

# 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: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 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, 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:** Mary Brown

**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown

**REPAST:** Helen Brooks

**RCIA:** Marilyn Smith

**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 Edey, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Fred McClurkin, 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 5, 2023

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

### *Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Readings: Is 58:7-10 • 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

#### 8:00 Mass

*For all living and deceased Rosarians as requested by the Rosary Altar Society;*

*Thanking God for saving my son, Obinna by adding another year to his life, requested by Juliana Ugwu*

#### 10:00 Mass

*For all living and deceased Rosarians as requested by the Rosary Altar Society; The Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica for a safe, healthy, and blessed delivery; In loving memory of Michael Adams, requested by Angelica Adams; In loving memory of Sylvia Emanuel, requested by Angelica Adams; Birthday Blessings for Skyler Steele, requested by Marilyn Smith*

#### 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 EUCHARISTIC 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 6

Readings: Gen 1:1-19

Gospel: Mk 6:53-56

## Tuesday, February 7

Readings: Gen 1:20-2:4a

Gospel: Mk 7:1-13

## Wednesday, February 8

Readings: Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17

Gospel: Mk 7:14-23

## Thursday, February 9

Readings: Gen 2:18-25

Gospel: Mk 7:24-30

## Friday, February 10

Readings: Gen 3:1-8

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

## Saturday, February 11

Readings: Gen 3:9-24

Gospel: Mk 8:1-10

## Sunday, February 12

### *Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Readings: Sir 15:15-20 • 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37 Or

5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a,37



## *Let Your Light Shine Before Others*

**T**oday's First Reading from the Book of Isaiah [Is. 58:6-10] supplements the message of the Gospel Reading. Over and above being commanded to let our light shine before others, the Lord God tells us through the prophet Isaiah that our actions will determine our glory or darkness.

For some time, God had been telling His chosen people through Isaiah that He would send a Light in the world to save His people and the gentiles. "It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give You as a Light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." [Is. 49:6]

A passage from the Gospel of Lukes tells us that our Saviour Jesus, the "Light of the world," [Jn. 8:12] fulfilled the promised of the Lord. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Reviewing the Second Reading, [1 Cor. 2:1-5] when St. Paul went to preach to the Corinthians, it was to proclaim to them the mystery of Jesus Christ, He being crucified. [1 Cor. 2:2] Nothing else was on his mind. There was no intent to use lofty words or wisdom to deceive the Corinthians. Arrogance and procrastination was not part of his purpose.

When Paul was in Corinth for over a year and a half, [Acts 18:11] he went in weakness and in fear with much trembling. [1 Cor. 2:3] It was not easy. He was opposed and reviled. [Acts 18:5] He was brought before the tribunal, accused of influencing the people to worship a God contrary to the law. [Acts 18:13] In his love for the Lord Jesus, He endured much.

Today's Gospel Reading [Mt. 5:13-16] tells us that we are the salt of the earth. If salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. [Mt. 5:13] In other words, when we stop doing good works, our souls are worthless to God. We are no longer worthy of being called the brother or friend of Jesus. We are no longer worthy of being called a son or daughter of God. We are no longer worthy of the eternal inheritance that awaits all those who persevere in their living faith.

## *Word Of Life*

**"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."**

**USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, African attire is suggested.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 22. Stations of the Cross at 7pm every Friday after Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday.

**INTERNATIONAL FEAST DAY**, February 26 to close Black History Month. It will be catered and monetary donations are needed to make this a success! Please see Pat Ross for further information.

**LENTEL REVIVAL: MARCH 17-19: "The Insanity of God – For God So Loved the World, John 3:16" Revivalist, Fr. Emeka.** Friday, March 17 is Youth Night. We invite children and friends to experience this special night. Mass at 6:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross. Saturday, Revival continues with breakfast at 8:30 am. and concludes with Sunday Masses. *DON'T MISS YOUR BLESSING.*

**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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>  
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.

**CHAPEL AND CONVENT HALL:** Our 6:30 evening Mass and Children's Liturgy has resumed in the Convent Chapel; all ministry meetings will be held in the Convent Hall.

The Archdiocese of Newark's  
**AFRICAN AMERICAN, AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN APOSTOLATE**  
Invites You to the Annual Archdiocesan

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS**




*Celebrating the gifts of our culture and faith*

**Sunday, February 12, 2023 • 12 PM**  
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ

Celebrant: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark

**All are welcome!**  
Information: 973.497.4304 or [rahsaan.garlin@rcan.org](mailto:rahsaan.garlin@rcan.org)



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