

# 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**



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 Edey, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Dolores 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

JUNE 18, 2023

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Ex 19:2–6a

Rom 5:6–11

Gospel: Mt 9:36–10:8

**8:00 Mass**

*For all living and deceased Fathers requested by BSSCB Church family; For all living and deceased Holy Name members requested by Holy Name Society; In loving memory of the late Peter Ogbonna requested by the family*

**10:00 Mass**

*For all living and deceased Fathers as requested by BSSCB Church family; In thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by the Anosike and Chukwu families; For all living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Repose of the soul of Chukwudumebi Anthony-Luigi Odiachi requested by Ngozi Odiachi; In thanksgiving for Father's day for Latevi Lawson and the late Robert Lawson requested by Claudine Lawson*

**12:30 ICC MASS**

**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, June 19**

Readings: 2 Cor 6:1–107

Gospel: Mt 5:38–42

**Tuesday, June 20**

Readings: 2 Cor 8:1–9

Gospel: Mt 5:43–48

**Wednesday, June 21**

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6–11

Gospel: Mt 6:1–6

**Thursday, June 22**

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1–11

Gospel: Mt 6:7–15

**Friday, June 23**

Readings: 2 Cor 11:18, 21–30

Gospel: Mt 6:19–23

**Saturday, June 24**

Readings: Is 49:1–6 • Acts 13:22–26

Gospel: Lk 1:57–66, 80

**Sunday, June 25**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Jer 20:10:13

Rom 5:12–15

Gospel: Mt 10:26–33



## *You Shall Be My Treasured Possession*

Today's readings entail the fulfillment [Rom. 5:6-11] of the promise [Ex. 19:1-6] that God made and how Christian should respond to this calling. [Mt. 9:36-10:8] God promised to make a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. [Ex. 19:6] Although differently than originally planned, such was fulfilled when we were still weak, when at the right time, Christ died for us who were ungodly. [Rom. 5:6] Having been adopted into the Body of Christ through faith in Jesus and the Sacrament of Baptism, at the moment of our Confirmation, as Jesus had sent out His twelve disciples, [Mt. 10:3] we too were sent "as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (C.C.C. 1285)

Part of today's First Reading referred to the Divine Promise [Ex. 19:4-8] that came to be known as the First Covenant between God and His people. In this agreement that was made in the days of the Old Testament, on the condition that His people would abide by the Commandments, God promised that His people would become something very special. They would become His own people, God's special possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

This Covenant was never forced upon the people. The people had a free choice, to either answer their calling or to turn their backs to God by walking the worldly ways. As biblical history tells us, some of the ancestors of the Jewish nation rejected God's grace which led to a New and better Covenant between God and mankind.

Today's Gospel Reading, [Mt. 9:36-10:8] the sending of the 12 disciples, is the big "WHAT NOW?" that concludes the first two readings. We have received the promise of God. We have faith in Christ. We have been baptized. We have been justified. We have been admitted into the Body of Christ, the spiritual Kingdom of God. We have continuously received the Sacrament of Confession to maintain our righteousness. And we have participated in the celebration of the Holy Mass on a weekly basis to receive the Bread of Life, the Real Presence of Jesus. What now? Now we must allow the Holy Spirit to flow freely through us. We must allow the Holy Spirit to manifest good works through us by the grace of God. How do we do that? It is by answering our call to go forward and spread the Good News as members of the common priesthood.

### *Word Of Life*

**"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"**

**Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CONFIRMATION MASS, SUNDAY June 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10am with Bishop Manuel Cruz presiding. There are 37 youth and one adult being confirmed. Volunteers are needed for the reception. See Fred Hill.

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP** on Saturday, June 24, 8:45 am-12:30 pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Family, Friends and Community BBQ on **Saturday, August 12**. More information to follow.

**FOOD PANTRY** needs assistance with deliveries. Please see Helen Brooks for the schedule.

**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.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** High School Seniors get your transcripts and letters of recommendations ready. The BSSCB Scholarship application will be available soon. Use this QR Code to access the application.



**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.

**SACRAMENTAL FORMS:** For all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: [bsscb.org](http://bsscb.org). Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to the parish office.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** In order to meet the necessary protocols of the Archdiocese of Newark all volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend a mandatory PGC session. For more information please call the parish office for further information. Volunteers are Ushers, CCD teachers, Youth Ministers and any individual in service who comes in direct contact with children in the parish. If uncertain, whether you should have this done please contact the office for clarification at 973- 824-6548.

## 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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>  
Zoom: 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – \$137.50 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.

**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.

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