

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH

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.

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Fr. Albert Nzeh, *Pastor*
Fr. Erasmus Okere, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Longinus Ugwuegbulem, *Resident Priest*
Fr. Peter Iwualla, *Resident Priest*
Rev. Fr. Edwin Leahy, *Weekend Assistant*
Mrs. Robyn Padia, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Stephanie Smith, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Charles Noun, *Business Manager*
Mr. John Garner, *Music Director*
Mr. Felix Padia, *Property Manager*
Mrs. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*
Mr. Isi Igetei, *Parish Sacristan*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 500
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Parish Office: Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1:00 pm–2:00 pm (Parish Chapel) or 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. Registered parishioners, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Parish Chapel.

NIGHTS OF PRAYER FOR FAVORS & RESTORATION

Every first Friday and third Thursday, 7:00 pm in the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.
Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Fri.: 6:30 p.m., Sat.: 7:30 a.m.
Special Masses: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion
7:00 pm in church. Every Third Thursdays 7:00–8:45 pm in church.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

ALTAR SERVERS: Isi Igetei

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Ruby Alexander

FINANCE: Yanielle Roberts

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Donovan Green

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Yvonne Green

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Marilyn Smith

MUSIC: John Garner

PARISH COUNCIL: Donovan Green

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Marilyn Smith

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown

TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley

VAN SERVICE: Donovan Green

WELCOME: Joan Lowery

WELLNESS: Marleyne Tronchin

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Mary E. Brown, Claire Battle, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Marion Crawford, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Shirley Bazemore, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgyn, Karen Barrett

Ministry News

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 Robyn Padia after Mass or call the parish office. The "Sermons on CD" are available after each Mass upon request for evangelizing your neighbors, family, friends and the home bound. Also, the bible study CD'S are available.

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 Marilyn Smith.

VAN

Drivers are needed for our van ministry. If you have a valid license and are available to assist one Sunday please speak with Mr. Green.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 29, 2020

All Masses said in the parish 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 these Masses. Donations for flowers at the altar are also available. Call the parish office for any of these requests.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:

2-7/1Cor 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mk 13: 33-37 (2)

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. IGBO

DAILY MASSES MON.– FRI. 7:30 AM

& 6:30 PM SAT. 7:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM

19 VAN NESS PLACE

Monday, November 30

Readings: Rom 10: 9-18

Gospel: Mt 4: 18-22 (684)

Tuesday, December 1

Readings: Is 11: 1-10

Gospel: Lk 10: 21-24 (176)

Wednesday, December 2

Readings: Is 25: 6-10a

Gospel: Mt 15: 29-37 (177)

Thursday, December 3

Readings: Is 26: 1-6

Gospel: Mt 7: 21, 24-27 (178)

Friday, December 4

Readings: Is 29: 17-24

Gospel: Mt 9: 27-31 (179)

Saturday, December 5

Readings: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26

Gospel: Mt 9: 35—10: 1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

Sunday, December 6

Readings: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/2Pt 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mk 1: 1-8 (5)

God is Faithful!

Today's readings touch upon a number of spiritual issues. They reveal to us that God is faithful, His Word being unchanging. They teach us the end result of righteousness. They tell us that although we presently dwell in our present sinful physical bodies that seek to oppose what is spiritual, we can still be blameless before God on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. These are all very powerful statements that deserve to be reviewed so that they may be understood.

When hearing the aforementioned Words, the first thing that comes to mind is the New Covenant of grace that God made with us through Jesus Christ, this making obsolete the Old Covenant of the Law. [Heb. 8:13] As found in the Holy Bible, this New Covenant echoes "I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." [Is. 43:25] "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." [Heb. 8:12; Jer. 31:44]

Today's First Reading shines in the grace of God. It echoes Divine love that is forgiving towards those who live righteously. As we heard, God gladly meets those who do right, those who remember Him and His Holy ways. But for those who turn their hearts away from the Lord, God treats them as children, disciplining them as a loving Father. [Heb. 12:8] Allowing all to enjoy their free will, the Lord permits them for some time to stray away from His ways, hardening their hearts so that they do not fear Him.

When some deliberately turn to sin, the Lord is angry. He hides Himself from them because they are like filthy cloths. Like a leaf, the sinners are taken away by the wind to fade away at a distance. Having turned from the ways of the Lord, no longer calling on His Holy Name, the sinners are left to their own iniquities. As we heard during the reading of the First Letter to the Corinthians, the grace of God flows abundantly towards those who walk their living faith in Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading reminds us that while Heaven and earth shall pass away, the Words of the Lord shall not pass away. Every promise that He has made shall be fulfilled. God shall prove His faithfulness to all by His Divine actions. But there is a catch! Everyone must remain consistent in his living faith. He must keep alert for no one but the Father knows when the time shall come, when the Son of God shall return or when each individual person will be called to experience physical death.

Jesus said to keep awake, in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or at dawn. By this, He meant to be spiritually active and consistent. Do not take a break in your spiritual lives to relapse into sin. For that sinful moment may be the moment when you will be called and judged according to the actions of your heart at the moment of physical death.

In His infinite mercy, God seeks to build up His Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ. He seeks to have millions of saints to populate the eternal world of love, joy, peace and glory. To do so, He will blot out the sins of those who sincerely persevere in their living faith.

Word Of Life

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

NOVEMBER 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

ADVENT REVIVAL REFLECTION: Saturday, December 12, in the church from 9 AM to NOON.

MASS REGISTRATION: To attend Mass on Sunday, Mass Registration continues to be mandatory. You can access the link via our website <http://bsscb.org> or using this link <http://bsscb.eventbrite.com>, daily registration is required for every Mass.

MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS: Please reach out to your volunteers, if they are attending Mass, their help is needed as Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and cleaning the sanctuary. Please call the office for any further info regarding scheduling.

MINISTRY MEETINGS: Ministry members, please check your emails or texts for information regarding ministry meetings. In adherence to the current guidelines we will be holding the meetings via zoom. Chairpersons please reach out to your members and make every effort to advise them of this.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: We need volunteers and we need to protect our children, in order to meet the necessary protocols of the Archdiocese we must ask all volunteers to fill out a volunteer application and attend a mandatory PGC session. This can be done easily through the parish office, please call Robyn Padia at 973-824-6548 for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD IN PERSON

Church family, welcome to the house of the Lord. We have begun our Sunday Mass and while it will take some getting used to, we are eager to see everyone and respectful of those who are not yet ready. We have taken every precaution to provide a safe environment. We have sanitizing stations, marked pews and floors for social distancing; cleaning supplies and volunteers to check individuals in and clean between each mass. Please register with this link when you are ready <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/109480009656>.

In addition to our regularly scheduled 8 & 10 AM mass we now have a 6:30 pm Mass on Saturdays. Weekday masses are being held in the main church at 6:30 Monday thru Friday. Seating allows for three individuals per pew and a family of two or more, a pew for themselves. Of course, suggestions are welcome while we transition, but patience is required and needed, as we all experience this change together. May God bless you and continue to join us on livestream. Know that we continue to pray for each of you.

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on YouTube. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

We've updated our teleconference login ID to enable us to check the distractions from background. CONFERENCE ID: 978-990-5000. Access code: 570-414 - You can download the Freeconferencecall app and use as our meeting ID bsscbchurchmedia. The Zoom Video Conference remains the same. For your convenience, the Zoom information is: Personal ID 381-980-5747 Web: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3819805747>.

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 or click this link below this message on your cell phone to be added automatically.

<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. Other spiritual activities will be announced when available.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

***Tithe if you love Jesus!
Anyone can honk!***

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