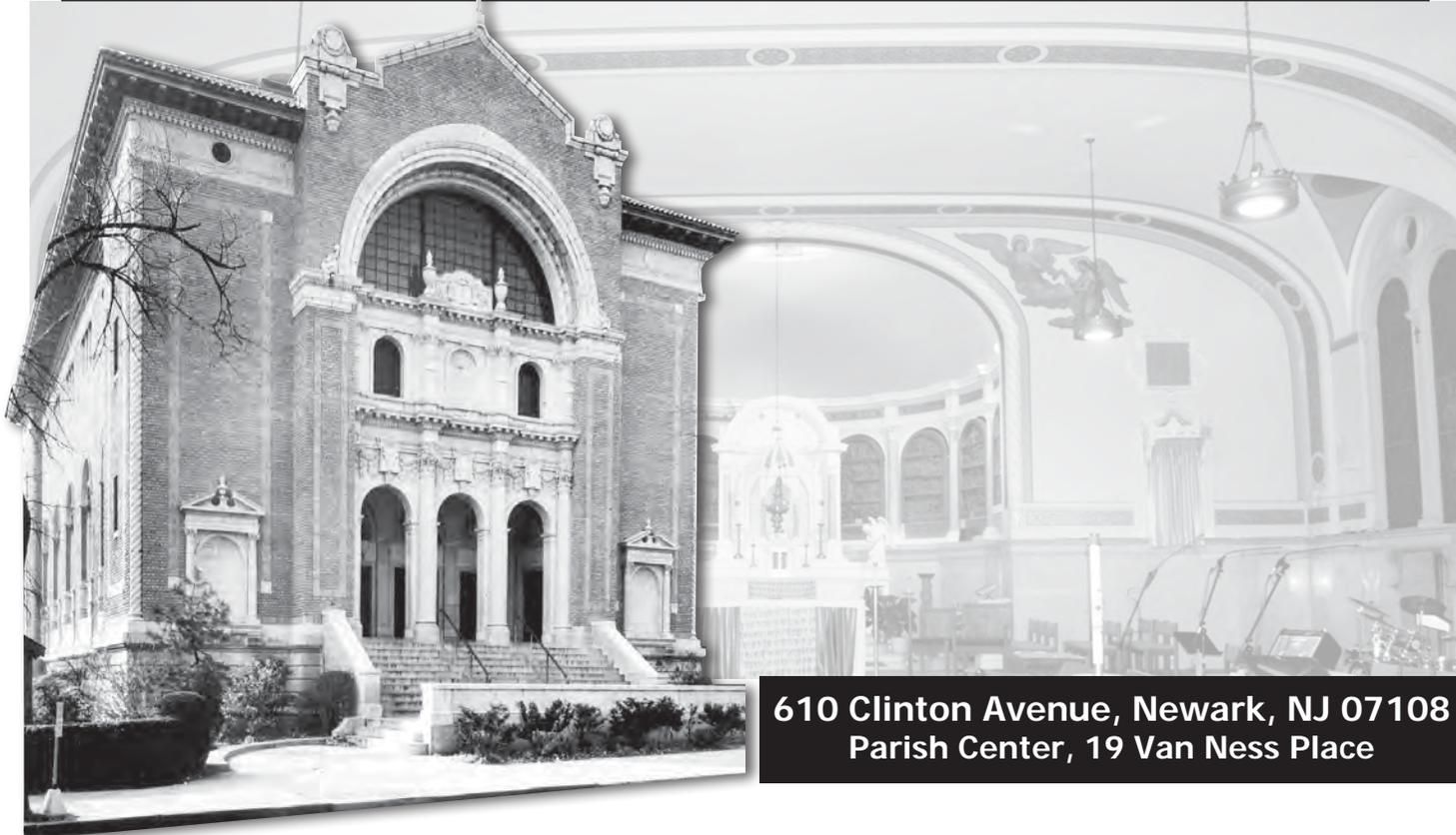


# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206  
Pastoral Associate: Ext: 202  
Business Manager: Ext: 201  
Parish Fax: 973-624-6030  
Email: [bsscchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bsscchurch@yahoo.com)  
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**  
**OCTOBER 18, 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, OCTOBER 18**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 45: 1, 4-6/1Thes 1: 1-5b  
Gospel: Mt 22: 15-21 (145)  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**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**

**Monday, October 19**

Readings: Eph 2: 1-10  
Gospel: Lk 12: 13-21 (473)

**Tuesday, October 20**

Readings: Eph 2: 12-22  
Gospel: Lk 12: 35-38 (474)

**Wednesday, October 21**

Readings: Eph 3: 2-12  
Gospel: Lk 12: 39-48 (475)

**Thursday, October 22**

Readings: Eph 3: 14-21  
Gospel: Lk 12: 49-53 (476)

**Friday, October 23**

Readings: Eph 4: 1-6  
Gospel: Lk 12: 54-59 (477)

**Saturday, October 24**

Readings: Eph 4: 7-16  
Gospel: Lk 13: 1-9 (478)

**Sunday, October 25**

Readings: Ex 22: 20-26/1Thes 1: 5c-10  
Gospel: Mt 22: 34-40 (148)

## *Giving to God what Rightfully Belongs to Him*

*"Give to God the things that are God's."* [Mt. 22:21] What a powerful statement! I pray to the Lord Jesus that by the grace of God the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual meaning of today's readings shall enrich all of you.

