

# 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, Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. (Virtual) & 6:30 pm (Convent Chapel, Rosary at 6 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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,  
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext. 105

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office—9 am-4 pm

## 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:** Veceleine C. Dufrene  
**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**



Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, 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, Patricia Ross, Merylyn Smith, Walter Preston, Rochelle Preston, Diane Scott, Celestia Conway

# 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 500 to 600 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

APRIL 28, 2024

ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.  
8:00 AM STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

**Sunday, April 28**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 9:26–31

1 Jn 3:18–24

Gospel: Jn 15:1–8

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for Hubert & Catherine Phillips and for healing requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza; Birthday blessings for Marva Phillips-Mendoza requested by the Mendoza-Phillips family*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family requested by Mary F. Brown; Healing mercies for Diane Scott requested by BSSCB; Healing for Monica Koudoha's and for the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Raphael Koudoha-Danso passing and for protection on the Malia and Koudoha families requested by the Koudoha family; Birthday blessings for Ogochukwu Alexandra Odiachi requested by the family; Traveling mercies for Ikechukwu, Onyiechi, Uchechukwu and Ezinne Anyanwu requested by the Anyanwu family*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, April 29**

Readings: Acts 14:5–18

Gospel: Jn 14:21–26

**Tuesday, April 30**

Reading: Acts 14:19–28

Gospel: Jn 14:27–31a

**Wednesday, May 1**

Reading: Acts 15:1–6

Gospel: Jn 15:1–8

**Thursday, May 2**

Reading: Acts 15:7–21

Gospel: Jn 15:9–11

**Friday, May 3**

Reading: 1 Cor 15:1–8

Gospel: Jn 14:6–14

**Saturday, May 4**

Reading: Acts 16:1–10

Gospel: Jn 15:18–21

**Sunday, May 5**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Gospel: Jn 15:9–17



## *Truly, Our Lord Gives Endlessly*

**T**ruly, our Lord gives endlessly. It is so spiritually uplifting to hear how the Lord God loves us without boundaries, giving generously the best of all what He possesses.

During today's First Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48] St. Peter, the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, gave us three spiritual messages: First, when Cornelius, the centurion of the Roman cohort fell at St. Peter's feet and worshipped him, he was made to stand up and to stop it. As St. Peter indicated, he was a god, but a mortal. Second, St. Peter said that God shows no partiality. Does God show partiality or not? Some say, "Look at the handicaps, they are not equal. God did not give them as much!" This type of thinking is worldly thinking. Third, St. Peter tells us that the Sacrament of Baptism is not reserved for God's people of the Old Testament. Christ died for all of us. And the proof is the fact that the Holy Spirit poured out His gifts on the Gentiles as much as on God's chosen people of the Old Testament. The Spirit of God does not show partiality.

From this Reading, we can perceive that God loves us abundantly and gives endlessly to us. He shows no partiality. He created us equal with a soul and body. He does not look at the age, gender, race or nationality of a person.

The Second Reading from the First Letter of John [1 Jn. 4:7-10] commands us to love one another because God is love. If God can give us the best of all what He possesses as His sign of love, can we not as His children do the same thing? Can we not shine in our love by giving generously to all in need?

Reviewing today's Gospel Reading, [Jn. 15:9-17] I have already touched on some of its content. Jesus said that if we keep His Commandments, we will abide in His love just as He has kept His Father's Commandments and abided in His love. Why should we obey the Commandments of God and abide in His love? It is for the joy of Jesus to be in us so our joy may be complete.

### *Word Of Life*

**"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL** is still ongoing and we are proud to report that BSSCB is making progress. The goal is \$22,979 and collected \$4,355 (19% of goal). We are looking forward to getting a 2% incentive from the Archdiocese by June 30, therefore, we have \$18,624 to go to meet our goal. For those who have sent in their pledges, we say thank you, and for those who have yet to make a pledge, we are looking forward to adding your name on the list.

**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. Due to printing the bulletins, it must be in by the close of business on Tuesday otherwise it will be placed the following week. A donation of \$10 is suggested. **NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY.**

**THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY IS HONORING COUPLES** who will be celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of marriage in 2024. The Masses are at the Cathedral Basilica on **May 5 for the 5<sup>th</sup>** and **25<sup>th</sup>** and **June 2 for the 50<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up forms are available at the piano stand.

**PSE FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER:** Saturday, June 8, 2024. Applebee's Restaurant, 1721 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ, 8–10am. Meal includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage. For additional information contact Blanche Macklin, 973-824-5017 or macklinbam@aol.com

**SUGGESTION BOX** is in the back of the church. If you have any words of wisdom and solutions, please put in the box.

**LOCK BOX** at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box. Please put your phone number and other information so we can let you know it was received.

**TITHING ENVELOPES:** For changes of address, receipt of tithing envelopes and appointments to meet with Fr. Albert, please call Parish Office at 973-824-6548. Our system is currently being updated but if you are not receiving your envelopes please call the office directly to rectify this.

**ILL PARISHIONERS:** If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and home-bound team can arrange a visit

**WHEN WRITING CHECKS,** please write the complete name of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles. The bank is no longer accepting the initials of BSSCB.

## 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** every Wednesday at 7:45 pm on Zoom.  
**ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

**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.

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

**MASS REMEMBRANCE AND FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in your Tithing package. Please place them in the boxes in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

**MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE:** Please call the office to request and place your Mass intentions at a suggested donation of \$10.

**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 DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL OR CONVENT PARKING LOTS. SIGNS ARE UP AND CARS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

**PARISH CELL FOR ZELLE: 973-392-3139.** Add message: Include purpose, name, Mass date, intention and your name.

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