

# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

It's the Most  
Wonderful Time  
of the Year.  
Christmas  
Blessings with  
a Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year.



## 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  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206  
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Email: [bsscbchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bsscbchurch@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.bsscb.org](http://www.bsscb.org)  
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, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, 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

DECEMBER 27, 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, DECEMBER 27

*The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Readings: Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3/

Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40 (17)

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, December 28

Readings: 1 Jn 1: 5—2: 2

Gospel: Mt 2: 13-18 (698)

### Tuesday, December 29

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 3

Gospel: Lk 2: 22-35 (202)

### Wednesday, December 30

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 12-17

Gospel: Lk 2: 36-40 (203)

### Thursday, December 31

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 18-21

Gospel: Jn 1: 1-18 (204)

### Friday, January 1

Readings: Nm 6: 22-27/Gal 4: 4-7

Gospel: Lk 2: 16-21 (18)

### Saturday, January 2

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 22-28

Gospel: Jn 1: 19-28 (205)

### Sunday, January 3

Readings: Is 60: 1-6/Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12 (20)



*This*

*Christmas*

*end a quarrel.*

*Seek out a forgotten*

*friend. Dismiss suspicion,*

*and replace it with trust. Write*

*a love letter. Share some treasure...*

*Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.*

*Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.*

*Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a*

*grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize*

*if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy.*

*Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone*

*else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh*

*a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice.*

*Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to Church. Welcome*

*a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and*

*wonder of the earth.*

*Speak your love.*

*Speak it again.*

*Speak it still once again.*

### *Word Of Life*

"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



## DECEMBER 27, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**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.

### CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE VERSES

"Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!" – Psalm 117

**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 – \$23 per box, Lux Mundi Oil Refills for the Altar - \$48 per case and Flowers are \$45 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

**TITHING ENVELOPES:** For changes of address, receipt of tithing envelopes and appointments to meet with Fr. Albert, please call Parish Secretary at 973-824-6548 ext 200. Our system is currently being updated but if you are not receiving your envelopes please call the secretary directly to rectify this. If you have not yet filled out a membership registration please do so online and submit or pick up a form at the registration desk, fill out and return immediately.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES WE LOST THIS PAST YEAR

To the families of our deceased loved ones, we express our prayers of comfort to you during this Christmas season. May the souls of our parishioners, Michael Mathos, Dr. Ignatius Njoko, Marion Crawford, Henry Gaines, Mary Fussell, Ruby Alexander, and all those relatives of our church family rest in eternal peace.

## 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"

As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5:11

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*"Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and always to be kind."*  
Amen

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