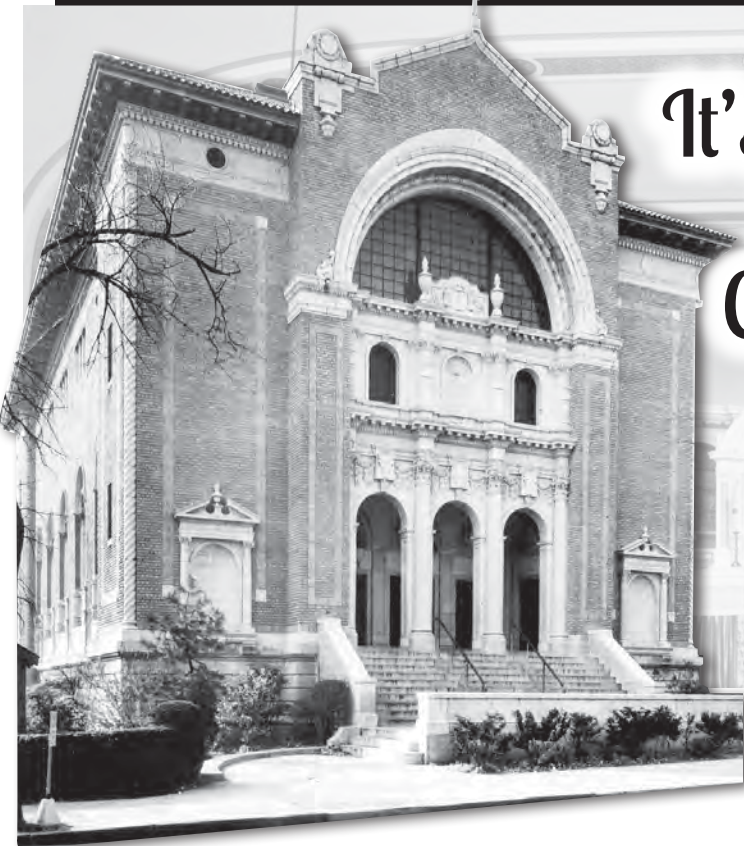


# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



It's the Most Wonderful  
Time of the Year.  
Christmas Blessings  
with a Happy  
and Prosperous  
New year

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  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206  
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Business Manager: Ext: 201  
Parish Fax: 973-624-6030  
Email: [bsscchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bsscchurch@yahoo.com)  
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, Eustace Jeffery, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Olive Brown, Patricia Tinley, William Borem, Mike Mathos, Kim Nestbitt

# 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  
DECEMBER 29, 2019**

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, DECEMBER 29**

***The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel: Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23 (17)

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**10:00 a.m. Mass:** *Special intentions and continuous healing mercies for my granddaughter Charlie on her Birthday*  
by Pat Ross

**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,  
4 PM & 10 PM In CHURCH**

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

**Monday, December 30**

Readings: 1Jn 2: 12-17  
Gospel: Lk 2: 36-40 (203)

**Tuesday, December 31**

Readings: 1Jn 2: 18-21  
Gospel: Jn 1: 1-18 (204)

**Wednesday, January 1**

Readings: Nm 6: 22-27/Gal 4: 4-7  
Gospel: Lk 2: 16-31 (18)

**Thursday, January 2**

Readings: 1Jn 2: 22-28  
Gospel: Jn 1: 19-28 (205)

**Friday, January 3**

Readings: 1Jn 2: 29—3: 6  
Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34 (206)

**Saturday, January 4**

Readings: 1Jn 3: 7-10  
Gospel: Jn 1: 35-42 (207)

**Sunday, January 5**

Readings: Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12 (20)



*This*

*Christmas*

*end a quarrel.*

*Seek out a forgotten*

*friend. Dismiss suspicion,*

*and replace it with trust. Write*

*a love letter. Share some treasure...*

*Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.*

*Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.*

*Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a*

*grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize*

*if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy.*

*Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone*

*else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh*

*a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.*

*Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to Church. Welcome*

*a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and*

*wonder of the earth.*

*Speak your love.*

*Speak it again.*

*Speak it still once again.*

*Word Of Life*

*"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance." 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

DECEMBER 15

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$4,496.00	\$4,350.00	\$146.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Martine Vancol, Adriana Henry, Ezinne Anyanwu, Kanga Patrice
Lectors:	8 am	Roslyn Major, Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Mary Brown, Marleyene Tronchin
Eucharistic:	8 am	Ammy Plummer, Gwen Hunt
	10 am	Merilyn Smith (B) Clair Dufrene, Yvonne Chatman, Charlie Howard, 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!

## December 29 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives... Children, obey your parents in everything... Fathers, do not provoke your children..."*  
COLOSSIANS 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, our father, does for us.

### 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



## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

**Tuesday, December 31**, New Year's Eve: 9:45 pm procession  
10 pm Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, January 1**, New Year's Day: 9 am BSSCB;  
11:30am ICC

**STATE AND COUNTRY RALLY:** Captains are still needed; your help is needed to make this event a success, in meeting our fundraising goal. Please contact Pat Ross, Donovan Green or call the parish office for more details. Here are a few of the states not yet taken: Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Ohio, Vermont, Mississippi, West Nigeria and The Islands. There are many others you can see the complete listing on the bulletin board in the church hall.

**2019 SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL:** Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal? Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo has received **\$4,910.79** in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our Goal, **\$20,195.00** can only be achieved through your generosity! If you have yet to give, visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES WE LOST THIS PAST YEAR:

To the families of our deceased loved ones, we express our prayers of comfort to you during this Christmas season. May the souls of Burney Adams (Brother of Juanita Adams), Michelle Brooks- Bey, Bernice Giles, Philip F. Brooks (relative of Helen Brooks), Catherine Viskinda, Marilyn Northern, Jose Taborn (brother of Berhita Taborn), Mildred Ervin, Gertrude Washington, Frederick McCoggle, William Borom (brother of Beverley Hunter), Patrick Ralph and Eustace Jeffrey rest in eternal peace.

**IN APPRECIATION:** We appreciate all your hard work and tireless hours you spare, it often seems it goes unnoticed, though the evidence is clear; God sees your faithful diligence in everything you do, and the smile upon his loving face shows he appreciates you too. May this Christmas be spirit filled and the New Year be prosperous for you. **The staff of Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo Church thanks you for all your support throughout the year.**

## BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND COMMITMENT:

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

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