

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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.

Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Sat.: 8:00 a.m., Sat.: 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.



Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Marilyn Smith

MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex

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

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

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, Alice Williams, 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, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Annie Royster

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 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 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

MARCH 12, 2023

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

Birthday blessings for Kevin Smith requested by Marilyn Smith; Birthday blessings and thanking God for another year of life for Zayne Agoro requested by the family; For God's guidance and protection for children and grandchildren of Josephine Omaduore Okpor requested by Fredrick and Susan Okpor; Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica's safe, healthy, and blessed delivery

12:30 ICC MASS

DAILY MASSES MON.- SAT. 8:00 AM

& SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM

MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 886 0650 9047

Password 570414

STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM

VIA ZOOM

Monday, March 13

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Gospel: Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14

Readings: Dan 3:25, 34-43

Gospel: Mt 5:17-19

Wednesday, March 15

Readings: Deu 4:1, 5-9

Gospel: Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16

Readings: Jer 7:23-28

Gospel: Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17

Readings: Hos 14:2-10

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18

Readings: Hos 6:1-6

Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38



*We must work the works of
Him who sent Me*

Today's First Reading [1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13] gave us the account of the anointing of David as the king of Israel. The Holy Scriptures provide us with two accounts of David's association to Saul. The first account portrays David as a musician who was brought into the life of Saul to pacify him. [1 Sam. 16:14-23] The second account portrays David as a competent warrior who could be very useful to Saul. [1 Sam. 17:12-20]

In those days, Saul ruled over Israel as their king. Why then did God ask the prophet Samuel to anoint David as king while the Israelites had a living king who was ruling over them? It was because king Saul turned his back to God, not carrying out the Divine commands. [1 Sam. 15:11] Therefore God rejected Saul as king over His people.

Today's Second Reading [Eph. 5:8-14] reminded us to live as children of the Light. It presented the contrast between those who live a Christian life versus the pagans. The Christians were compared to the light versus the darkness. Why did Saint Paul feel it necessary to remind the Ephesians of this truth? It was because some men had a tendency of allowing themselves to be influenced by Gnostic teachings. These individuals considered themselves enlightened and above all considerations of good or evil. Surely, pride must have taken over their reasoning.

Paul reminded the Ephesians that once, they were in the darkness. But now, in the Lord, they are in the Light and as such, they must live as children of light. [Eph. 5:8] How do we know the children of the Light? It is by their fruit. The fruit of the Light is all that is good and right and true. [Eph. 5:9] The children of the Light try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. [Eph. 5:10]

Today's Gospel Reading also spoke of the Light. [Jn. 9:1-41] As we heard, it was the story of the man who was physically blind since birth. This reading reminds us that by nature, we are all born spiritually blind. Our blindness ends when we were admitted into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. By remaining righteousness through the Sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist, we have maintained our sight. Should we choose to neglect our blessed hope and shipwreck, surely, we will quickly find ourselves blinded by the darkness that surrounds us.

Word Of Life

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday during Lent after 6:30 pm Mass

MARCH 10 IS YOUTH NIGHT after stations of the cross in the church hall.

USHERS MEETING Sunday March 12 after the 10 am Mass. Mandatory attendance.

LENTEN PETITION BOX on the Blessed Mother Altar in to place prayers and petitions before the Lord.

EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS, collecting Sunday, March 12 through March 26 with a box at the Blessed Mother altar. Your generosity in helping to decorate the church for Easter is appreciated.

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.

THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY will honor couples celebrating 5,25,and 50 years of Catholic marriage with special Anniversary Masses at the Cathedral Basilica on **April 16 and May 7 at 3 pm**. This also includes couples who celebrated those milestones in 2020 & 2021. Forms are available from Janice, Elizabeth, or the office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you! Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Bereavement and Repast, Media, Youth, and Church Maintenance need help. A typist is needed for the Food Pantry to enter the client's information. If you can volunteer on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm or 3rd or 4th Saturday, 9 to 11 am, call the office. If you have a skill or trade in Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and IT, we welcome your help. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

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.

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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09>
Zoom: ID 886 0650 9047 Password 570414

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/HTTejmw2j123mcpaNE2qxV>.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6 pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm.

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Lenten Revival

Revivalist

Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa

"The Insanity of God – For God So Loved the World" John 3:16



Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa is a Nigerian-born Priest of the Roman Catholic church. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology at the Pontifical Salesian University, Rome. He also has a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Care and a Doctorate in Pastoral Psychology. Fr. Okwuosa started his priestly journey in Nigeria, then proceeded to Italy. He studied and worked for almost ten years as a student, an educator for junior seminarians, and a spiritual assistant to the Catholic Boys and Girls Scouts. In 2011 after his formation and ordination to the diaconate in Rome, he moved to the United States. He worked in Vermont as a youth leader, a teacher in a non-denominational Christian school, and a Parish vicar, first as a deacon and newly ordained priest after his ordination in 2012. In 2013, he was transferred to New Jersey, where he worked in the dioceses of Paterson and Metuchen and also internally for his former congregation, the Society of Divine Vocations (Vocationist Fathers), in the United States as a parochial vicar, formator of seminarians, vocation director, mission coordinator, Vice superior, and the provincial councilor in charge of formation until spring of 2022. From 2015 through 2019, Fr. Okwuosa was the director of Vocations for Religious Life and, from the Summer of 2016 through October 2022, the coordinator of the African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, both for the Archdiocese of Newark. Presently, he is incardinated into the Diocese of Bomsadi, Nigeria. Fr. Okwuosa is a retreat preacher and motivational speaker. He is also well-traveled and proficient in Igbo, English, Spanish, and Italian languages.

Friday, March 17, Youth Revival
beginning with Mass @ 6:30 pm
followed by Stations of the Cross
and Youth Revival in the church

Saturday, March 18
8:30 am Breakfast
Revival continues to 2 pm
in the church

Revival concludes on Sunday, March 19 with Mass at 8 and 10 am

Our revival can be viewed via our Facebook page on
<http://bsscb.org> and using our free conference line
<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/bsscbchurchmedia>
Meeting ID: bsscbmedia Dial in number 978-990-5000
access code 570414.

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