

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 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

APRIL 13, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Readings: Lk 19:28–40 / Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11

Gospel: Lk 22:14–23:56

8:00 AM Mass

Healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and intervention of Arianna by Marva Mendoza; Soul of Victoria Odunaike requested by the family; Souls of Johnny, Alice and Charles Makhome requested by Anthony Makhom; Souls in Purgatory; Healing for Joe and Pat Assan requested by Pat Assan

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 by Solomon Onemheghie family; Soul of Grace Thomas requested by Sharon Burgwyn; Soul of Michael Ugonna Nworu requested by Dr. Innocent & Dr. Victoria Nworu; Healing for Joe and Pat Assan requested by Pat Assan

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, April 14

Reading: Is 42:1–7
Gospel: Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday, April 15

Reading: Is 49:1–6
Gospel: Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday, April 16

Reading: Is 50:4–9a
Gospel: Mt 26:14–25

Thursday, April 17

Readings: Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8
Gospel: Lk 4:16–21
Mass Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Gospel: Jn 13:1–15

Friday, April 18

Readings: Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Gospel: Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday, April 19

Reading: Gen 1:1–2:2
Gospel: Ex 14:15:1 / Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11 / Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ez 36:16–17a

Sunday, April 13

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4
Gospel: Jn 20:1–9



God Highly Exalted Jesus

Today's celebration of Passion Sunday, based on the lengthy readings that you have just heard, I am sure that you have all concluded that this celebration commemorates the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

During the First Reading from the Gospel of Luke, we heard of the entry of Jesus in Jerusalem on a colt. During this event, His disciples appeared to recognize the Divine Person of Jesus as their King. So important was this event that when the Pharisees asked Jesus to order His disciples to stop saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!", Jesus responded by saying that if His disciples were silent, "the stones would shout out." This is one event that would not go by unnoticed.

As we have heard during another reading, while Jesus was proclaimed as the King of the people during His entry into Jerusalem, on the following Friday, the people, including some who had formerly followed Him, were shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" Why the sudden change of heart? It was because the people who were waiting for the promised Messiah and the coming Kingdom of God, were expecting a worldly kingdom. They were tired of the Romans who were ruling over them. They wanted Jesus as their King to lead them to war against the Roman Empire in order to end their dominion. The people had failed to perceive in the teachings of Jesus that His Kingdom was not of this world. It was not a physical Kingdom then, nor is it one now, nor will be it be physical Kingdom in the future. So who believe so are deceived!

Today's reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians tells us that, Jesus "though he was in the form of God, (He) did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6–8]

This week, let us reflect upon the mystery of the Passion of Jesus, our King, as we prepare ourselves to commemorate His glorious Resurrection. Let us remember that Jesus died for our sins, your sins, my sins.

Word Of Life

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY–8 AM Virtual Mass: 6:30 PM Mass in Convent: 8 PM CHRISM MASS/HOLY OILS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY–8:AM Virtual Mass: 6:30 PM Mass in Convent: 7 PM: 11:30 pm Family Prayer

WEDNESDAY–8 AM Virtual Mass: 6:30 PM Mass/ Penance Service in the Main Church.

THURSDAY–9 AM Morning Prayer Service in Main Church: 6:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER-ADORATION UNTIL 12 MIDNIGHT MAIN CHURCH. Poor man's supper. We need donations of soups and crackers. There is a sign-up sheet available at the piano to know if we need bowls and utensils.

FRIDAY–9 AM Morning Prayer Service in Main Church: 4 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALK Meet in front of the church: 6 PM GOOD FRIDAY MASS MAIN CHURCH

SATURDAY–9 AM Morning Prayer Service in Main Church: 8:15 PM EASTER VIGIL MAIN CHURCH

SUNDAY-RESURRECTION SUNDAY 8 AM, 10 AM, 12:30 PM

COMMUNION BRUNCH, Sunday, May 4 hosted by the Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Rosary Altar Society immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass at the Galloping Hills Caterers in Union. Guest speaker: Sister Lynne Marie Ralph, theme: "Women of Royalty." Please see any Rosarian member for tickets, \$35.

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.

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.

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.