

# 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 29, 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 29

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 22:20–26

1 Thes 1:5c–10

Gospel: Jn 14:23

**6:30 PM Mass**

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving and intentions requested by Josephine Balima and family;*

*Thanking God for prayers answered, blessings received requested by Chinedum Chukwu & family; Thanking God for blessings and mercy requested by Chigozie Ojukwu and family*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for blessings received requested by the Tronchin family; Thanksgiving requested by Josephine Balima and family; Birthday blessings and thanking God for Kossiwa Tchalla requested by family; Repose of Chukwudumebi Anthony-Luigi Odiachi may he rest in peace requested by family*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

## Monday, October 30

Reading: Rom 8:12–25/17

Gospel: Lk 13:10–17

## Tuesday, October 31

Reading: Rom 8:18–25

Gospel: Lk 12:35–38

## Wednesday, November 1

Reading: Rev 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Gospel: Matt 11:28

## Thursday, November 2

Reading: Wis 3:1–9

Rom 5:5–11

Gospel: Jn 6:37–40

## Friday, November 3

Reading: Rom 7:18–25a

Gospel: Lk 12:54–59

## Saturday, November 4

Reading: Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29

Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7–11

## Sunday, November 5

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10

1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13

Gospel: Matt 23:1–12



## *You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*

The First Reading that we have just heard from the Book of Exodus [Ex. 22:21-27] spoke of the loving relationship that the Israelites men should have towards those who were under-privileged. The responsibility was upon the men because in those days, they were the authority over the families. The under-privileged were the aliens (the immigrants), those who were forced to leave their homes because of circumstances such as wars, plagues or famines.

In the Second Reading, Paul reminded the Thessalonians [1 Thess. 1:5-10] of his living example among them for their sake so that they may grow in Christ. Paul's example is also the Lord's example. ("Be imitators of me as I am of Christ." [1 Cor. 11:1]) To fully live one's Christian life, it is necessary to "become imitators of God, as beloved children, to live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." [Eph. 5:1-2] The examples of St. Paul and many other Christians shined in the love of Christ so others may know the way of Christ. [1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 3:7-9]

During today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, [Mt. 22:34-40] Jesus was asked by the Pharisees what was the greatest Commandment. This question was reasonable since like today, the Law of those days contained 613 different Commandments. 248 of them were favourable while 365 were things that should not be done. And, when considering these different Commandments, they all had degrees of excellence or sinfulness. This is no different than the Laws of today, theft under \$2,000.00 or over \$2,000.00, murder in first degree or by manslaughter, one crime being more serious than the other.

Jesus answered by saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Quoted from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, this is the first and most important Commandment. It summarizes the first four of the Ten Commandments given to Moses. [Ex. 20:1-11] Placing God first in one's life means walking in faith and in the love of God.

### *Word Of Life*

**"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
**"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP**

is November 18 at the Archdiocesan Center. Registration forms are available now. See Janice Champ(8am) and Marilyn Smith(10am).

## **WELCOME MINISTRY**

needs members. Please see Janice Champ (8am) and Marilyn Smith (10am).

## **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

## **CALLING ALL TEENS!**

The food pantry needs your help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month between the hours of 8-10 am. See Helen Brooks for details.

## **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.

## **SACRAMENTAL FORMS:**

For all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: bsscb.org. Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to 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** 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**