

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: Marilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn 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: Marilyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Marilyn 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 Sadow, 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 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 Marilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.
8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Sir 27:30–28:7
Rom 14:7–9

Gospel: Mt 18:21–35

6:30 PM Mass

8:00 AM Mass

Chigozie Ojukwu is thanking God for His family mercy and asking God's mercy on his career: Thanksgiving for my 50th birthday & 32 years as an altar server requested by Solomon Onemheghie

10:00 AM Mass

In loving memory of Sylvia Emmanuel requested by Angelica Adams; In loving memory of Reginald Bridges requested by Grace & Kevin Callaghan & Erin Sweeney-Callaghan; Thanksgiving for my 50th birthday & 32 years as an altar server as requested by Solomon Onemheghie; Healing mercies for Kevin Smith requested by Marilyn Smith

12:30 PM ICC MASS

Monday, September 25

Reading: Ezra 1:1–6

Gospel: Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday, September 26

Reading: Ezra 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20

Gospel: Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday, September 27

Reading: Ezra 9:5–9

Gospel: Lk 9:1–6

Thursday, September 28

Reading: Hag 1:1–8

Gospel: Lk 9:7–9

Friday, September 29

Reading: Dan 7:9–10, 134–14

Gospel: Jn 1:47–51

Saturday, September 30

Reading: Zech 2:5–9, 14–15a

Gospel: Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday, October 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5

Gospel: Mt 21:28–32



Forgive Your Brother and Sister From Your Heart

Today, we received a very clear message from the Lord God through the readings of the Holy Bible. We were told to forgive others of all their trespasses against us. And, our forgiveness should not be just once or twice, but seventy times seven. That does not mean that if we forgive every day for 490 days, then our share of forgiveness has been completed. The seventy times seven means ongoing forgiveness, day after day, week after week, years after years, this being done without counting.

When we do not forgive someone, it is because we are passing judgment on that person. Jesus commanded us not to judge others so that we will not be judged. For by the measure that we judge others, by refusing to forgive them of their trespasses, that same measure will be used against us when our time of judgment arrives.

So how can we perfectly forgive someone without judging? It is by completely forgetting the offenses that were committed by the person. It is by forgiving as a holy child of God, forgiving as God would forgive. In His holiness, God promised, "None of the sins that they have committed shall be remembered against them; they have done what is lawful and right, they shall surely live." [Ezek. 33:16] God shall no longer remember the sins of the sinner who does what is right... He forgives those who trespassed against Him without counting, without looking back, without ever mentioning the trespass again, as if it never happened. That is holy forgiveness.

My brothers and sisters, when we leave here today, let us remember these words, "Being unable to forgive is the greatest obstacle to holiness!" Let us imprint these life saving words on our minds in extra large letters and let us never forget them! Our salvation depends on them! The soul that cannot forgive does not have the truth of God in its heart. That means that such a person is not righteous and forgiving as God has commanded. While possibly unaware of it, such a person has withdrawn himself as an adopted child of God until such time as he can find the strength in his heart to forgive.

Word Of Life

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*." *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMOTE TRAININGS FOR BEREAVEMENT & MENTAL HEALTH by The Office for Family Life Ministry beginning **September 25**. Please call the office for further information. Please see Janice Champ or Marleyne Tronchin for details.

NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK has been extended to October 1. There is a bucket in the front of the church to place your diapers. Please help our food pantry families. Please bring all diapers to the office and they will be given to our food pantry.

THE OCTOBER PETITION BOX will be available on October 1. The October devotions to the Blessed Mother are every Monday and Friday in the main church at 6 pm.

SPONSORS AND KITCHEN ASSISTANCE NEEDED OCTOBER 1. Anyone sponsoring the fellowship once the renovation begins, will need to have food already prepared to serve. There are no cooking or heating facilities in the convent. Any questions, please contact Pat Ross.

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION for children begins October 7. Please bring Baptismal Certificate for registration. Please see Stephanie Williams (First Communion) and Fred Hill (Confirmation).

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

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.

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.

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.

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>.

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 SEPTEMBER 30 DUE TO RENOVATION.

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