

# 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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Website: [www.bssc.org](http://www.bssc.org)  
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 15, 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 15

#### Third Sunday Of Lent

Readings: Ex 17: 3-7/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4: 42 or 4: 5-15,  
19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

**8:00 a.m. Mass:** In loving memory of Pearl Borom on her Birthday by Beverly Hunter.

**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 16

Readings: 2Kgs 5: 1-15b

Gospel: Lk 4: 24-30 (237)

### Tuesday, March 17

Readings: Dn 3: 25, 34-43

Gospel: Mt 18: 21-25 (238)

### Wednesday, March 18

Readings: Dt 4: 5-9

Gospel: Mt 5: 17-19 (239)

### Thursday, March 19

Readings: 2Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a,

16/Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2: 41-51a (543)

### Friday, March 20

Readings: Hos 14: 2-10

Gospel: Mk 12: 28-34 (241)

### Saturday, March 21

Readings: Hos 6: 1-6

Gospel: Lk 18: 9-14 (242)

### Sunday, March 22

Readings: 1Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

/Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9,  
13-17, 34-38 (31)

## Third Sunday of Lent

How are we to hear the Word of God unless there is someone to proclaim Him? [Rom. 10:14] Therefore, I proclaim what Jesus has spoken to us today, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to complete His work." [Jn. 4:34] Not only was the food of Jesus to do the Divine Will of our Heavenly Father, but it was also to complete His work, to persevere to the very end.

The Words of Jesus echo our present short-term perseverance. Entering the third week in Lenten Season, we are making every effort to persevere in our fasting, our penances and our prayers so we may obtain the strength that we need to overcome our sinful tendencies. By the grace of God, we shall achieve our personal goals so we may be one with Jesus as He is one with the Father. [Jn. 17:11]

Today's First Reading from the Book of Exodus [Ex. 17:3-7] was a prophetic picture of what was to come through Jesus Christ. It consisted of one of the three events found in the Old Testament that speak of people thirsting for water.

The first event took place in Mirah [Ex. 15:22-7] where Moses turned bitter water into sweet water. The second event, [Ex. 17:3- 7] the one that was read today, took place at Rephidim. Being without water, Moses was commanded by God to take the elders with him and to strike the rock with the staff. Then, miraculously, water came out of the rock. The third event took place at Kadesh [Numb. 20:2-13] where once more Moses was commanded by God to assemble the congregation and to command the rock before their eyes to yield its water.

Today's Second Reading [Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8] informs us that God's love was poured into our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit that has been given to us through Christ. The Divine love of God assures salvation to those who are justified. Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [Rom. 5:1] Through peace with God, our reconciliation replaces our alienation that was caused by the disobedience of Adam.

Today's Gospel Reading [Jn. 4:5-42] echoes the First Reading from the Book of Exodus. As we heard, Jesus promised to give us water that will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. [Jn. 4:14]

During the reading, we heard that Jesus and His disciples came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [Jn. 4:5] In case some of you may try to locate the city Sychar, you will not be able to do so. The name "Sychar" is believed to be a corruption of the name "Sychem" (Shechem) which was near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [Gen. 33:19, 48:22] Shechem is where the bones of Joseph were buried.

### Word Of Life

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$4,979.54	\$4,350.00	\$629.54

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Jean McClurkin, Wilfred Koundeage, Cherfa Agoro, Sharon Burgwyn
Lectors:	8 am	Rosalyn Major, Hans Tanis
	10 am	Emmanuel Njoku, Inah Abita
Eucharistic:	8 am	Ammy Plummer, Gwen Hunt
	10 am	Marion Gabriel (B) Mary Brown, Erin Sweeney, Clair Dufrene, Prince Kwado

## 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 15 3rd – Sunday of Lent

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."*

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

## Holy Humor

There is a story of a father trying to explain Lent to his ten-year-old son. At one point, the father said, "You ought to give up something for Lent, something you will really miss, like candy." The boy thought for a moment, then asked, "What are you giving up, Father?" "I'm giving up liquor," the father replied. "But before dinner you were drinking something," the boy protested. "Yes, but that was only sherry," said the father. "I gave up hard liquor." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I think I'll give up hard candy."

### REFLECTION FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Loving God, there is so much darkness in my life and I hide from you. Take my hand and lead me out of the shadows of my fear. Help me to change my heart. Bring me to your truth and help me to respond to your generous love. Let me recognize the fullness of your love which will fill my life. Free me from the darkness in my heart.

**BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL:** Mark your Calendars for the upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: **Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22.** The Revivalist is Fr. Albert Nzeh our shepherd and teacher. We will pray, worship, adore and fellowship all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Friday, the youth component: 6:30 – 8:30 pm,** Saturday 9am – 3pm for all; **Sunday at both 8 and 10am Mass.**

**STATES RALLY– STATE OF CALIFORNIA March Memories Fundraiser:** Capture those memories by bringing your family, friends, clubs, co-workers, or just yourself for an 8 x 10 photo for \$20. Please sign up this month. All photos will be taken every Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm in BSSCB church hall.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ST CHARLES BORROMEO ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FASHION SHOW / TRICKY TRAY LUNCHEON, April 18, 11 am - 4 pm.** Holiday Inn North, 160 Frontage Road, Newark.

**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](https://gradapply.xula.edu/register/IBCS_CE_NEW). You may also call the office for further information.

**STATES RALLY:** For information regarding the State Rally and payments contact, Ammy Plummer or Stephanie Williams, 8 am Mass; Donovan Green or Pat Ross, 10 am Mass. Checks should be made to BSSCB and in the memo section please put **States Rally**. If you are planning a fundraiser and plan on using the church as the venue, please speak to committee members and/or call parish office for availability of space and date.

### BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. Isaiah 63:7

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