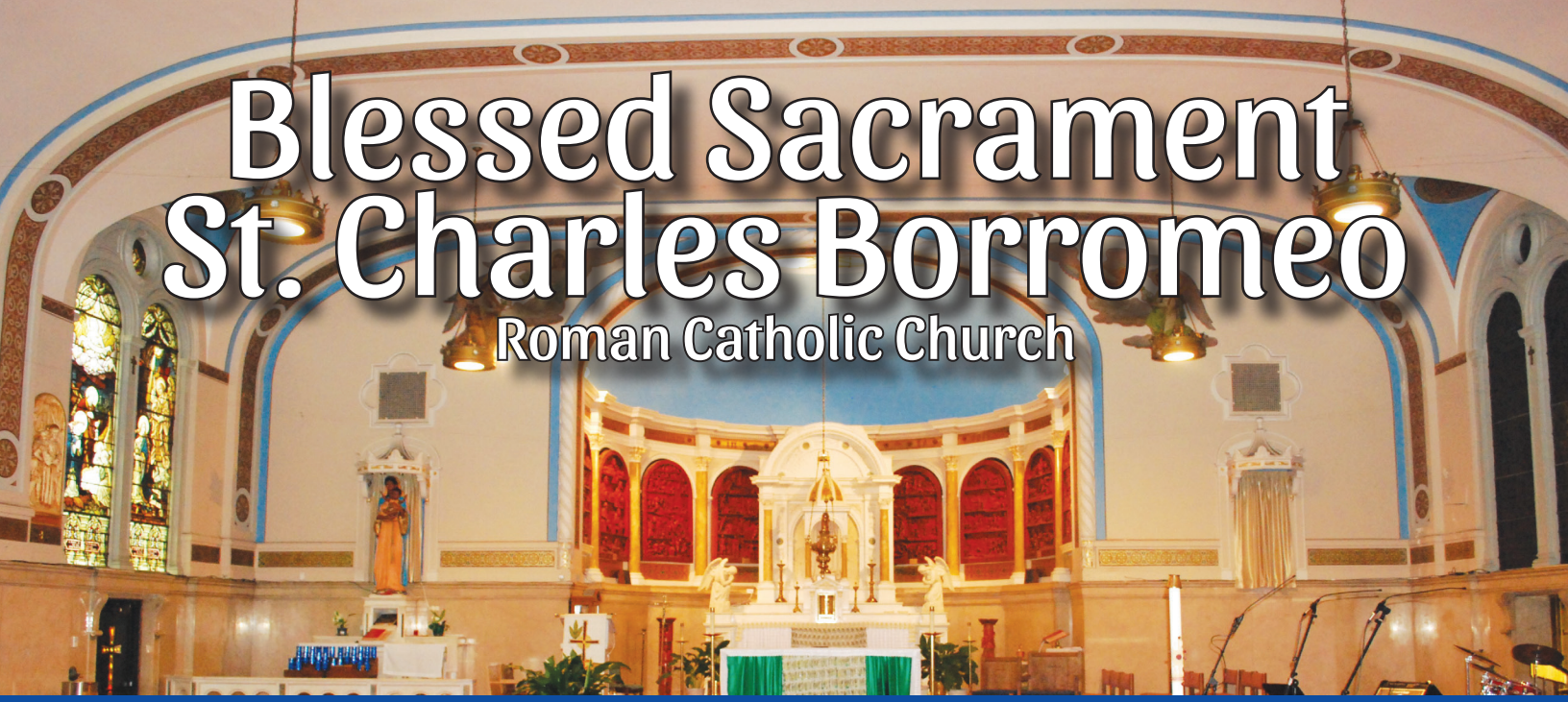

Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo

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 ourworship, 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 pm 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*
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. Merilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 103
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Parish Secretary: Ext. 105
Business Manager: Ext: 100
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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, 7:00 pm in the Church.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Merilyn Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Merilyn Smith

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley

VAN SERVICE: Kevin Ralph

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, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson

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 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 Merilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

