

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

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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 Edeley, 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 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

APRIL 27, 2025

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.
8:00 AM STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

All Masses should have an intention.
Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise
and worship we can ever offer to God.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Acts 5:12–16

Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Jn 20:19:31

8:00 AM Mass

*Healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips
and intervention of Arianna by Marva
Mendoza; Repose of the soul of Pope
Francis; All souls in Purgatory; Family
of Prince Stephen and Ntiakala Odom,
parents Scholastica Nshokibe Mojafu-
Ekpang and Ubiet Stephen Ekwok
Odom who joined the Lord*

10:00 AM Mass

*God's continued 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; Soul of Anthonia
Bridget Onemheghie requested by
Solomon Onemheghie family; Birthday
blessings for Alexandra Ogochukwu
Odiachi requested by Ngozi Odiachi*

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, April 28

Reading: Acts 4:23–31

Gospel: Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday, April 29

Reading: Acts 4:32–37

Gospel: Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, April 30

Reading: Acts 5:17–26

Gospel: Jn 3:16–21

Thursday, May 1

Reading: Acts 5:27–33

Gospel: Jn 3:31–36

Friday, May 2

Reading: Acts 5:34–42

Gospel: Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, May 3

Reading: 1 Cor 15:1–8

Gospel: Jn 14:6–14

Sunday, May 4

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rv 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19



The Institution of the Catholic Church

During the first part of today's Gospel Reading, we heard that the apparition of Jesus to His disciples took place on the first day of the week, that being a Sunday. The apparition took place on the evening of the same day that Jesus had resurrected. It is important to notice on which day of the week that these events were instituted by the Lord Jesus in order to understand how, in the early days of the Church, the Sabbath was replaced with Sunday.

Up until now, the Holy Bible reveals to us three things that happened on Easter Day. First, Jesus resurrected early on Easter Sunday. [Jn. 20:1, 9] Secondly, He had not yet ascended to the Father. [Jn. 20:17] Thirdly, during the evening, He gave the Holy Spirit to the world. [Jn. 20:22]

The Gospel of John concludes by telling us that Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [Jn. 20:29] These powerful words of Jesus were not meant just for the little group that was present in the house. It was a blessing that was intended to surpass the days of the first disciples. It was addressed to all Christians of all time, that including the faithful of today.

All what has been said until now has taken place on the first day of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. But the words that we heard during the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, those events took place during the first weeks of the institution of the Church of Jesus on earth.

As you recall, towards the end of His ministry, Jesus promised to Peter that he would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. [Mt. 16:18-9] Shortly after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, Peter was the one to address the crowd, this affirming his appointment as the Vicar of Christ on earth. [Acts 2:14]

This week, as we reflect upon today's readings, let us ponder upon our role in the Church of Jesus. What are we as individuals doing to promote the growth of the Church of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit? Pondering upon this, let us all make a resolution as to how we will promote the Church during the coming year. Some may choose to evangelize to their children. Others may wish to guide new converts by becoming involved in the RCIA.

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 available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Church
Rosary Altar Society

Communion Brunch

Sunday, May 4, 2025
12:30–4 pm

Guest Speaker



Sister Lynn Marie Ralph, S.B.S.
Theme: Women of Royalty

Galloping Hill Caterers
1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union, NJ
\$35 per person

For tickets and additional information
call 973.824.6548

FOOD PANTRY is in need of diapers, wipes and tuna. Please support the food pantry with these items or a monetary donation. The pantry feeds over 200 families per month most with young children. Men are needed on every 3rd and 4th Wednesday and every 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month to help the food pantry.

THE GREATER NEWARK HEALTH CARE COALITION CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD) PROGRAM in partnership with Rutgers Health and MEND, who supports our Food Pantry, is providing special services for those with high blood pressure or high cholesterol. Call: 908-309-9034 or oidowu@greaternewarkhcc.org. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY will honor couples celebrating their 5th, 25th and 50th Catholic wedding anniversary at a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Tobin on **Sunday, June 1, 3pm** in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. See forms at the piano or go online. Deadline to register is May 10. For questions contact Fred Hill or Elizabeth Chukwu.

KITCHEN MINISTRY needs help at 8 & 10 AM Masses.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2025. We need to reach our goal of \$22,000 by June to be able to get our 2% reduction. We exceeded our goal last year-Let's do it again!!

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 WhatsApp 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.