

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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.

Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Sat.: 8:00 a.m., Sat.: 6:30 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.104

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office

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
CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn Smith
FINANCE: Lola Walker
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, Diane Scott
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Marilyn Smith
REPAST: Helen Brooks
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown
SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford
TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
VAN SERVICE: Kevin Ralph
WELCOME: Joan Lowery
WELLNESS: Marleyne Tronchin
YOUTH: Fred Hill

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR
THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**



Mary E. Brown, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edeley, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Annie Royster

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 300 to 350 people a month. Our Pantry hours are 3rd and 4th Saturdays for singles 9 AM -11 AM and 3rd and 4th Tuesdays 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 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Peter 2:20b–25

Gospel: Jn 10:1–10

8:00 Mass

*Rest of the soul of Sylvester
Ogbonna requested by Lucy Ogbonna;*

Rest of the soul of Alhaji Engr

Hassan requested by Solomon

Onemheghie

10:00 Mass

*Asking God to bless the success of my
Thanksgiving on May 7 requested by
Sr. Mary Camillus Uzor; Thanksgiving
for the gift of Onemheghie family by
Solomon Onemheghie; Thanking God
for all His blessings, guidance and
protection as we celebrate our 30th
Wedding Anniversary requested by the
Umetiti Family*

12:30 ICC MASS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM

VIA ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.–

SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM;

ROSARY 6:30 PM MASS LIVE VIA

ZOOM 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Monday, May 1

Readings: Acts 11:1–18

Gospel: Jn 10:11–18

Tuesday, May 2

Readings: Acts 11:19–26

Gospel: Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday, May 3

Readings: Cor 15:1–8

Gospel: Jn 14:6–14

Thursday, May 4

Readings: Acts 13:13–25

Gospel: Jn 13:16–2

Friday, May 5

Readings: Acts 13:26–33

Gospel: Jn 14:1–6

Saturday, May 6

Readings: Acts 13:44–52

Gospel: Jn 8:31b–32

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 6:1–7

1 Peter 2:4–9

Gospel: Jn 14:1–12



I Am the Gate for the Sheep

In the eyes of the Catholic Church, this Sunday is very special. It has been set aside in the Liturgical Calendar as the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." By "vocations," it is meant priestly, diaconal and religious vocations. This is not a denial of the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage. Rather, it is a time that has been set aside by the Holy Catholic Church to emphasize: First, the importance of the Sacrament of the Holy Orders. Second, the Church seeks to emphasize the beauty of the religious life through the consecration of one's mind, heart, body and soul as a religious brother or sister.

Today, the Church calls us to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. It reminds us that the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. One may ask, "What exactly is the responsibility of the Christian community to foster vocations?" To answer that question, we must review the words of Saint Paul in the Letter to the Romans.

You can go to many Churches on Sunday and you will meet altar servants, eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, lectors and ministers of hospitality. In some Churches, all of these positions are filled by females. It is as if the Church has been taken over by the female gender. It is as if Church involvement has become a women's thing! This is wrong! This does not foster religious vocations, especially to the priesthood or as religious brothers.

Many parishes cry that they have no priests. For years, they have been promoting lay liturgies, slowly doing away with the need of their priests. For years, they have been gradually pushing the males out of their Churches, cutting off the grace of God from touching priestly vocations. Now they ask, "Why is God punishing us? Why is God not providing us with vocations?" God did not punish them! God did not stop giving them vocations! They punished themselves! Through their own ways, they cut off the grace of God from manifesting itself in their parishes! What they enjoy today is the fruit of their labor.

Word Of Life

"People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given your child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Perfect Gift"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 22/23

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| 6:30 p.m. | \$223.00 |
| 8:00 a.m. | \$716.00 |
| 10:00 a.m. | \$1,439.00 |
| On-line Giving | \$420.00 |

YOUTH NIGHT is May 12 at 7 pm in the church hall. Parents, bring your children for a night of fun and faith!

THE ORDINATION OF BR. PATRICK WINBUSH is **Saturday, May 20** at the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 528 MLK. Blvd., Newark at 10:30 am. RSVP to 973-792-5772 or pwinbush@sbp.org by Friday, May 5. Rev. Patrick's first Mass is **Sunday, May 21** at 9:30 am at BSSCB. Reception to follow.

SPRING FLING DANCE sponsored by the Holy Name is June 9 in the BSSCB church hall. Get your tickets from any Holy Name member.

THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2023. The response is low. Your gift supports this parish and the Archdiocese, Mercy House, Catholic Charities and the Office of Youth Ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you! Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Bereavement and Repast, Media, Youth, and Church Maintenance need help. A typist is needed for the Food Pantry to enter the client's information. If you can volunteer on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm or 3rd or 4th Saturday, 9 to 11 am, call the office. If you have a skill or trade in Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and IT, we welcome your help. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

SACRAMENTAL FORMS: For all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: bsscb.org. Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to the parish office.

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Fathers Albert and Erasmus have begun the Parish Fellowship for Men. This fellowship will be engaging in spiritual guidance, teaching and sharing. They invite all men 18 and older to join them every other month on the second Saturday in the parish hall at 9 am. Please call the parish office to register.

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. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

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. Please feel free to "like" the page to follow. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

Option 3- ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846588210?pwd=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09>
Zoom: ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

We also have opened a 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/HTTejmw2j123mcpaNE2qxV>.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6 pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm.

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.

The Archdiocese of Newark
AFRICAN AMERICAN, AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN APOSTOLATE
invites you to
Day of Reflection

Saturday, May 6, 2023
8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
OUR LADY of SORROWS CHURCH, CINELLI CENTER
654 OCEAN AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, NJ
(Entrance to parking lot located on Claremont Ave.)

To register, visit: archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/writethevision

Rev. Andrew Njoku, Celebrant
Dr. Valerie Mosely, Facilitator

Congress XIII:
"Write the vision, a PROPHETIC call to thrive."

 ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK 

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