

# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



He is not  
here: for  
**HE**  
**Is Risen,**  
as He  
said.

Matthew 28:6

610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108

## 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  
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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

APRIL 12, 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, APRIL 12

#### *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord*

Readings: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Col 3: 1-4  
or 1Col 5: 6b-8

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41)

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  
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

### Monday, April 13

Readings: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Gospel: Mt 28: 8-15 (261)

### Tuesday, April 14

Readings: Acts 2: 36-41

Gospel: Jn 20: 11-18 (262)

### Wednesday, April 15

Readings: Acts 3: 1-10

Gospel: Lk 24: 13-35 (263)

### Thursday, April 16

Readings: Acts 3: 11-26

Gospel: Lk 24: 35-48 (264)

### Friday, April 17

Readings: Acts 4: 1-12

Gospel: Jn 21: 1-14 (265)

### Saturday, April 18

Readings: Acts 4: 13-21

Gospel: Mk 16: 9-15 (266)

### Sunday, April 19

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47/1Pt 1: 3-9

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31 (43)

## *Pastoral Letter For The Holy Week Year 2020 Lesson From This Unusual Holy Week*

My dear brothers and sisters in the Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo Church Family, Welcome to the week we call Holy. The Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion traditionally begins the holy week in the Catholic Church. This year, the Holy week activities has become unusual because of the COVID-19 induced lock-down. As I ponder on the sudden changes and scenarios of life, the locked Churches and businesses, the empty streets that used to be very busy, the lines and distance with each other before you can buy from the grocery stores, our inability to dine in our choice restaurants and display our gorgeous garments in the churches and party halls, and the horrific statistics of sudden COVID-19 related deaths all over the world etc, I am left with thoughts of wonder, what could be the true meaning of life? If everything can be locked down in almost all the nations of the world and we are still surviving, it implies that the meaning of life cannot be found in our daily struggles for survival. It can't also be found in the various contingencies and competing activities of life that often prevent us from reflecting on the true meaning of life. Yet we all give high premium to these activities.

This unusual situation in the world today is offering us the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of our earthly existence. Perchance that will enable us to value our lives and the gift of each other in the human family. It can also help us to love, cherish and support one another. Above all, it can help us to attach more value to the spiritual realm and enable us appreciate more the reason Jesus left the glories of heaven to come on a rescue mission on earth.

The first reading for Palm Sunday taken from Is. 50:4-7 presented the song of the suffering servant of God who gave in to every kind of humiliation and pain just to accomplish the will of his Father. The second reading from Phil. 2:6-11 tied the virtue of humility to the Obedience of Jesus to his father's will. Paul in Phil. 2:5, invited us to emulated this life of humility from Jesus. Every good servant is expected to be obedient to his master and only humility can make a servant obey his master willingly.

The Passion narrative presented a vivid summary of the life of the suffering servant of Yahweh referenced in the first and second readings. In this drama-like story beginning from the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the death of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary, the church sets before us the entire message of the holy week. The last super points to the liturgy of Holy Thursday which commemorates the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. This sacrament is the 'center and summit' of our faith and also our bond of unity with each other and with Jesus. This day also commemorates the establishment of the ministerial Priesthood. The crucifixion reminds us of the liturgy of Good Friday which commemorates the substitutionary death of Jesus and his atonement sacrifice for our sins. The Easter vigil will commemorate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin, death and Satan. In his victory lies our own victory and our hope of eternal life. These annual communal celebrations of the church are now to be celebrated this year from the isolation of our individual homes. Is God speaking to us all through this uniqueness?

As I ponder on this, I also think about the situations in your individual families. I understand the various kinds of challenges you are passing through and my inability as your pastor to reach out to you on a more personal level than technology allows us at this time, and so I write to encourage you to:

(A) Stay strong in faith because our victory over the world and over this current situation can only come through our faith (1Jn. 5:4-5).

(B) Be connected to God through family prayers and our online ministry for nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rm8:31-38).

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## April 12 – Easter Sunday

*“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”* COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment: I am the Lord your God; you shall not have any strange gods before me.

### *Word Of Life*

“Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### *Prayer for an Easter Morning*

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

**BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 “A YEAR OF SHARING GOD’S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE”** Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

## *Holy Humor*



(C) Reach out to each other and support each other through prayers, words of encouragement and sharing of our provisions. Remember that our God rewards those who provide for the needy (Mt 25:42-45).

(D) Reach out to me or to the Chairperson of our church Wellness Ministry (Marlene Tronchin) for any person who may be in dire need of pastoral or temporal attention and we shall figure out how best to minister to or support that person.

(E) Celebrate this time as an opportunity God has given us to rediscover the value and need for our families, to love, cherish and celebrate each other, and above all to get our families spiritually connected with God in a very unique way.

Finally brethren, let us use this to reflect more deeply on the mysteries of life and salvation in Christ Jesus. In the words of our Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, let us always remember as we practice the discipline of social distancing, to actively engage in spiritual bonding through family prayers and bible study. I and my brother Priests will continue to keep you in our daily prayers. We shall also continue to minister to you online as we have been doing every morning and evening through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and daily prayers till we overcome this pandemic as one family. I miss celebrating the Eucharist with you. It is my earnest prayers that God will grant us the opportunity of reunite in our worship space in no distant time to continue the worship and celebration of the Almighty God with our usual vibrant liturgies.

**Rev Fr Albert Nzeh, Pastor BSSCB Church**

**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 updated our teleconference login ID to enable us 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, I have added Zoom information again below: 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>.

God bless you as you connect to our media platforms and keep your Church family in prayer during this Pandemic. Let's survive it together with God on our side.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm. Other spiritual activities will be announced when available.

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