

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. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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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: Merylyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merylyn 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: Merylyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Merylyn Smith
REPAST: Helen Brooks
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown
SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford
TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
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, 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 Wednesdays 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 Merylyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Pro 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Gospel: Matt 25:14–30

or 25:14–15, 19–21

6:30 PM Mass

8:00 AM Mass

All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Repose of the souls of Comlavi Romain Goerke, Leopold Goerke and deceased members of the Goerke family requested by Madeline and Immaculata Goerke; Repose of the soul of Sheila Sadow requested by David Sadow

10:00 AM Mass

All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Repose of the souls of Patricia Schaefer and Charles Doherty requested by Barbara Doherty; Repose of the soul of Sheila Sadow as requested by David Sadow

12:30 PM ICC MASS

Monday, November 20

Reading: 1 Mac 1:10–15, 41–43,

54–57, 62–63

Gospel: Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday, November 21

Reading: 2 Mac 6:18–31

Gospel: Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday, November 22

Reading: 2 Mac 7:1, 20–31

Gospel: Lk 19:11–28

Thursday, November 23

Reading: Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Gospel: Lk 17:11–19

Friday, November 24

Reading: 1 Mac 4:36–37, 52–59

Gospel: Lk 19:45–48

Saturday, November 25

Reading: 1 Mac 6:1–13

Gospel: Lk 20:27–40

Sunday, November 26

Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Readings: Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Gospel: Matt 25:21–46



Unto Us It is Given to Blossom in Jesus

Today's readings echo a wise message of spiritual investments. The good Lord Jesus invested in us, His chosen children. He expects to reap something in return. Anyone who is involved in business knows that money management stresses the importance of getting something in return from your original investment. If the business cannot show a profit, it is a loser. And losers are dumped in favour of better business opportunities that promise profits.

The First Reading from the Book of Proverbs [Prov. 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31] spoke of a very productive wife that bears fruit in all things. She never sits idle, using every opportunity presented to her to increase the family wealth. Because of her qualities, she is far more precious than jewels.

The Second Reading from the Letter to the Thessalonians [1 Thess. 5:1-6] tells us that since we are children of the light and children of the day, we should not worry about when the Lord shall return. It is sufficient for us to know that when the Lord does suddenly come as a thief in the night, either through His Second and final Coming on Judgment Day or when we are individually called to appear before Him at death, which ever comes first, we will be ready.

According to the promise that we have made when we have received the Sacrament of Baptism, we strive to walk in our living faith. We strive to be like the wife that was just described during the First Reading.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of Matthew [Mt. 24:36, 25:14-30] involved two stories. The first reminded us of the necessity to be watchful at all time. The second, the Parable of the Talents, informed us as to why we must persevere in our living faith, why we must be fruitful in all our thoughts, our words and our actions.

The man who was going on a journey and who summoned his slaves is a picture of Jesus. As the man entrusted his slaves with some talents, the Lord Jesus also entrusted us with spiritual gifts that have been bestowed upon us through the Holy Spirit. Through the Blood of Christ, we received the opportunity to become children of God. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we became new creations, having received a new heart.

Word Of Life

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP is **November 18** at the Archdiocesan Center. Registration forms are available now. See Janice Champ(8am) and Marilyn Smith(10am).

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY GRAB-N-GO DINNER will follow the Thanksgiving Mass. Monetary donations are needed, please see Harold Uche, Sharon Burgwyn (10am) or Janice Champ (8am)

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST: **December 9**, 9 am to noon. Fr. Patrick Winbush will be the guest speaker.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: **December 16.** The giving tree with tags to purchase gifts for the children, will be in the back of the church.

WELCOME MINISTRY needs members. Please see Janice Champ (8am) and Marilyn Smith (10am).

ILL PARISHONERS: If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and homebound team can arrange a visit

CALLING ALL TEENS! The food pantry needs your help on the 3rd & 4th Saturday of the month between the hours of 8-10 am. See Helen Brooks for details.

THREE PARENTS PER WEEK are needed to help with the children's Mass, see Fred for details.

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

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

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.

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.

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>.

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

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.

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 – \$110 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.

NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE NO RENTAL OF THE CHURCH HALL AFTER OCTOBER 15 DUE TO RENOVATION.

REMEMBER! THERE IS NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE CHURCH.

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