

# 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: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 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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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, 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:** Mary Brown

**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown

**REPAST:** Helen Brooks

**RCIA:** Marilyn Smith

**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, Fred McClurkin, 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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

All Masses 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 the Masses.

**Sunday, February 12**

**Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Readings: Sir 15:15–20 • 1 Cor 2:6–10

Gospel: Mt 5:17–37 or

5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a,37

**8:00 Mass**

**10:00 Mass**

*The Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica for a safe, healthy, and blessed delivery; Joseph and Marian Ijeh are thanking God for the birthday of their daughter Philomena and praying for special intentions*

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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, February 13**

Readings: Gen 4:1–15, 25

Gospel: Mk 8:11–13

**Tuesday, February 14**

Readings: Gen 6:5–8, 7:1–5, 10

Gospel: Mk 8:14–21

**Wednesday, February 15**

Readings: Gen 8:6–13, 20–22

Gospel: Mk 8:22–26

**Thursday, February 16**

Readings: Gen 9:1–13

Gospel: Mk 8:27–33

**Friday, February 17**

Readings: Gen 11:1–9

Gospel: Mk 8:34–9:1

**Saturday, February 18**

Readings: Heb 11:1–7

Gospel: Mk 9:2–13

**Sunday, February 19**

**Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Readings: Lev 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Gospel: Mt 5:38–48



## Help Us to Dwell in Your Presence

Today's First Reading tells us that the Lord God placed before us fire and water and He tells us to stretch out our hand to take which ever we choose. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are witnesses to each other that we have stretched out our hand and chosen water. But how many choose the second gift of God with joy, the fire?

The spiritually mature Christian knows what God meant by those words. Today's Second Reading refers to understanding God's wisdom, what is sacred and hidden, what God decreed before the ages for the glory of all. In Genesis 1:26, we read that God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness..." The last words were, "to our likeness", referring to God's characteristics. God decreed that His children would be in His likeness, having His Divine characteristics.

This spiritual understanding of today's first two Readings leads to the Third Reading. Jesus said that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The scribes were known to be a class of citizens who copied and explained the Laws of Moses. The Pharisees based their lives on the written law and thousands of detailed prescriptions handed down by verbal tradition. Both were so obsessed with the laws that they had lost the meaning of the purpose of the law, the necessity for flexibility, common sense and even the meaning of mercy. They lacked spiritual maturity. They were worldly in their ways. Their hearts were cold and darkened.

Jesus brought a message of love to the world. He taught us that love overcomes everything! Jesus overcame the world. [Jn. 16:33] He did not allow Himself to be overcome by evil, but overcame evil by goodness. [Rom. 12:21] The one who overcomes the world is from God, [1 Jn. 4:4] being a child of God.

Today's readings teaches us that in our lives, our work, in marriage and even in our social lives, we must seek out our spiritual maturity. We must open our spiritual minds to the Holy Spirit who searches everything, even the depths of God, so we can know the will of God in all things. Knowing the will of God, we must be moved to act upon it, performing the acts of goodwill that the Holy Spirit inspires us to do.

### Word Of Life

**"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."**

**Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 22. Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday after Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday.

**INTERNATIONAL FEAST DAY**, February 26 to close Black History Month. It will be catered and monetary donations are needed to make this a success! Please see Pat Ross for further information.

**LENTEL REVIVAL: MARCH 17-19: "The Insanity of God – For God So Loved the World, John 3:16" Revivalist, Fr. Emeka.** Friday, March 17 is Youth Night. We invite children and friends to experience this special night. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Saturday, Revival continues with breakfast at 8:30 am. and concludes with Sunday Masses. *DON'T MISS YOUR BLESSING.*

**CCD CLASSES:** Resume on Saturday. If you have any questions regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation please call the parish office, we will need your children's names and contact information along with email addresses. For more information call the parish office.

**RCIA:** Classes are every Sunday after the 10 am Mass in 19 Van Ness Pl. Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older by which adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments and speak to Merilyn Smith for further details on how to proceed.

**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.

**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. 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.

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

## 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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>  
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.

**CHAPEL AND CONVENT HALL:** Our 6:30 evening Mass and Children's Liturgy has resumed in the Convent Chapel; all ministry meetings will be held in the Convent Hall.

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL FORMS:** Forms for all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: [bsscb.org](http://bsscb.org). Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to the parish office.

**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 at 973-779-6200 to make arrangements.

**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.

**TAX REQUEST STATEMENT:** On behalf of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Church, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your contributions during the year 2021. To request a statement for tax purposes please call the parish office at 973-824-6548.

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