

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108
Parish Center, 19 Van Ness Place

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 Iwuuala, *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 1, 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 1 ALL SAINTS

Readings: Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14/1Jn 3: 1-3

Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12a (667)

8:00 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 2 All Souls

Readings: Wis 3: 1-9/

Rom 5: 5-11 or 6: 3-9

Gospel: Jn 6: 37-40

Tuesday, November 3

Readings: Phil 2: 5-11

Gospel: Lk 14: 15-24 (486)

Wednesday, November 4

Readings: Phil 2: 12-18

Gospel: Lk 14: 25-33 (487)

Thursday, November 5

Readings: Phil 3: 3-8a

Gospel: Lk 15: 1-10 (488)

Friday, November 6

Readings: Phil 3: 17–4: 1

Gospel: Lk 16: 1-8 (489)

Saturday, November 7

Readings: Phil 4: 10-19

Gospel: Lk 16: 9-15 (490)

Sunday, November 8

Readings: Wis 6: 12-16/1

Thes: 4: 13-18 or 4: 13-14

Gospel: Mt 25: 1-13 (154)

Rejoice, Your Reward is in Heaven

Today's commemoration is the Feast of All Saints. This Feast was instituted in the Eastern Church during the 4th century for the purpose of remembering all the martyrs of the early Church. Gradually, it developed to also include the non-martyrs. As such, it can be said that the purpose of this Feast in the Holy Catholic Church serves to commemorate all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, known and unknown, who have moved on to their eternal glory.

This Feast also serves the purpose of awakening our awareness to the status of our sainthood. It reminds us that by the grace of the Heavenly Father, we should continuously strive to be sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

In the Letter of Paul to the Romans, we read that we are "called to be saints." [Rom. 1:7] In the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, we read that "those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, (they are) called to be saints..." [1 Cor. 1:2] In numerous other passages of the New Testament, not only do we read that we are called to be saints, but also, that we are saints. [2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:2, 4, 12]

Why is this? It is because when we received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, we were admitted into the Body of Christ. At that moment, having been cleansed of all traces of original sin and those sins that were committed prior to our Baptism, we became "like living stones, (to) let ourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." [1 Pet. 2:5]

In our struggle to attain sainthood, we can and do, continuously count on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us, to teach us and to remind us of all what Jesus has said. [Jn. 14:26] The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray. "(He) helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with signs too deep for words. And God, who searches the hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." [Rom. 8:26-7]

Reviewing today's First Reading from the Book of Revelation, [Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14] we heard that "there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' These were the martyrs, 'they who have come out of the great ordeal... who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" [Rev. 7:14] These saints, we remember today.

The Second Reading from the First Letter of John, [1 Jn. 3:1-3] reminded us of the great love of God who has chosen to call us His children. During our sanctification through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are being transformed into the likeness of Christ. "What we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is." [1 Jn. 3:2]

Word Of Life

When considering faithful citizenship, "the U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.'"

November 1, All Saints Day

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - MATTHEW 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL MASSES

All Souls Mass, November 2 in the church, 8 am, 12 pm and 6:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 am in the church.

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.

RCIA – Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older who want to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held every Sunday at 19 Van Ness Place, after the 10 AM Mass, starting November 15. Please register with Marilyn Smith at the 10 AM Mass or call the parish office at 973-824-6548 and leave your name and phone number with Robyn Padia.

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.

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

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, Philippians 2:1-3

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