

Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo

Roman Catholic Church

MISSION

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.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.

Daily Masses, Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. (Virtual) & 6:30 pm (Convent Chapel, Rosary at 6 p.m.)

Special Masses: Each First Friday and Third Thursday: Mass 6:30 pm; Adoration 7 p.m. in church.

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*

Mr. John Garner, *Music Director*

Mr. Felix Padia, *Property Manager*

Mrs. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office—9 am-4 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish, sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Please call the Parish to register. 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.

NIGHTS OF PRAYER FOR FAVORS & RESTORATION

Every first Friday and third Thursday, Mass at 6:30 pm
Adoration, 7 p.m. in the Church.
Every second Tuesday, 11 p.m. –
Midnight Prayer/Adoration (Virtual)



Church Ministries and Chairpersons

ALTAR SERVERS: Solomon Onemheghie
BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ
BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins
COUNTERS: Lola Walker
CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn Smith
FINANCE: Patricia Ross
FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks
HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche
HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore
HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross
LECTORS: Fred Hill
LITURGY: Marilyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Pat Assan
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Marilyn Smith
REPAST: Helen Brooks
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Veceleine C. Dufrene
SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford
TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
USHERS: Michelle Williams
WELCOME: Joan Lowery
WELLNESS: Marleyne Tronchin
YOUTH: Fred Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Celine Larmony, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Karen Barrett, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edey, Alicia Alford, Patricia Ross, Celestia Conway, Verlean Howard, Brehita Taborn, John Anyanwu



Ministry Outreach

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 500 to 600 people a month. Our Pantry hours are 3rd and 4th Saturdays for singles 8 AM – 10 AM and 3rd and 4th Wednesdays 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 Beverly Mitchell after Mass or call the parish office.

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 to 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.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 16, 2025

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Readings: Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28b–36

8:00 AM Mass

Healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and intervention of Arianna by Marva Mendoza; In memory of Comlavi Goerke requested by Madeleine Goerke; Prayers Jean' Claude Hunt, Jr. All Living and Deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Prayers for Pope Frances requested by BSSCB

10:00 AM Mass

Thanking God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; Healing for Kent Cureton and family blessings by the Hill and Cureton families; Thanksgiving, healing and protection for the Boyce and Tronchin families; Thanking God for another year of life for Zayne Agoro, requested by Agoro family; Prayers Jean' Claude Hunt, Jr.; Birthday blessings for Vanessa Aduayom requested by the family; All Living and Deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; God's mercy for healing Pat Ross and son DJ Ross; Prayers for Pope Frances requested by BSSCB

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, March 17

Reading: Dn9:4b–10

Gospel: Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday, March 18

Reading: Is 1:10, 16–20

Gospel: Mt 23:1–2

Wednesday, March 19

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Gospel: Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

Thursday, March 20

Reading: Jer 17:5–10

Gospel: Lk 16:19–31

Friday, March 21

Reading: Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a

Gospel: Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday, March 22

Reading: Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Gospel: Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday, March 23

Readings: Ex 3:1–8a

Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Gospel: Lk 13:1–9



Our Citizenship is in Heaven

As we enter the Second Week of Lent, in the tradition of the Catholic Church, we are called to continue to examine our hearts and to repent of any sins that may offend our Lord Jesus. This examination of conscience is to prepare us for the glorious Resurrection of Christ that will be celebrated on Easter Sunday immediately after the completion of the Lenten Season.

This Sunday, to elevate our minds towards a higher level of spiritual holiness so we may possess a greater perception of how offensive sin is to God, we are reminded that our citizenship is in Heaven. In this process, while discovering the merits that we have freely received by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, our hearts are impelled to show appreciation to the Heavenly Father in thanksgiving.

During today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis, we heard that because Abram believed in the promise of the Lord that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of heaven, the Lord "reckoned it to him as righteousness." [Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3] As the living faith of Abram was reckoned to him as righteousness, the living faith of many others in those days was reckoned to them as righteousness.

During today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians, we heard St. Paul teach "that our citizenship is in Heaven." [Phil. 3:20] Why is it that while we are in this world, we do not belong to this world? It is because Christ died for us so that we may be made righteous through Him. Through His death on the Cross as the sacrificial Lamb, we qualify to inherit the salvation that awaits all those who persevere in their living faith.

