

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

MAY 18, 2025

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

8:00 AM Mass

Healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and intervention of Arianna by Marva Mendoza; Soul of Raymond Rowe requested by BSSCB; Healing for Joe Assan requested by the BSSCB Choir; All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Soul of Lakeshia Lewis requested by Solomon Onemheghie

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; Soul of Raymond Rowe requested by BSSCB; Healing for Joe Assan requested by the BSSCB Choir; All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Thanksgiving, God's mercy, of Onyiyechi, Ikechukwu, Uchechukwu and Ezinne Anyanwu requested by John & Immaculata

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, May 19

Reading: Acts 14:5–18

Gospel: Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday, May 20

Reading: Acts 14:19–28

Gospel: Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday, May 21

Reading: Acts 15:1–6

Gospel: Jn 15:1–8

Thursday, May 22

Reading: Acts 15:7–21

Gospel: Jn 15:9–11

Friday, May 23

Reading: Acts 15:22–31

Gospel: Jn 15:12–17

Saturday, May 24

Reading: Acts 16:1–10

Gospel: Jn 15:18–21

Sunday, May 25

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29

Rv 21:10–14, 22–23

Jn 14:23–29



A Service of Love in the Lord Jesus

Reviewing the past few weeks, on Easter Sunday, we proclaimed that the Lord Jesus had indeed risen. On the Second Sunday of Easter, the liturgical readings opened our eyes to the early history of the Christian Church. The following Sunday, we were reminded of our loyalty to the Lord Jesus. Last week, we reflected on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, hearing His voice and following Him. Today, in the next step towards our spiritual growth, we are called to reflect on our service of love in the Lord Jesus.

During today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we heard of the praiseworthy service of love that the Christians had for each other in the Lord Jesus. Paul and Barnabas continued on their mission from town to town, "strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith."

Today's Second Reading from the Book of Revelation helps us to understand the purpose of the progressive development of the spiritual wonders of God within the Holy Catholic Church. In his vision, while in the spirit [Rev. 1:10] in a state of ecstasy, John saw a new heaven and a new earth. [Rev. 21:1] What was this new heaven and this new earth? It was the glorious arrival of the long awaited "salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah."

During the Gospel Reading, we all heard the Words of Jesus when He gave us a new commandment, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." [Jn. 13:34] To this, Jesus added, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." [Jn. 13:35] By shining in love towards one another, others will know that we are the disciples of Jesus.

These Words of Jesus remind us of the words that are found in the First Letter of John. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." [1 Jn. 4:7-8] "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." [1 Jn. 4:16]

Word Of Life

"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLACK CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT sponsored by the AAACA and the Archdiocese is **Saturday May 31** in Tenaflly. To register, see the flyer and scan the QR Code on the back. Transportation provided.

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.

PSE PANCAKE FUNDRAISER at Applebee's in Union on **June 28**. Tickets: \$15. See flyers and Mary Brown or Fred Hill for tickets.

MOTHER'S DAY PETITIONS BOX is by the Blessed Mother altar. Petitions will be placed on the main altar and will be prayed for from Mother's Day through the last Sunday of May.

MAY DEVOTIONS honoring the Blessed Mother every Monday & Friday in the main church. Parishioners can take a Madonna home for family prayer during the week. Please see Claire Dufrene or Marleyne Tronchin to sign up to take the Madonna statue into your home.

KITCHEN MINISTRY needs help at 8 & 10 AM Masses.

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.

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!!

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. If your information has changed please call parish office at 973-824-6548 or email: info@bsscbchurch.com to update; your address, phone number and email.

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.