# 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 (Chapel), Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m., Saturday: 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. Merilyn 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 Elizabeth N. Chukwu, *Pastoral Associate*, Ext. 105 Frederick Hill, *Youth Minister*, Ext. 105 Parish Fax: 973-624-6030 Email: info@bsscbchurch.com Website: www.bsscb.org

#### **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:** Merilyn Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn 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: Merilyn Smith

**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex

**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

**RCIA:** Merilyn 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

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 Ededey, David Saddow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Marion Gabriel, Patricia Ross

# **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 8 AM - 10 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 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 Merilyn Smith.



# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

# AUGUST 6, 2023

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 Transfiguration of the Lord Readings: Dan 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Peter 1:16–19 Gospel: Mt 17:1–9 6:30 Mass

Repose of the soul of Rita Hudson and Georgiana Leach by the church family 8:00 Mass

All living and deceased Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar Society; Chigozie Ojukwu is thanking God for family and career mercy by Chigozie

#### 10:00 Mass

In memory of Jacqueline Bostic-Calder requested by Mary Brown and family; Repose of the soul of Rita Hudson and Georgiana Leach by the church family; All living and deceased Rosarians as by the Rosary Altar Society. Birthday thanksgivings for Nathan Ovie Okpor by the family; Birthday blessings for Raymond Taylor by Merilyn Smith; Traveling mercies for James Smith and companions by Merilyn Smith;Wedding Anniversary blessings for Michael & Kim Smith and traveling mercies by Merilyn Smith 12:30 ICC MASS ROSARY 6:30 PM MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

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> Monday, August 7 Readings: Num 11:4b–15 Gospel: Mt 14:13–21

#### Tuesday, August 8

Readings: Num 12:1–13 Gospel: Mt 14:22–36

#### Wednesday, August 9

Readings: Num 13:1–2, 25–14:1, 26a–29a, 14–35 Gospel: Mt 15:21–28

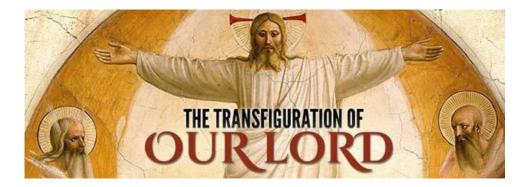
#### Thursday, August 10

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6–10 Gospel: Jn 12:24–26

Friday, August 11 Readings: Deu 4:32–40 Gospel: Mt 16:24–28

Saturday, August 12 Readings: Deu 6:4–13 Gospel: Mt 17:14–20

Sunday, August 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a Rom 9:1–5 Gospel: Mt 14:22–33



# This is My Son, the Beloved: Listen to Him!

Today's celebration of the Holy Mass that commemorates the "Transfiguration of the Lord." May the grace of God kindle your hearts as you listen to the message of this special feast that echoes the glory that awaits the children of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Daniels [Dan. 7:9-10, 13-4] is prophetic in nature. Many of the words that are found in this book are paraphrased in chapter one, and chapters four to six of the Book of Revelation.

The words written by Daniel are an account of his dreams and visions in the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon. [Dan. 7:1] As some of you may be aware, in the days of the Old Testament, God frequently used dreams as a means of communication to reveal to the worldly mind of the person the knowledge of what his spirit had seen or heard during prophetic dreams and visions. In this Bible passage, the spiritual experience of Daniel revealed the coming of the Messiah who would be given dominion and glory and kingship.

As we have heard, the vision of Daniel begins to unravel itself with the Ancient One taking His Throne. Here, the Ancient One is symbolic of God the Father. It is important to remember at this point that Daniel was talking about the Blessed Trinity when such knowledge had not yet been revealed to the world.

The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus on the high mountain before these witnesses was an affirmation to them as writers of the Holy Bible that Jesus was God. He was the awaited Messiah. He had been chosen by God the Father to rule as the King of kings over the eternal Kingdom. To Him was given all power, glory and honours.

Over and above this, the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus was a reflection of the fullness of the glory that awaits the resurrected bodies of those who persevere in their living faith. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, we will not all die, but we will all be changed. The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." [1 Cor. 15:51-2]

# Word Of Life

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae  $\mbox{$^{\odot}$}$  1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE STUDY** is every Wednesday at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

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

**SAVE THE DATE!** Family, Friends and Community BBQ on **Saturday, August 12**. More information to follow.

**FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** after the 8 and 10 AM Masses on August 6. It is simple fellowship. If you want to sponsor a fellowship, contact Pat Ross at 973-508-8309 for more information.

PARENTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE CHILDREN DURING THE SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MASS. CONTACT FRED.

**THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** to the National Shrine in Washington, DC is Saturday, September 16. Transportation will be coordinated with the parish. Call the parish office if you wish to attend.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**: Arrangements should be made two months in advance. A Baptism Preparation Session is required for all parents. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**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.

**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.

**MASS REMEMBRANCE AND FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in your Tithing package. Please place them in the boxes in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

REMEMBER! THERE IS NO EATING OR DRINKING IN 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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS**: Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place every Sunday during the 10 am liturgy. On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 – \$137.50 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.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**: Couples contemplating marriage should be registered and attending weekly Mass. Couples should make initial arrangements one year in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

**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.

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