During today's Gospel Reading, we heard that Jesus went up the mountain to pray with three Apostles, Peter, John and James. While they were on the mountain, the appearance of the face of Jesus changed and His clothing became dazzling white. Then, Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Jesus. That event did not pass unnoticed. Peter and the other two disciples witnessed the glory of the Lord Jesus. They witnessed, as far as it is humanly possible to see with the human eyes, the brilliance that comes with the transforming glory that awaits those who will be changed in the image of Jesus Christ.

Word Of Life

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Sacrament Church Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2024 through June 2025

	Jul '24 - Jun 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
410 · Ordinary Revenues	211,300.00
450 · Additional Revenues	27,090.00
454 · Non-Operating Revenues	284,250.00
Total Income	522,640.00
Gross Profit	522,640.00
Expense	
590 · Salaries & Benefits	216,807.00
591 · Contract/Prof Services	53,120.00
592 · Plant Related	164,100.00
593 · Utilities	74,483.00
594 · Supplies & Equipment	39,500.00
595 · General Expense	46,282.00
Total Expense	594,292.00
Net Ordinary Income	-71,652.00
Net Income	-71,652.00

Blessed Sacrament Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2023 through June 2024

	Jul '23 - Jun 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
410 · Ordinary Revenues	191,736.12	186,270.00	5,466.12	102.9%
450 · Additional Revenues	52,573.93	11,400.00	41,173.93	461.2%
454 · Non-Operating Revenues	490,347.05	271,850.00	218,497.05	180.4%
Total Income	734,657.10	469,520.00	265,137.10	156.5%
Gross Profit	734,657.10	469,520.00	265,137.10	156.5%
Expense				
590 · Salaries & Benefits	235,402.52	220,626.00	14,776.52	106.7%
591 · Contract/Prof Services	36,089.70	28,120.00	7,969.70	128.3%
592 · Plant Related	350,789.66	129,900.00	220,889.66	270.0%
593 · Utilities	61,317.11	57,300.00	4,017.11	107.0%
594 · Supplies & Equipment	50,615.00	31,500.00	19,115.00	160.7%
595 · General Expense	69,485.73	45,715.00	23,770.73	152.0%
Total Expense	803,699.72	513,161.00	290,538.72	156.6%
Net Ordinary Income	-69,042.62	-43,641.00	-25,401.62	158.2%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
570 · Capital Project Expense	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	-100,000.00	100,000.00	0.0%
Net Income	-69,042.62	-143,641.00	74,598.38	48.1%

ALL CHURCH REQUESTS AND ACTIVITIES on BSSCB properties must come through the office to be processed. The office is open 5 days a week. Call 973-824-6548. Please refrain from giving information or money to the office staff on Sunday.

CCD, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION classes resume. Please see Stephanie Williams (First Communion) and Fred Hill (Confirmation). Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments.

FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS ARE NEEDED for both 8 and 10 am Masses. Please contact Pat Ross at 973-508-8309 reserve the dates.

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

Option 1- YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGM3EVxhKOb2gHpA1eEhivw>

Option 2- FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/100270185333720/live/> Facebook account not required to view. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column: Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo.

Option 3- ZOOM: ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

We have an open 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. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV>.

BIBLE STUDY will resume in January every Wednesday at 7:45 pm on Zoom. **ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS: Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place every Sunday during the 10 am liturgy. On the 4th Sunday all children are invited to sit in the first three front pews facing the Blessed mother. Volunteers needed. Interested persons must be certified in Protecting God's Children in order to facilitate this liturgy. To register for this workshop, contact Elizabeth at the Parish office, 973-824- 6548 ext 104.

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 – \$110 per case, Sacramental Host – \$30 per box, Perpetual Light Candles – \$73.75 per case, Perpetual Light Candle (singular) – \$10 and Flowers are \$50 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

LOCK BOX is on the door at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box. Put your phone number and other information so we can let you know it was received.

PARISH CELL FOR ZELLE: 973-392-3139. Add message: Include purpose, name, Mass date, intention and your name.

MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE: Please call the office to request and place your Mass intentions at a suggested donation of \$10.

ILL PARISHIONERS: If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and home-bound team can arrange a visit.

SUGGESTION BOX is in the back of the church. If you have any words of wisdom and solutions, please put in the box.

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