

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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
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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, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgyn, Karen Barrett

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

MARCH 29, 2020

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, MARCH 29

Forth Sunday Of Lent

Readings: Ez 37: 12-14/Rom 8: 8-11

Gospel: Jn 11: 1-45

or 11: 3-7, 20-27, 33b-45 (34)

8:00 a.m. Mass: *Birthdays blessings for our daughter Ariana*
by Lynn & Marva Mendoza

10:00 a.m. Mass

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,
7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM
19 VAN NESS PLACE
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Monday, March 30

Readings: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or 13: 41c-62

Gospel: Jn 8: 1-11 (251)

Tuesday, March 31

Readings: Nm 21: 4-9
Gospel: Jn 8: 21-30 (252)

Wednesday, April 1

Readings: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95
Gospel: Jn 8: 31-42 (253)

Thursday, April 2

Readings: Gn 17: 3-9
Gospel: Jn 8: 51-59 (254)

Friday, April 3

Readings: Jer 20: 10-13
Gospel: Jn 10: 31-42 (255)

Saturday, April 4

Readings: Ez 37: 21-28
Gospel: Jn 11: 45-56 (256)

Sunday, April 5

Readings: Is 50: 4-7/Phil 2: 6-11
Gospel: Mt 26: 14—27: 66
or 27: 11-54 (38)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.”

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 prophesizing, 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]

When God promised to put a new spirit within His people, this was not a reference to the resurrection that awaits every soul on earth. It was a promise to give new life to the people of Israel. While the Words of God appeared to imply a day of resurrection, in those days, such a belief was only a concept worthy of reflections. For God’s mystery concerning death, being buried and rising with Christ had not yet been revealed to mankind.

Without the marvellous indwelling of the Holy Spirit Who animates our Christian lives, our human bodies would be as dead shells, as lifeless corpses. But united to Christ, the human spirit lives, being made righteous before God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Today’s Gospel reading sends out two messages to those who hear it. First of all, through our living faith in Jesus, all our physical bodies will be raised in the final resurrect. Secondly, especially now with the approaching of Easter Sunday, we are called to symbolically resurrect from sin to grace by partaking in the Sacrament of Confession to cleanse our souls so they may be pleasing to God, now and forever. Therefore, let us march forward faithfully in our blessed hope, knowing that those who believe in Jesus, will live.

Word Of Life

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 22

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
TBA	\$4,350.00	

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!

March 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.

IN THE GARDEN...

Keep your loved ones in memory, your family in prayer, healing, and/or thanksgiving:

Sunday Masses 8 am, 10 am & 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Masses 6:30 p.m.

Candles in front of Blessed Mother

Eucharistic Body of Christ

Eucharistic Blood of Christ

The Sanctuary Candle (weekly)

All names will be listed in the bulletin the week prior.

Contact Robyn in the parish office: 973-824-6548



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND FAITH IS NEEDED RIGHT NOW: *"These are the times that try men's [and women's!] souls ..."* Although written under very different circumstances, this sentiment seems appropriate to the times we are in. The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 demand prudence, but we must never give in to fear. Recall the words of Jesus: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." (Mk 5:36 NAB) Church family, in God we trust, please know we are offering up all our families in prayer during this difficult time. Here are some resources which can be helpful. Weekly Reflections <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>, <http://www.usccb.org/>, <https://relevantradio.com/>, <https://new.renewintl.org/> <https://us.magnificat.net/free>, <https://wau.org/>, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>.

AN INVITE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION: The Xavier University of Louisiana is currently accepting applications for individuals interested in attending classes during the summer under the IBCS (Institute Of Black Catholic Studies) program. The AAA& C Apostolate along with the Archdiocese of Newark will offer information on subsidizing a portion of the tuition. Please visit the link provided for program information, class schedules, to facilitate your planning and registration for the 2020 IBCS Summer Session. https://gradapply.xula.edu/register/IBCS_CE_NEW. You may also call the office for further information.

PRAY THE ROSARY: "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." - Pope Plus XI

PASTORAL SERVICES: To make appointments with Fr. Albert, Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Fr. Erasmus, Tuesday 11am to 5pm. All appointments must be made with the parish secretary at 973-824-6548 ext. 200

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.

BSSCB ON YOUTUBE: To view recent recordings of our Mass, please go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo Church.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE" BSSCB Church proclaims 2020 "A Year of Sharing God's Miracle through Compassion and Service" God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

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