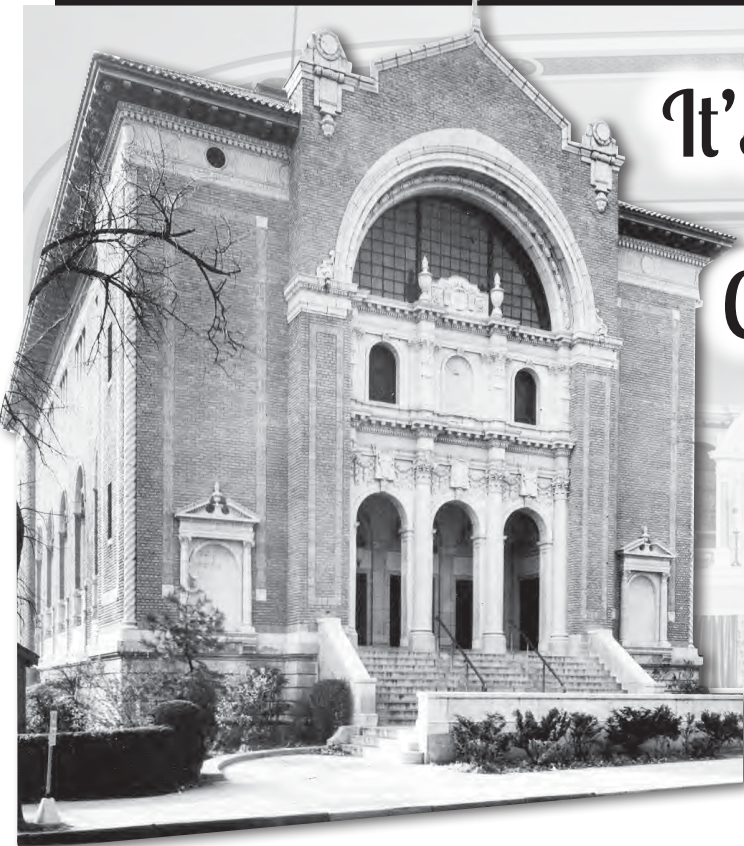


BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



It's the Most Wonderful
Time of the Year.
Christmas Blessings
with a Happy
and Prosperous
New year

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 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. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*
Mr. Isi Igetei, *Parish Sacristan*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 500
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206
Pastoral Associate: Ext: 202
Business Manager: Ext: 201
Parish Fax: 973-624-6030
Email: bsscchurch@yahoo.com
Website: www.bssc.org
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, Eustace Jeffery, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Olive Brown, Patricia Tinley, William Borem, Mike Mathos, Kim Nestbitt

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

JANUARY 12, 2019

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, JANUARY 12

Baptism Of The Lord

Readings: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Acts 10: 34-3

Gospel: Mt 3: 13-17 (21)

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass: *Birthday blessings for my daughter Courtney by Pat Ross*

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,
4 PM & 10 PM In CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM
IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL

Monday, January 13

Readings: 1Sm 1: 1-8

Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20 (305)

Tuesday, January 14

Readings: 1Sm 1: 9-20

Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28 (306)

Wednesday, January 15

Readings: 1Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20

Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39 (307)

Thursday, January 16

Readings: 1Sm 4: 1-11

Gospel: Mk 1: 40-45 (308)

Friday, January 17

Readings: 1Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a

Gospel: Mk 2: 1-12 (309)

Saturday, January 18

Readings: 1Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1

Gospel: Mk 2: 13-17 (310)

Sunday, January 19

Readings: Is 49: 3, 5-6/1Cor 1: 1-3

Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34 (64)

Anointed With the Holy Spirit and Power

During the three readings from the Holy Scriptures, all of them were associated with the Baptism of Jesus, either prophetic in nature or descriptive of the event itself.

During the First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, [Is. 42:1-4, 6-7] we heard the prophecy that the promised Messiah would be God's chosen Servant in Whom the Divine Soul would delight. [Is. 42:1] The Messiah would have the Spirit of God upon Him, bringing forth justice to all the nations, not just God's chosen people.