Beginning with the First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, [Is. 45:1, 4-6] the Lord God addressed His anointed one. As spiritual children of God, having been anointed during the Sacrament of Baptism, we can all welcome this message as if it was intended for each and everyone of us.

During this reading, we heard the Lord God speaking of His almightiness. By His infinite power, nations had been subdued and kings stripped of their robes. Doors had been opened for His anointed one and the gates shall not be closed. This parallels what the Lord God has done for each and every one of us through the anointment of our Baptism. He gave us all a new creation that He guards jealously, [Jas. 4:5] protecting it against the claws of Satan. Through our Baptism, He has opened the doors to Heaven for us to enter, promising never to close them. The promise of the New Covenant is forever. God, unchanging in His nature and promises, shall never take away from us the promise of salvation. If we fall short of persevering in our living faith that leads towards salvation, it will be because of our own free will.

In the Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, [1 Thess. 1:1-5] we learn more about the greatness of God. The reading began by identifying who the writer was. Besides Paul, there was Silas. Silas [Acts 15:22] was one of the leaders of the Jerusalem community who was sent to Antioch after the Council of Jerusalem. [1 Pet. 5:12] Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and Greek Father. He joined Paul and Silvanus at Lystra [Acts 16:1-3] and helped Paul in his ministry for a great period of time.

The Letter to the Thessalonians was addressed to the Church as a whole. By uniting God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the introduction of the Letter, Paul was confirming the Divinity of Christ. Applying his regular greeting and blessing, [2 Thess. 1:2] Paul prayed that grace and peace would be with the Thessalonians.

Saint Paul then proceeded to give thanks to God in prayer for all the blessings that the Thessalonians had received. He mentioned their work of faith, their labour of love and their steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. The labour of love is a reflection of active charity. As such, the prayer of thanksgiving to God embraces the virtues of faith, hope and charity that had been bestowed upon the Thessalonians.

the Gospel of Matthew, [Mt. 22:15-21] our attention is drawn towards the few who did not shine very much, if at all, in the eyes of God. Our attention is drawn to the Pharisees who were siding with the Herodians to trap Jesus with a question. Their intent was to have Jesus side with either the Pharisees or the Zealots. Consequently, this would cause some friction with one of the parties.

### *Word Of Life*

"We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. The Gospel of Life teaches us that 'the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest'" (EV 43). "Serving Moms in Need: Living the Gospel of Life"

## October 18 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - MATTHEW 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS** will be held on Mondays and Fridays, beginning with the Rosary at 6 pm followed by Mass and adoration. A petition box will be available for prayer requests.

**ALL SOULS INTENTIONS:** In order to facilitate the timely posting of all our dearly departed, we ask that you place your clearly printed names in the box provided for the month of October. The names will be collected each week ending on Monday 26th October.

**MASS REGISTRATION:** To attend Mass on Sunday, Mass Registration continues to be mandatory. You can access the link via our website <http://bsscb.org> or using this link <http://bsscb.eventbrite.com>, daily registration is required for every Mass.

**RCIA** – Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older who want to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held every Sunday at 19 Van Ness Place, after the 10 AM Mass, starting November 15. Please register with Marilyn Smith at the 10 AM Mass or call the parish office at 973-824-6548 and leave your name and phone number with Robyn Padia.

## STEWARDSHIP

***Stewardship is not just a matter of only giving.***

My time talent and treasure but is also a matter of maintaining all that God has given to me. Whether it’s the gift of faith, a talent, your body, a marriage, children, an occupation, a home, a car etc. God expects us to maintain all that he has blessed us with so that he can be glorified. He also expects us to use what he has given us to build up his Kingdom instead of our own selfish purposes. Remember, “it is always easier to obtain than it is to maintain.” Ask God for the grace and wisdom to maintain and use your blessings wisely.

**MASS REMEMBRANCE AND FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in your Tithing package. Please place them in the boxes in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD IN PERSON

Church family, welcome to the house of the Lord. We have begun our Sunday Mass and while it will take some getting used to, we are eager to see everyone and respectful of those who are not yet ready. We have taken every precaution to provide a safe environment. We have sanitizing stations, marked pews and floors for social distancing; cleaning supplies and volunteers to check individuals in and clean between each mass. Please register with this link when you are ready <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/109480009656>.

In addition to our regularly scheduled 8 & 10 AM mass we now have a 6:30 pm Mass on Saturdays. Weekday masses are being held in the main church at 6:30 Monday thru Friday. Seating allows for three individuals per pew and a family of two or more, a pew for themselves. Of course, suggestions are welcome while we transition, but patience is required and needed, as we all experience this change together. May God bless you and continue to join us on livestream. Know that we continue to pray for each of you.

## VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on YouTube. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

We’ve updated our teleconference login ID to enable us to check the distractions from background. CONFERENCE ID: 978-990-5000. Access code: 570-414 - You can download the Freeconferencecall app and use as our meeting ID bsscbchurchmedia. The Zoom Video Conference remains the same. For your convenience, the Zoom information is: Personal ID 381-980-5747 Web: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3819805747>.

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 or click this link below this message on your cell phone to be added automatically.

<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. Other spiritual activities will be announced when available.

**SACRAMENTAL FORMS:** Forms for all Sacraments are now available to download on our parish website: [bsscb.org](http://bsscb.org). Please fill forms out legibly before submitting them to the parish office.

**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.**