

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

Daily Masses (Chapel), Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m., Saturday: 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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext. 100

Elizabeth N. Chukwu

Pastoral Associate, Ext. 104

Frederick Hill, *Youth Minister*, Ext. 104

Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

Email: info@bsscbchurch.com

Website: www.bsscb.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office—9 am-4:30 pm

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.
Every second Tuesday, 11 p.m. –
Midnight Prayer/Adoration (Virtual)



Church Ministries and Chairpersons

ALTAR SERVERS: Solomon Onemheghie
BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ
BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins
CURSILLO: Merilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn Smith
FINANCE: Lola Walker
FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks
HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche
HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore
HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross
LECTORS: Fred Hill
LITURGY: Merilyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Merilyn Smith
REPAST: Helen Brooks
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown
SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford
TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
WELCOME: Joan Lowery
WELLNESS: Marleyne Tronchin
YOUTH: Fred Hill

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR
THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**



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 Ededey, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Marion Gabriel, Patricia Ross, Merilyn Smith, Walter Preston, Rochelle Preston

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 8 AM – 10 AM and 3rd and 4th Wednesdays 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 Merilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 3, 2024

All Masses should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,
7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.
8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex 17:3–7

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

Gospel: Jn 4:5–42

8:00 AM Mass

*All living and deceased Rosarians
requested by the Rosary Altar Society;
Birthday blessings for Chinedum
Chukwu and thanksgiving to God
requested by Elizabeth Chukwu*

10:00 AM Mass

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings and
favours for Mary F. Brown's entire family
and extended family as requested by
Mary F. Brown; All living and deceased
Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar
Society; Thanking God for another year
of Theo's life requested by the Kwado
family; God's blessing on my family and
protection for Solomon Onemheghie*

12:30 PM ICC MASS

Monday, March 4

Readings: 2Kg 5:1–15b

Gospel: Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday, March 5

Reading: Dan 3:25, 34–43

Gospel: Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday, March 6

Reading: Deu 4:1, 5–9

Gospel: Mt 5:17–19

Thursday, March 7

Reading: Jh 7:23–28

Gospel: Lk 11:14–23

Friday, March 8

Reading: Hos 14:2–10

Gospel: Mk 12:28–34

Saturday, March 9

Reading: Hos 6:1–6

Gospel: Lk 18:9–14

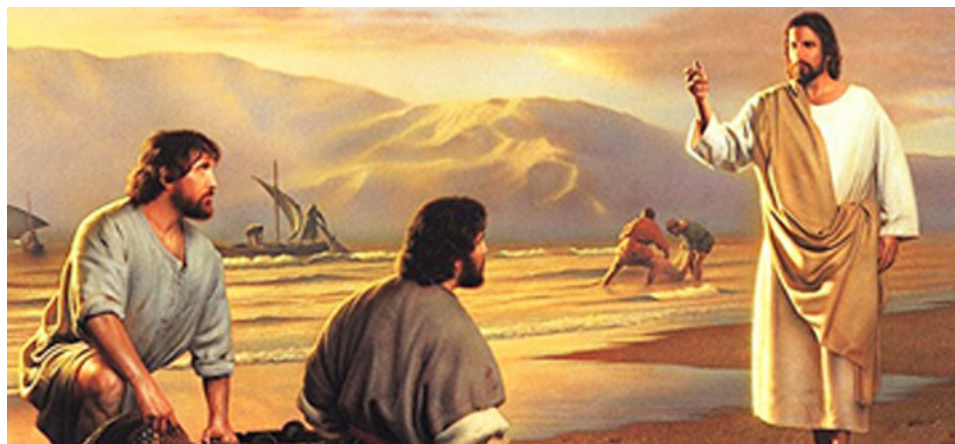
Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2Cron 36:14–16, 19–23

Eph 2:4–10

Gospel: Jn 3:14–21



God's Word, His Law and Wisdom

In our first reading we see the first instance of the giving of the Law. Here it is simple: ten words of life, a Decalogue, which echo the ten creative words of Genesis. God reveals to his Chosen People the simple logic of His life. These laws reveal how a human person can flourish — how he or she can live a life which reflects God's plan and thereby become recreated in freedom. It is in the second giving of the Law, Deuteronomy, where we will see that humanity complicates the law and needs more clarification.

The psalmist provides an example of a praying soul wrapped up in the simplicity of the Law — the realization that these Words are a gift to us, which take the guesswork out of living a morally upright and fulfilling life. Indeed, the Words of God are words of life, not death.

Further, Paul speaks to this human experience in pointing out that Christ crucified is a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to Gentiles; yet for those who have been called, that is, for the Church, the mystery of Christ is actually showing us God's power and wisdom.

In the Gospel we enter the scene of Christ clearing out the Temple — clearing out the confusion of years of human interpretation of the Law, which lost the spirit of the Law and turned the Temple of God into a marketplace. Christ enters and trims down the excess to remind everyone what the Temple itself is, and adds a simple promise, a promise which his hearers misunderstand because of their complicated conceptions. John clarifies for us: he was speaking about his body when he promised to raise it in three days.

So where does all of this leave us? On one level, we can see an encouragement for us here in the midst of the season of Lent — this time is less about our feats of spiritual strength and more about reducing the distractions and complexities of our lives. Often Lent can be a good time for us all to take a good look at our lives and assess what is actually essential, what actually brings life and draws us closer to God. What have we added which draws us away from the simple and straightforward and adds complexity (that is, our own impositions) into our relationship with God? To grow in deeper relationship with God is to go deeper into the mystery. And that is what God desires for us.

Word Of Life

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH NIGHT: Friday at 7:30 p.m. at 19 Van Ness Place. Game night.

THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL has begun. Envelopes are in the pews and flyers are available in the vestibule.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION BOX will be available through March 17 at the Blessed Mother Altar.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you! Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our **Bereavement, Repast, Media, Youth, Welcome** 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.

CHURCH WEBSITE: We need someone to update and upload information to the church's website. Please contact the office for further details.

SUGGESTION BOX is in the back of the church. If you have any words of wisdom and solutions, please put in the box.

LOCK BOX at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box.

ILL PARISHIONERS: If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and homebound team can arrange a visit

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. **NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY.**

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

MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE: Please call the office to request and place your Mass intentions at a suggested donation of \$10.

BLANK ENVELOPES are available for visitors or if you don't have envelopes. If you want envelopes sent to you, please fill out the envelope and request them.

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.

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. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column: Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo.

Option 3- ZOOM: ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

We have an open 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>.

BIBLE STUDY every Wednesday at 7:45 pm on Zoom.

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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.

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: info@bsscchurch.com to update; your address, phone number and email.

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 – \$110 per case, Sacramental Host – \$30 per box, Perpetual Light Candles – \$73.75 per case, Perpetual Light Candle (singular) – \$10 and Flowers are \$50 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL OR CONVENT PARKING LOTS. SIGNS ARE UP AND CARS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.

REMEMBER! THERE IS NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE CHURCH.

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