

# 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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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,  
Ext: 103

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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, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edeley, 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 26, 2023

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Readings: Eze 37:12–14 • Rom 8:8–11

Gospel: Jn 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17,  
20–27, 33b–45

**8:00 Mass**

*The safe delivery of Susan Okpor's  
baby requested by Fredrick Okpor;*

*Birthday blessings for Arianna Mendoza  
requested by the family; Praying for*

*the souls of Johnny Ihimhinre, Alice  
Agbonrialo and Charles Makhome  
requested by the Odunaiké family*

**10:00 Mass**

*Tronchin family is praying for Emerson  
and Jessica's safe, healthy, delivery;*

*Birthday blessings for Zayne Agoro  
requested by the family; Praying for  
the souls of Johnny Ihimhinre, Alice  
Agbonrialo and Charles Makhome  
requested by the Odunaiké family*

**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 27**

Readings: Dan 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30,

33–62 or 13:41c–62

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Gospel: Jn 8:1–11

**Tuesday, March 28**

Readings: Num 21:4–9

Gospel: Jn 8:21–30

**Wednesday, March 29**

Readings: Dan 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Gospel: Jn 8:31–42

**Thursday, March 30**

Readings: Gen 17:3–9

Gospel: Jn 8:51–59

**Friday, March 31**

Readings: Jer 20:10–13

Gospel: Jn 10:31–42

**Saturday, April 1**

Readings: Ez 37:21–28

Gospel: Jn 11:45–56

**Sunday, April 2**

*Palm Sunday*

Readings: Is 50:4–7 • Ph 2:6–11

Gospel: Mt 26:14–27:66



*Those Who Believe in Me, Will Live*

**"Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." [Jn. 11:25]**

Today we are entering the fifth and last week of Lent. This will be followed by "Passion Sunday," (Palm Sunday) and finally the Holy Week that will reach its peak on Easter Sunday. The next two weeks are a very special time for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have come home through their conversion to the Catholic Faith. They are now preparing themselves to receive the Church Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. And for those of us who have already been baptized, this will be a time of renewal, when we will reaffirm our belief in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

During today's First Reading from the Book of Ezekiel, [Ezek. 37:12-14] we heard of God's promise to put His Spirit within the people so they may live. [Ezek. 37:14] Prior to this promise, the prophet Ezekiel, led by the Spirit, was taken into the plain where his mission was revealed to him. There, Ezekiel was told that through his gift of prophesying, God's chosen people that had been exiled in Babylon for some time would receive a new spirit that would rise them from their lost hope. Consequently they would be led to a new life in the land of Israel. [Ezek. 37:12]

Because the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, we are in the Spirit. Those in who the Spirit of Christ does not dwell, they do not belong to Him. [Rom. 8:9] What is the difference between those who belong to God and those who do not? Those who are chained to Christ have allowed themselves to be spiritualized by the grace of the Heavenly Father and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. In them is seen the fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. [Gal. 5:22-3]

During today's Gospel Reading, [Jn. 11:1-45] Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." [Jn. 11:25] In other words, He is the difference between life and death. Those who come through Him who is the "one Mediator between God and humankind," [1 Tim. 2:5] they shall share in the blessed hope that is found in the Divine Plan of Salvation.

### *Word Of Life*

**"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION FOR MARCH 19	
6:30 p.m.	\$265.00
8:00 a.m.	\$718.00
10:00 a.m.	\$1,850.00
Parish Giving	\$1,020.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,853.72</b>

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

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

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT** is Saturday April 1. Rain or Shine.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm or 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BSSCB WISH LIST:** Our Kitchen ministry is in need of a new coffee and hot water pot for fellowship each should be 75 cuppers. We also need 64" round table cloths of all colors. Our parish office is in need of a Keurig - K-elite Single Serve K-Cup Pod Coffee Maker. Please contact Pat Ross or Mary Brown (10am) or Jacqueline Gilbert or Helen Brooks (8am) if you are willing to donate these.

**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, and Flowers are \$50 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/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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

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