

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. 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.

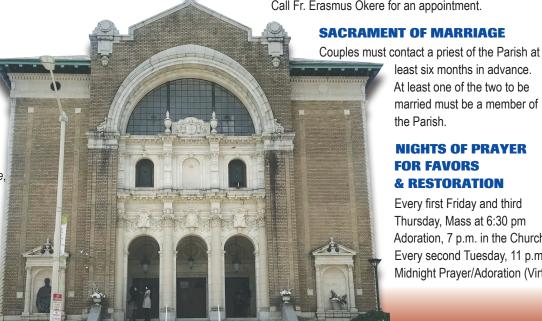
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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 Ededey, Joyce Leach, David Saddow, 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 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

APRIL 9, 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, April 9 Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or Cor 5:6b–8 Gospel: Jn 20:1–9

8:00 Mass

Praying for healing of Irene Crawford requested by Devvon Crawford 10:00 Mass

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EUCHARISTIC 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, April 10

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33 Gospel: Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday, April 11

Readings: Acts 2:36–41 Gospel: Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday, April 12

Readings: Acts: 3:1–10 Gospel: Lk 24:13–35

Thursday, April 13

Readings: Acts 3:11–26 Gospel: Lk 24:35–48

Friday, April 14

Readings: Acts 4:1–12 Gospel: Jn 21:1–14

Saturday, April 15

Readings: Acts 4:13–21 Gospel: Mt 28:1–10

Sunday, April 16 Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:42–47 1 Peter 1:3–9 Gospel: Jn 20:19–31



The Lord Has Risen Indeed

n the Feast of Easter, we commemorate the most important turning point in the history of mankind. We honour the fulfillment of the "blessed hope" of every living being, "the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." [Tit. 2:13] At that moment, when the fullness of time had arrived, all the faithful believers of the past, present, and future, received the free gift of salvation through the grace of God.

In order to appreciate the glorious Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we have to consider what the outcome would have been if there had been no resurrection. Saint Paul summarizes this subject in the following words:

"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." [1 Cor. 12-9]

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." [1 Cor. 20-2]

For us Christians, Easter Sunday is a day of joy. It is a day of joy because of the new life that we have received in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a day of joy because we have new brothers and sisters in Christ who have come home by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. It is a day of joy because it is the time of the year when many, after having been absent for some time, return to Jesus through the Sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist. It is a day of joy when in the perfect unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, all the saints and angels of Heaven rejoice with us because "The Lord has risen indeed." [Lk. 24:34]

Word Of Life

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 2 We are a tithing parish 6:30 p.m. \$214.00 working on the Biblical 8:00 a.m. \$806.00 Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work 10:00 a.m \$3,294,00 of the Church. Thank you Parish Giving \$269.50 for your generosity. TOTAL \$4.583.50

YOUTH GROUP GATHERING is Friday, **April 14** at **7pm**. Bring your children ages 6-17. Volunteers are needed!!

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY will honor couples celebrating 5,25,and 50 years of Catholic marriage with special Anniversary Masses at the Cathedral Basilica on April 16 and May 7 at 3 pm. This also includes couples who celebrated those milestones in 2020 & 2021. Forms are available from Janice, Elizabeth, or the office.

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.

BSSCB WISH LIST: Our Kitchen ministry is in need of a new coffee and hot water pot for fellowship each should be 75 cuppers. We also need 64" round table cloths of all colors. Our parish office is in need of a Keurig - K-elite Single Serve K-Cup Pod Coffee Maker. Please contact Pat Ross or Mary Brown (10am) or Jacqueline Gilbert or Helen Brooks (8am) if you are willing to donate these.

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, and Flowers are \$50 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09Zoom: 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/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV.

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.

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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL FORMS: 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.

ANNUAL APPEAL for 2023, we are still collecting. Your gift supports Catholic Charities.

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