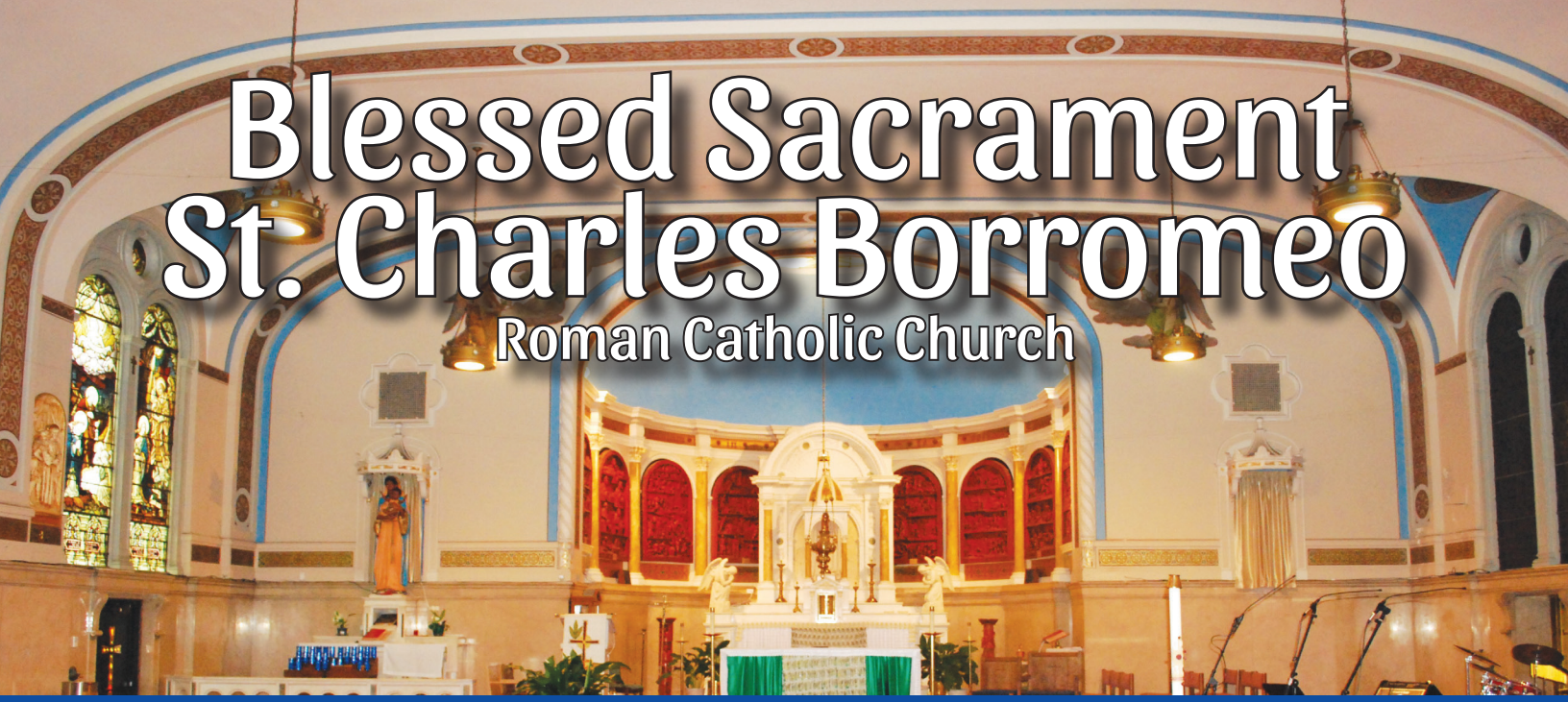

Blessed Sacrament
St. Charles Borromeo
Roman Catholic Church

MISSION

Faith and Catholic tradition in ministering to the spiritual, material, educational, physical and social needs of the parish community. We accomplish this in ourworship, 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: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 pm 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*
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. Merilyn 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, 7:00 pm in the Church.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Merilyn Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Merilyn Smith

