

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

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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 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 30, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Gospel: Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

8:00 AM Mass

Healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and intervention of Arianna by Marva Mendoza; Soul of Anthonia Bridget Onemheghie by Solomon Onemheghie family; Soul of Stella Udoh by Grace Udoh; Soul of Jean Claude Hunt, Jr. by Grace Udoh; Thanking God for family protection by Grace Udoh; Soul of Barr Aloy Abarah and comfort for Chioma Abarah and family 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 by Agoro family; Soul of Anthonia Bridget Onemheghie by Solomon Onemheghie family; Soul of Judea Green by GG Jacques family; Healing for Annika Chime Riches by Fred Hill and Youth Ministry; Soul of Ken Bransfield by Cursillo Ministry

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, March 31

Reading: Is 65:17–21

Gospel: Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday, April 1

Reading: Ez 47:1–9, 12

Gospel: Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, April 2

Reading: Is 49:8–15

Gospel: Jn 5:17–30

Thursday, April 3

Reading: Ex 32:7–14

Gospel: Jn 5:31–47

Friday, April 4

Reading: Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Gospel: Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday, April 5

Reading: Jer 11:18–20

Gospel: Jn 7:40–53

Sunday, April 6

Readings: Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Gospel: Jn 8:1–11



There is a New Creation

I call to your attention a very special Bible verse, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new!" [2 Cor. 5:17] This one passage summarizes God's Divine Plan for man. Having its origin in the prophecies of the Old Testament, being fulfilled through Jesus Christ, it explains how we have become today's new creations of God.

I have come to the conclusion that very few Christians truly know and understand what it means that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. I am not denying that in faith, most Christians accept this as a doctrinal truth. What I am saying is that few understand what really happens through the Sacrament of Baptism during the process of our having died with Christ, our having been buried with Christ and our having risen as a new creation with Christ. [Rom. 6:4]

In the beginning, "the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." [Gen. 2:7] In other words, God created a physical body, gave it a "human spirit" God created man with a soul, his self-consciousness, a physical body and a human spirit to sustain the life of the body. For a body without a (human) spirit is dead. [Jas. 2:26] As Jesus said, "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless."

From the Book of Genesis, we also learn that God created man holy in nature in His likeness. [Gen. 1:26; 5:1] And God saw that all what He had made was good. [Gen. 1:31] After God completed the creation of all things, He placed Adam in the Garden of Eden [Gen. 2:15] and commanded, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." [Gen. 2:16-7]

Here is where we begin to discover the mystery of man's creation. When God said that man is dust and he shall return to dust, God meant that all the descendants of Adam would experience spiritual death, being deprived of the eternal beatific vision of God in His eternal Kingdom."

Knowing this, you now understand why we are ambassadors for Christ. On behalf of Christ, God is making His appeal through us, to urge all to be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

Word Of Life

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERY FRIDAY LENTEN MASS

8 AM – Virtual Mass
6:00 PM – Main Church - Rosary
6:30 PM – Stations of the Cross
7:15 PM – Mass/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 19 from Noon–3 pm. Please bring filled plastic eggs to the church or the office during business hours. 9 am–4 pm.

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

COMMUNION BRUNCH, Sunday, May 4. The Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Rosary Altar Society is hosting immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass at the Galloping Hills Caterers in Union. The guest speaker is Sister Lynne Marie Ralph. Please see any Rosarian member for tickets.

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.

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.

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.

TUESDAY NIGHT FAMILY PRAYER and Fasting at 10 pm on YouTube Live Stream.

OSV, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is the company email blast from BSSCB. Please give us your email address so you receive the latest information from the church.

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.