DRCEMBER 5, 2021

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 altar flowers are available. Call the parish office for these requests.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday Advent
Readings: Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Lk 3:1-6
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
12:30 & 4:30 p.m. 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
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY, 7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM VIA ZOOM 825 5051
Password 570414

Monday, December 6
Readings: Is 35:1-10
Gospel: Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7
Readings: Is 40:1-11
Gospel; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8
Solemnity of the BVM
Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9
Readings: Is 41:13-20
Gospel: Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 10
Readings: Is 48:17-19
Gospel: Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Gospel: Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 12
Third Sunday Advent
Readings: Zep 3:14-18a/ Phil 4:4-7
Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

They Went Out from You O Jerusalem

Today's spiritual message that is discerned through the readings that we have just heard consists of informing us that we should continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ in our lives. The First Reading [Bar. 5:1-9] is based on a prophetic song. In it, God promised to bring back His people from exile. As biblical history tells us, in 597 B.C., General Nebuzaradan captured Jerusalem and took the Jewish people into exile to Babylon. [2 kgs 25:11; Jer. 29:1-2]

In a way, this event is a picture of God's creation of man. Through the disobedience of our first parents, Satan became the prince of this world. Through sin, we were all called to experience a spiritual death that would deprive us of the eternal beatific vision of God. But, through the Blood of Christ, we have been freed from our exile. Jesus rightfully regained the earthly Kingdom after having been crowned as the King of kings during His triumphal entry in Jerusalem. [Mt. 21:1-11; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk. 19:28- 40; Jn. 12:12-9] Delivered from the grip of Satan through our faith in Christ and the gifts of a new heart, a new spirit and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism, we have become members of the Body of Christ, the new earth on which Jesus has established His spiritual Kingdom.

During today's Gospel Reading, [Lk. 3:1-6] we heard the words of John the Baptist, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." These words parallel the words of the First Reading from the Book of Baruch and the prophecies from the Books of Isaiah and Jeremiah. These words admonish the people to prepare for the end of their exile for the salvation of God is at hand. As we know today, these prophetic words have been fulfilled through the death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.

This week, let us reflect upon our spiritual ancestors, our saintly brothers and sisters, who have gone out from Jerusalem so we may share in the joy of the Gospel of Christ. Let us reflect upon their message which has become our message. Have we prepared ourselves to celebrate the past coming of the Lord that is commemorated on Christmas day?

Word Of Life

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 5	8:00 am	Stephanie Williams & Roslyn Major
	10:00 am	Cathy Johnson & Mary Brown
Dec. 11	6:30 pm	Marva Mendoza
Dec. 12	8:00 am	Roslyn Major & Stephanie Williams
	10:00 am	Marlyene Tronchin
Dec. 18	6:30 pm	Marva Mendoza
Dec. 19	8:00 am	Stephanie Williams & Roslyn Major
	10:00 am	Fred Hill & Harold Uche
Dec. 24	10:00 pm	Marlyene Tronchin & ICC Lector
Dec. 25	9:00 am	Fred Hill
Dec. 26	8:00 am	Roslyn Major & Stephanie Williams
	10:00 am	Ogechukwu Ekeh & Ezinne Anyanwu

DECEMBER 5 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value…"(Philippians 1:9-10)
During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

PARISH ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday December 11, 9am to 12pm in the church hall. ***"Joy To The World; The Promised Victory."*** Keynote speaker: Fr. Erasmus Okere.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY: This year we will host our first Children's Christmas Grab and Go giveaway on **Saturday, December 18 from 12 to 2 pm** donations of gifts and volunteers are needed.

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Frs. 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.

BSSCB ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY HOLIDAY FUND-RAISER: Shop for everything from holiday greeting cards to fabric face masks to home decor and bags. Please go to http://www.shadesgifts.com and select the Shop option at the top of the screen. For items that you wish to purchase note the item numbers, descriptions and prices. Give that information to a member of the Rosary Altar Society who will process the order. Thank you for your support!

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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09
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.

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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 – $137.50 per case, Sacramental Host – $23 per box, Lux Mundi Oil Refills for the Altar - $48 per case and Flowers are $45 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2021
A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS

This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this; that He has testified concerning His Son. **1 John 5:6-9**

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