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley

VAN SERVICE: Kevin Ralph

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, Alice Williams, Dorothy Pinnix, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Ruth Inweh, Gwendolyn Hunt, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Joyce Leach, Marie Burnett, David Saddow

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 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 Merilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 10, 2022

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
Palm Sunday
Procession Reading: 19:28-40
Readings**:** Lk 22:14—23:56/Lk 23:1-49
Gospel: **Jn 11:1-45**
8:00 Mass
10:00 Mass Intentions: *In loving memory of Charlie Doherty by Barbara Doherty*
12:30 ICC MASS
DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM
MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981 Password 570414
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY, 7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981 Password 570414

Monday, April 11
Readings: Is 42:1-7
Gospel: Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 12
Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12
Gospel: Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 13
Readings: Is 50:4-9a
Gospel: Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 14
Holy Thursday- The Last Supper
Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 15
Good Friday Of the Lord's Passion
Readings: Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Gospel: Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 16
Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil
Readings: Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a /Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Gospel: Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday
Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 or Col 3:1-4r /Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Welcome my brothers and sisters in Christ to today's celebration of Passion Sunday. Based on the lengthy readings that you have just heard, I am sure that you have all concluded that this celebration commemorates the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

During the First Reading from the Gospel of Luke, we heard of the entry of Jesus in Jerusalem on a colt. During this event, His disciples appeared to recognize the Divine Person of Jesus as their King. So important was this event that when the Pharisees asked Jesus to order His disciples to stop saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!", Jesus responded by saying that if His disciples were silent, "the stones would shout out." This is one event that would not go by unnoticed.

Consequently, as we have heard, the people crucified Jesus. Maybe they were all counting on a false hope. Maybe some of them thought that at the last minute, the angels would descend from Heaven, save Jesus from the crucifixion, and overcome the Roman authority. As we have heard, none of this happened. Jesus, as the Lamb of God, He who was without sin, died for the sins of the world.

Today's reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians tells us that, Jesus "though he was in the form of God, (He) did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6- 8]

Therefore God highly exalted Jesus and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Phil. 2:9-11]

This week, let us reflect upon the mystery of the Passion of Jesus, our King, as we prepare ourselves to commemorate His glorious Resurrection. Let us remember that Jesus died for our sins, your sins, my sins. Let us be most thankful to the Lord Jesus in thoughts, in words and in actions. And may the Spirit of Jesus be with us during the coming week as we relive the last few days in the life of Jesus on earth. This is a perfect opportunity for us to learn about Divine love so we too may grow in the love of Jesus by the grace of the Heavenly Father.

Word Of Life

"Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 10 – PALM SUNDAY *"…I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. " (Luke 22:34)* How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Scripture Reflection: Mark 15:1-5 As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Group Reflection: Every couple of years, we in the United States of America elect people to guide and direct our nation. This is an enormous responsibility and an amazing process to take part in. Many people in our nation's history have been denied this fundamental right. When we elect officials to an office, whether it is as President of the United States or as Mayor of a small town in Nebraska, we are taking responsibility to claim what our priorities are for our communities. Our democratically elected officials are speaking to others and advocating on our behalf.

• What are the issues that influence you as you prepare to vote for elected officials?

• Do you see your action to vote as a part of your Catholic identity? Why or why not?

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 bsscbchurch@yahoo.com to update; your address, phone number and email.

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 825 5051 6981 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/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV.

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

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Frs. 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.

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.

BSSCB WISH LIST: Our Kitchen ministry is in need of a new coffee and hot water pot for fellowship each should be 75 cuppers. Please contact Pat Ross or Mary Brown (10am) or Jacqueline Gilbert or Helen Brooks (8am) if you are willing to grant this wish.

SACRAMENTAL FORMS: 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.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2022 A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS II – TESTIMONY

Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." **Revelation 19:10**

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