

# 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

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Ext: 103

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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.



# Church Ministries and Chairpersons

**BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ

**BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins

**CURSILLO:** Marilyn Smith

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Marilyn Smith

**FINANCE:** Lola Walker

**FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Harold Uche

**HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore

**HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross

**LECTORS:** Fred Hill

**LITURGY:** Marilyn Smith

**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex

**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

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell

**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, Alice Williams, 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, Fred McLurkin, 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

## FEBRUARY 19, 2023

All Masses should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God. Parishioners are encouraged to offer intentions for the Masses.

### Sunday, February 19

#### Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Lev 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Gospel: Mt 5:38–4

**8:00 Mass**

**10:00 Mass**

*The Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica for a safe, healthy, and blessed delivery; Praying for God's Mercy and eternal rest for Paul Unogo requested by Bernie Unongo; Birthday Blessings for Jasmine and Brianna Ferguson requested by Marilyn Smith*

**12:30 ICC MASS**

**DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT. 8:00 AM**

**& SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM**

**MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981**

**Password 570414**

**STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST**

**FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,**

**7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM**

**VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981**

**Password 570414**

### Monday, February 20

Readings: Sir 1:1–10

Gospel: Mk 9:14–29

### Tuesday, February 21

Readings: Sir 2:1–11

Gospel: Mk 9:30–37

### Wednesday, February 22

Readings: Joel 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Gospel: Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

### Thursday, February 23

Readings: Deu 30:15–20

Gospel: Lk 9:22–25

### Friday, February 24

Readings: Is 58:1–9a

Gospel: Mt 9:14–15

### Saturday, February 25

Readings: Is 58:9b–14

Gospel: Lk 5:27–32

### Sunday, February 26

#### Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Lev 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Gospel: Mt 5:38–48



## *Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect*

**T**oday's First Reading from Chapter 19 of the Book of Leviticus teaches us that the spirit of charity makes it impossible for the spirits of enmity, revenge, and grudge bearing to dwell within us. Charity requires that fraternal correction be made when necessary.

If the spirits of enmity, revenge and grudge bearing dwell in us, then they coexists with the spirit of hatred towards others. If the spirit of hatred is within us, then we are living in sin. The First Reading reminds us not to incur sin through the spirit of hatred because of our behavior towards one or more persons.

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians [1 Cor. 3:16-23] reminds us of the division that dwelled in the Corinthian Church during the first century.

When Paul said, "Do you not know that you are God's Temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?", he was speaking of two Temples. First of all, the Corinthian community was a Temple of God, because the Divine Spirit dwelled in it. Secondly, the Holy Spirit dwelled in all those who had been baptised.

Now these two Temples, within the community and within each individual were being destroyed by division. Some of the Christians claimed to belong to Paul, others to Apollos. Who were Saint Paul and Apollos? They were nothing, merely human servants of the Church in the Name of Jesus Christ. In their vain and merely human appraisal of the ministers of the Gospel the Corinthians were displaying their foolishness, judging by the wisdom of the world. No Christian should glory in men, calling himself a disciple of any preacher, to the detriment of the unity of the Church. The ministers of the Gospel are for the faithful, not the faithful for them.

### *Word Of Life*

**"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Masses 8am via zoom, 12 and 6:30pm in the Main Church.  
**Stations of the Cross** this Friday after 6:30pm Mass.

**INTERNATIONAL FEAST DAY, February 26** to close Black History Month. It will be catered and monetary donations are needed to make this a success! Please see Pat Ross for further information.

**CHAPEL AND CONVENT HALL:** Evening Mass and Children's Liturgy at 6:30 in the Convent Chapel; all ministry meetings will be held in the Convent Hall.

**CCD CLASSES:** Resume on Saturday. If you have any questions regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation please call the parish office, we will need your children's names and contact information along with email addresses. For more information call the parish office.

**RCIA:** Classes are every Sunday after the 10 am Mass in 19 Van Ness Pl. Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older by which adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments and speak to Merilyn Smith for further details on how to proceed.

**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.

**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. 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.

*To the Saints at Blessed Sacrament,  
Please excuse the delay in writing, but I want to extend my sincere thanks for the overwhelming celebration on the occasion of my anniversary of ordination to the presbyterate. I appreciate having been raised a second time by all of you. I hold you in my heart always and ask the Lord to continue to give you a double portion of his spirit that you might continue to be announcers of His good news.  
Pray for me.  
Fr. Ed*

## 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 825 5051 6981 Password 570414

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.

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## Lenten Revival

Revivalist

Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa

*"The Insanity of God – For God So Loved the World" John 3:16*



Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa is a Nigerian-born Priest of the Roman Catholic church. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology at the Political Salesian University, Rome. He also has a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Care and a Doctorate in Pastoral Psychology. Fr. Okwuosa started his priestly journey in Nigeria, then proceeded to Italy. He studied and worked for almost ten years as a student, an educator for junior seminarians, and a spiritual assistant to the Catholic Boys and Girls Scouts. In 2011 after his formation and ordination to the diaconate in Rome, he moved to the United States. He worked in Vermont as a youth leader, a teacher in a non-denominational Christian school, and a Parish vicar, first as a deacon and newly ordained priest after his ordination in 2012. In 2013, he was transferred to New Jersey, where he worked in the dioceses of Paterson and Metuchen and also internally for his former congregation, the Society of Divine Vocations (Vocationist Fathers), in the United States as a parochial vicar, formator of seminarians, vocation director, mission coordinator, Vice superior, and the provincial councilor in charge of formation until spring of 2022. From 2015 through 2019, Fr. Okwuosa was the director of Vocations for Religious Life and, from the Summer of 2016 through October 2022, the coordinator of the African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, both for the Archdiocese of Newark. Presently, he is incardinated into the Diocese of Bamadi, Nigeria. Fr. Okwuosa is a retreat preacher and motivational speaker. He is also well-traveled and proficient in Igbo, English, Spanish, and Italian languages.

**Friday, March 17, Youth Revival**  
beginning with Mass @ 6:30 pm  
followed by Stations of the Cross  
and Youth Revival in the church

**Saturday, March 18**  
8:30 am Breakfast  
Revival continues to 2 pm  
in the church

Revival concludes on Sunday, March 19 with Mass at 8 and 10 am

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