

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: 8:00 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: 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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext.104

Elizabeth N. Chukwu, *Pastoral Associate*,
Ext. 105

Frederick Hill, *Youth Minister*, Ext. 105

Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

Email: info@bsscbchurch.com

Website: www.bsscb.org

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.



Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Marilyn Smith

MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex

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

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

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**



Mary E. Brown, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Alice Williams, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edeley, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Annie Royster

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 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**
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

8:00 Mass

Repose of the soul of Nkem Uzowulu requested by Dr. & Mrs. Dike; Repose of the soul of Franklyn Campbell requested by Janice Champ

10:00 Mass

The Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica for a safe, healthy, and blessed delivery; Praying for God's Mercy and eternal rest for Paul Unogo requested by Bernie Unongo; In memory of Nathaniel Potts requested by Marilyn Smith; Birthday Blessing for Veronique Amedjago requested by the family

12:30 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM

VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981

Password 570414

Monday, February 27

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28

Readings: Is 55:10-11

Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10

Gospel: Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2

Readings: Est C12, 14-16, 23-25

Gospel: Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 3

Readings: Ez 18:21-28

Gospel: Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4

Readings: Deu 26:16-19

Gospel: Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gen 12:1-4a

2 Tim 1:8b-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



Away with you, Satan!

Lent is a season of penance that has been set apart by the Catholic Church in memory of the forty days' fast of Our Lord Jesus in the desert and as a mean of sanctification for her members. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent includes forty fasting days. The Lenten Season is a time to fast for the purpose of gaining spiritual strength in order to resist all forms of temptations.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis [Gen. 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7] recalls the creation of our first parents and the entry of original sin into the world. "The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." [Gen. 2:7] The first chapters of the Book of Genesis reveal two things to us. First of all, God created the earth for man's use. Before God created man, "there was no one to till the ground." [Gen. 2:5b] Secondly, when man dies, he will return to dust. [Gen. 3:19] While the outcome of placing man in the Garden of Eden was foreseen, God still created the first man as a unique life form, distinguishing him from all other earthly creations. Adam had a life that came from God.

The Second Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans [Rom. 5:12, 17-19] provides us with a greater understanding of the nature of sin. "Paul begins his description of the status of the reconciled Christian by comparing it with man's previous condition before the coming of Christ. It is a comparison of Adam, the first parent, with Christ, the head of the new humanity. But it is not smoothly worked out; for Paul also wants to extol the superabundance of Christ's grace which now reigns instead of Sin and Death which had been in control of man since Adam's time. Just as sin came into the world through Adam, so through Christ came uprightness. But Paul feels the need of justifying his novel teaching about Adam and breaks into the parallelism to assert emphatically that it was Adam's sin that affected all men. Paul emphasizes the surpassing quality of what Christ did, when it is compared with Adam's influence."

During today's Gospel Reading, [Mt. 4:1-11] we heard that Jesus fasted for forty days and He was put to the test by Satan. This reading from the Scriptures provides us with clues as to how we can overcome sin. Matthew 4:1 tells us that "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness." Where exactly did this event occur, the Holy Bible does not specify the area. One place West of Jericho that is called "Jebel Qarantal," named after 40 days, has traditionally been associated with the mount of temptations. So the possibility exist that this is the location where Jesus was tempted.

Word Of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection:
Cherished, Chosen, Sent**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS this Friday with Rosary at 6 pm, Mass and devotions at 6:30 pm.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS starts **Saturday, March 4** at 10 am in 19 Van Ness Place.

MARCH 10 IS YOUTH NIGHT after stations of the cross in the church hall.

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.

CHAPEL AND CONVENT HALL: Evening Mass and Children's Liturgy at 6:30 in the Convent Chapel; all ministry meetings will be held in the Convent Hall.

CCD CLASSES: Resume on Saturday. If you have any questions regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation please call the parish office, we will need your children's names and contact information along with email addresses. For more information call the parish office.

RCIA: Classes are every Sunday after the 10 am Mass in 19 Van Ness Pl. Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older by which adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments and speak to Marilyn Smith for further details on how to proceed.

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Fathers 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you! Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Bereavement and Repast, Media, Youth, and Church Maintenance need help. If you have a skill or trade in Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and IT, we welcome your help. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

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 886 0650 9047 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/HTTejmw2j123mcpaNE2qxV>.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6 pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm.

Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo RC Church

Lenten Revival

Revivalist

Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa

"The Insanity of God – For God So Loved the World" John 3:16



Fr. Emeka Christopher Okwuosa is a Nigerian-born Priest of the Roman Catholic church. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology at the Pontifical Salesian University, Rome. He also has a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Care and a Doctorate in Pastoral Psychology. Fr. Okwuosa started his priestly journey in Nigeria, then proceeded to Italy. He studied and worked for almost ten years as a student, an educator for junior seminarians, and a spiritual assistant to the Catholic Boys and Girls Scouts. In 2011 after his formation and ordination to the diaconate in Rome, he moved to the United States. He worked in Vermont as a youth leader, a teacher in a non-denominational Christian school, and a Parish vicar, first as a deacon and newly ordained priest after his ordination in 2012. In 2013, he was transferred to New Jersey, where he worked in the dioceses of Paterson and Metuchen and also internally for his former congregation, the Society of Divine Vocations (Vocationist Fathers), in the United States as a parochial vicar, formator of seminarians, vocation director, mission coordinator, Vice superior, and the provincial councilor in charge of formation until spring of 2022. From 2015 through 2019, Fr. Okwuosa was the director of Vocations for Religious Life and, from the Summer of 2016 through October 2022, the coordinator of the African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, both for the Archdiocese of Newark. Presently, he is incardinated into the Diocese of Bossard, Nigeria. Fr. Okwuosa is a retreat preacher and motivational speaker. He is also well-traveled and proficient in Igbo, English, Spanish, and Italian languages.

Friday, March 17, Youth Revival
beginning with Mass @ 6:30 pm
followed by Stations of the Cross
and Youth Revival in the church

Saturday, March 18
8:30 am Breakfast
Revival continues to 2 pm
in the church

Revival concludes on Sunday, March 19 with Mass at 8 and 10 am

Our revival can be viewed via our Facebook page on
<http://bsscb.org> and using our free conference line
<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/bsscbchurchmedia>
Meeting ID: bsscbmedia Dial in number 978-990-5000
access code 570414.

610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ
973-824-6548

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