

# 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

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,  
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext. 105

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*Pastoral Associate*, Ext. 104

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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 23, 2025

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a  
Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

### 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; Healing prayers Jean Claude Hunt, Jr. requested by Gwen Hunt; 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; Soul of Anthonia Bridget Onemheghie requested by Solomon Onemheghie family; Prayers God's mercy for healing Pat Ross and son DJ Ross; Birthday blessings for Wilson Aduayom requested by the family; Memorial for Paul Ameh requested by Mr. Ogwuche Joseph Idoko family; Soul of Clarence L. Brown, Jr. requested by the Brown & Ware-Mayers family; Soul of Judea Green requested by GG Jacques family; Prayers for Pope Frances by BSSCB*

### 12:30 PM ICC Mass

#### Monday, March 24

Reading: 2 Kg 5:1-15  
Gospel: Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday, March 25

Readings: Is 7:10-14 • Heb 10:4-10  
Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

#### Wednesday, March 26

Reading: Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Gospel: Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday, March 27

Reading: Jer 7:23-28  
Gospel: Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday, March 28

Reading: Hos 14:2-10  
Gospel: Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday, March 29

Reading: Hos 6:1-6  
Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday, March 30

Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## *Of His Kingdom there will be no end*

**T**oday's celebration of the Holy Mass that commemorates the Annunciation of the Lord. Normally this Feast is remembered on March 26 th during the Liturgical Calendar. This year, because March 26 fell on the Easter Vigil, the Catholic Church move it forward to April 4th. Next year, this Feast should be back on its regular day of celebration.

This special Feast commemorates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would give birth to the Child Jesus. [Is. 7:14; Lk. 1:26-38] It was the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that the incarnation of God would be fulfilled through her. This was the official announcement that the Word of God would become man.

For centuries prior to the birth of Christ, God's chosen people had been waiting for the promised Messiah. As we heard during the First Reading, [Is. 7:10-4, 8:10] around the years 742 to 715 B.C., God spoke to king Ahaz through Isaiah. King Ahaz was told to ask the Lord God for a sign, any sign that he wanted to have. But king Ahaz refused to ask God for a sign, indicating that he would not put God to the test. Consequently, the Lord God chose a sign of His own to give. God said, "Look, the young woman, is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." [Is. 7:14] "Emmanuel" [Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14] means "God is with us."

When Gabriel appeared to Mary, he said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." When Mary heard these words, she was confused because she did not know who the angel was, why he had come, nor the meaning for this kind of salutation. From these prophetic words, the Virgin Mary understood the message to mean the announcement of the coming Redeemer. But how could this be since she was a virgin who had vowed her virginity to God? Why should she be chosen among all women to be the mother of the Messiah?

### *Word Of Life*

**"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo RC Church

## Lenten Revival

Revivalist

Rev. Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

### THEME: TOTAL SURRENDER

Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, a priest with the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (The Josephite Community), is a native of Philadelphia and resides in Washington, D.C. After serving 16 years in the U.S. military on active and Air National Guard Reserve duty, Fr. Bozeman felt a calling to the priesthood and entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, and on May 20, 2000, he was ordained to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Fr. Bozeman has pastored parishes in Philadelphia, Houston, Louisiana and Los Angeles. He is fond of saying, "God is in charge when the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ is shared." Fr. Bozeman believes that preaching on behalf of the poor is God's will for his life, and he is looking forward to introducing parishes across the country to Cross Catholic Outreach's ministry.



Friday, March 28, Youth Revival beginning with Mass @ 6:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross and Youth Revival in the church

Saturday, March 29 8:30 am Breakfast Revival continues to 2 pm in the church

Revival concludes on Sunday, March 30 with Mass at 8 and 10 am

*"Come on out and bring your family and friends. Don't miss the blessing of this 2025 Jubilee Lenten Journey."*

Our revival can be viewed via our Facebook page on <http://bsscb.org> and using our free conference line <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/bsscbchurchmedia>  
Meeting ID: bsscbmedia Dial in number 978-990-5000 access code 570414.

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**ULTREYA HOSTED BY WOMEN'S 184<sup>TH</sup> CURSILLO AND OLPH CURSILLO COMMUNITY**, Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 117 Franklin Avenue, Oakland, NJ Connors Hall.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** In order to facilitate correct information and a timely entry for Mass intentions in the bulletin, please call the parish office and submit your request one week before the date you wish. Copies of the bulletin are available in the vestibule and at the sheep gate table. Due to printing the bulletins, it must be in by the close of business on Tuesday otherwise it will be placed the following week. A donation of \$10 is suggested. **NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY.** Please call the office directly for any information/appointments, etc., from Monday – Friday. Only emergencies when the office is closed. Also, there is a secure drop box on the second door at 19 Van Ness for your convenience.

**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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATION BOX** is on the Blessed Mother's Altar and will be available through April 13th.

**LENTE FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT AND EXPOSITION,** Tuesday, March 25, at 11:30 p.m., **TOTAL SURRENDER.**

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