As the Servant of God, the Messiah would not cry or lift up His voice or make it heard in the street. His mission would be modest and gentle in nature. The promised Messiah would not force the people to conform to His teaching. The transformation that would take place within those who heard the Word of God would be an inner one, a change of heart.

The Messiah would come to save the sinners, not those who are already saved. A dimly burning wick He would not quench. For there is always hope for the souls when the grace of God is at work. In the end, the promised Messiah would faithfully bring forth justice, not a worldly justice but a spiritual one.

As Jesus said, blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, whose who are persecuted for righteousness's sake and those when people revile them, persecute them and utter all kinds of evil against them false, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. [Mt. 5:3-11] In the end, spiritual justice shall be served.

In today's Second Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, [Acts 10:34-8] we heard Saint Paul tell us that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; (and) Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." [Acts 10:38] My brothers and sisters in Christ, "God shows no partiality. In every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him." [Acts 10:34-5]

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew [Mt. 3:13-17] recreated the event surrounding the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. When Jesus came to be baptized, John the Baptist insisted that it was he who should be baptized by Jesus. For the Baptism of John was a rite of repentance and confession of sin. How could Jesus submit Himself to such a Baptism when "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth?" [1 Pet. 2:22] Jesus' submission to the Baptism of John was to demonstrate that He was a faithful Jew who obeyed the Law and the practices associated with good Jewish life.

Word Of Life

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ... don't forget the most important thing is to pray. Even if it's just a quick two-second prayer, prayer is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support."USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. We encourage everyone to tithe so that we can meet our expectations. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk.12:34

DECEMBER COLLECTIONS

Projected Income	Actual Income	Difference
\$4,350.00 (weekly)		
December 1	\$4,971.75	\$621.75
December 8	\$3,117.91	(\$1,232.09)
December 15	\$4,496.00	\$146.00
December 22	\$3,421.85	(\$928.15)
December 24	\$1,951.00	
December 25	\$2,003.01	
December 29	\$3,808.20	(\$541.80)

DECEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Bereavement	\$459.20
Utilities	\$425.00
Security	\$855.00
Scholarships	\$72.00
Peter Pence	\$5.00
World Mission	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$15.00
Religious Retirement	\$389.00
Flowers	\$125.00
End of Year	\$114.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 5

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$5,968.01	\$4,350.00	\$1,618.01

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Kevin Ralph, Austin Lawson, Kenjuan Howard, Kingsley Ekeun
Lectors:	8 am	Stephanie Williams, Roslyn Major
	10 am	Yvonne Green, Donovan Green
Eucharistic:	8 am	Ammy Plummer, Comlavi Goerke
	10 am	Marion Gabriel (B) Eugene Tronchin, Brehita Taborn, Juanita Moore, Sharon Burgwyn

Bible Study at BSSCB Church

Our Bible Study sessions will continue almost every Wednesday through June. Bible study convenes at noon in Church hall and 7:30 pm in the Convent hall.

All are welcome. Participation is necessary by reading and discussing the lessons. Afternoon session ends at 1 pm and the evening session at 9 pm. Be a good steward of your time by reading and studying God's Word daily!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE AND COUNTRY RALLY: Captains are still needed; your help is needed to make this event a success, in meeting our fundraising goal. Please contact Pat Ross, Donovan Green or call the parish office for more details. Here are a few of the states not yet taken: Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Ohio, Vermont, Mississippi, West Nigeria and The Islands. There are many others you can see the complete listing on the bulletin board in the church hall.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN. In order to meet the necessary protocols of the Archdiocese of Newark all volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer application and attend a mandatory PGC session. For more information please call the parish office for further information. Volunteers are Ushers, CCD teachers, Youth Ministers and any individual in service who comes in direct contact with children in the parish. If uncertain, whether you should have this done please contact the office for clarification at 973- 824-6548 ext. 202.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Married couples - Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the 2 of you? Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! For more information go to website www.wmme.org or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com

WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION 2020: Alive In Christ: The Eucharist..His Heart in My Heart; Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall University, from 8 am to 4 pm. Mass begins at 4 pm celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin.

BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL: Mark your Calendars for the upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: Friday, March 20 to Sunday March 22, 2020.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE" Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

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