

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

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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.
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: Marilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn 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: Marilyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
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
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



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, David Saddow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Marion Gabriel, Patricia Ross

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 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

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Gospel: Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

6:30 PM Mass

8:00 AM Mass

Asking God's blessings for another year of life for Dr. & Mrs. Dike requested by the church family; All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Odom family is thanking God for their 12th Wedding Anniversary, for Martina Odom being cancer free and future family blessings

10:00 AM Mass

All the living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Birthday blessings and thanking God for another year of life for Kossiwa Tchalla requested by the family; For the repose of Chukwudumebi Anthony-Luigi Odiachi may he rest in eternal peace requested by the family

12:30 PM ICC MASS

Monday, October 16

Reading: Rom 1:1–7

Gospel: Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, October 17

Reading: Rom:1:16–25

Gospel: Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, October 18

Reading: 2 Tim 4:10–17b

Gospel: Lk 110:1–9

Thursday, October 19

Reading: Rom 3:21–30

Gospel: Lk 11:47–54

Friday, October 20

Reading: Rom 4:1–8

Gospel: Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, October 21

Reading: Rom 4:13, 16–18

Gospel: Lk 12:8–12

Sunday, October 22

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 45:1, 4–6

1 Thes 1:1–5b

Gospel: Mt 22:15–21



Come to the Great Feast of the Lord

Today's readings from the Book of Isaiah, [Is. 25:5-10] the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [Phil. 4:10-14, 19-20] and the Gospel of Matthew [Mt. 22:1-14] speak of an invitation to the Great Feast of the Lord Jesus. Summarizing these readings, the first one is prophetic in nature. It speaks of the Great Feast that is to come. The Second Reading echoes how God provides for our needs. The Third Reading tells us that God calls everyone but few answer His calling.

The reading from the Book of Isaiah is a prophecy regarding the promised salvation that was to come, it having been fulfilled through the Blood of Jesus Christ. This is confirmed by keywords that are used, these being, "On this mountain" [Is. 25:6] and "he will swallow up death forever." [Is. 25:7]

"On the mountain" is a figure of speech that is traced to pre- Israelite, Canaanite literature, representing a glorious heavenly banquet of eternal happiness. This prophetic passage expresses the longing of the people for the days of the absolute triumph of God over the enemies of His chosen people and the Messianic banquet that will follow in the Kingdom of God.

The Second Reading appears to be wondering off the subject of the great banquet. But, indirectly, it fits perfectly with today's other two readings. The reading shines in Divine Providence, showing how the Lord God provides for His children.

In this Letter, Paul showed his deep appreciation towards the Philippians who were concerned for his distress (Imprisonment, see Phil. 1:12) and who sent him assistance. He was greatly touched by the love that was being manifested by the Philippians. While Paul expressed that he was not in need of these gifts, nor sought them out, he accepted them as an expression of the Philippians' concern for him, such being pleasing to God.

Reviewing the reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we perceive that there is a spiritual meaning involved. We are no longer at a Great Feast but at a Royal Wedding Feast. It is a Wedding Banquet that the Father gives for His Son. The Son is Jesus. The Bride is the invisible Kingdom of God on earth, the Mystical Body of Christ that is made visible through the Holy Catholic Church. The Holy Catholic Church had its beginning in Jerusalem on Pentecost Day when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. [Acts 1:4, 2:4]

Word Of Life

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 21 at Archdiocesan Center 171 Clifton Ave from 8:45 am-12:30 pm. The cost is \$30 at the door.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday, October 28 from 1-3 pm in the convent parking lot. Parishioners, decorate your trunk with goodies for our children. Those who wish to participate, please give your name to Carol or Fred.

BISHOP FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE: Thursday, November 9 at The Highlawn in West Orange. Fr. Ed Leahy, Henry Rawls and Karen Cavaness are the honorees. See Janice Champ or Mary Brown for tickets.

CALLING ALL TEENS! The food pantry needs your help on the 3rd & 4th Saturday of the month between the hours of 8-10 am. See Helen Brooks for details.

PRIEST APPRECIATION BOX is on the Blessed Mother Altar.

THE OCTOBER PETITION BOX: The October devotions to the Blessed Mother are every Monday and Friday in the main church at 6 pm.

THREE PARENTS PER WEEK are needed to help with the children's Mass, see Fred for details.

TUESDAY NIGHT FAMILY PRAYER and Fasting at 10 pm on YouTube Live Stream.

NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK has been extended. There is a bucket in the front of the church to place your diapers. Please help our food pantry families. Please bring all diapers to the office and they will be given to our food pantry.

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED after the 8 and 10 AM Masses It is simple fellowship. If you want to sponsor a fellowship, contact Pat Ross at 973-508-8309 for more information.

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION for children. Please bring Baptismal Certificate for registration. Please see Stephanie Williams (First Communion) and Fred Hill (Confirmation).

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.

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 is every Wednesday at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

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.

FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE CONVENT DURING RENOVATIONS. Anyone sponsoring fellowship once renovations begin, the food will have to be ready to serve. There are no heating facilities available in the convent. Any questions, please contact Pat Ross.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Communion are at 19 Van Ness Pl. after the 10 am Mass.

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 MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE NO RENTAL OF THE CHURCH HALL AFTER OCTOBER 15 DUE TO RENOVATION.

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.