

# 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 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Masses (Chapel), Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m., Saturday: 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. 100

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office—9 am-4:30 pm

## 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.  
Every second Tuesday, 11 p.m. –  
Midnight Prayer/Adoration (Virtual)



# Church Ministries and Chairpersons

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Solomon Onemheghie  
**BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ  
**BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins  
**CURSILLO:** Merilyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Merilyn Smith  
**FINANCE:** Lola Walker  
**FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Harold Uche  
**HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore  
**HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross  
**LECTORS:** Fred Hill  
**LITURGY:** Merilyn Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex  
**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell  
**MUSIC/CHOIR:** John Garner, Diane Scott  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Merilyn Smith  
**REPAST:** Helen Brooks  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown  
**SANITATION:** Alicia E. Alford  
**TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley  
**WELCOME:** Joan Lowery  
**WELLNESS:** Marleyne Tronchin  
**YOUTH:** Fred Hill

**PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND FOR  
THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**



Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Marion Gabriel, Patricia Ross, Merilyn Smith, Walter Preston, Rochelle Preston

# 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 8 AM – 10 AM and 3rd and 4th Wednesdays 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 Merilyn Smith.



# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 17, 2024

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Jh 31:31-34

He 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

**8:00 AM Mass**

*All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; Repose of the soul of Christopher Idoko requested by BSSCB church; In memory of Comlavi, Rose & Martha requested by Madeleine Goerke*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family requested by Mary F. Brown; Birthday blessings for Michael Smith requested by Merylyn Smith; Birthday blessings for Zayne Agoro requested by Kossiwa Tschalla and family; Repose of the soul of Christopher Idoko requested by BSSCB; Repose of the soul of Myra Johnson requested by Sharon Burgwyn; In memory of Anayochi Chukwu requested by Elizabeth Chukwu; In memory of Josephine Believe Okpor requested by Fredrick & Susan Okpor; In memory of Delores Quarles requested by Merylyn Smith; All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, March 18**

Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or 13:41c-62

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 19**

Reading: 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22

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

**Wednesday, March 20**

Reading: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Gospel: Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 21**

Reading: Gn 17:3-9

Gospel: Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 22**

Reading: Jr 20:10-13

Gospel: Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 23**

Reading: Ez 37:21-28

Gospel: Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 24**

**Palm Sunday**

Readings: Is 50:4-7

Ph 2:6-11

Gospel: Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



## *I Will Draw All People to Myself*

**T**he First Reading was taken from the Book of Jeremiah. [Jer. 31:31- 34] From this Holy Book that is found in the Old Testament, we learn of God's promise of a New Covenant. We heard that God promised to write His laws in our hearts, that we will all know Him, that our sins would be forgiven and that our sins will never again be remembered by God.

As Christians, we all know that the New Covenant of grace was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper. Sitting at the table with His disciples, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

But what does it mean that God will write His laws in our hearts and that we will all know Him? What does it mean that we will no longer teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord." Some have interpreted this last question to mean that now, they only need the guidance of the Holy Spirit who inspires them in their heart. They no longer need the priests, the bishops, the pope or even the Catholic Church. When such a thought crosses the worldly mind, these individuals start their own new Church, alleging that the Holy Spirit inspired them to do so. But this is not what God was saying. To perceive the fullness of the spiritual meaning of God's Words, it is necessary to search the other Words of God within the Scriptures that are associated with the promise of a New Covenant.

Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews teaches us, through the example of our Lord Jesus, how we must respond to God's calling that draws us to Him. During this reading, we heard that, in His human nature, Jesus learned obedience through what He suffered. Through suffering, Jesus was made perfect. Through perfection, He became the source of salvation for all who obey Him.

Today's Gospel Reading from the Gospel of John reaffirms what has just been said. In a parable, Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies; it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

### *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

**EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY MARCH 23** for our children from 1-3pm. Please bring candy filled eggs this week to the office during business hours.

**UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE, Wednesday April 17, 7pm** for students in grades 5 through 7 for their high school search.

**WHEN WRITING YOUR CHECKS**, please write the complete name of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles. The bank is no longer accepting the initials of BSSCB.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you!** Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our **Bereavement, Repast, Media, Youth, Welcome** 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.

**SUGGESTION BOX** is in the back of the church. If you have any words of wisdom and solutions, please put in the box.

**LOCK BOX** at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box. Please put your phone number and other information so we can let you know it was received.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** In order to facilitate correct information and a timely entry for Mass intentions in the bulletin, please call the parish office and submit your request one week before the date you wish. A donation of \$10 is suggested. **NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY.**

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

**MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE:** Please call the office to request and place your Mass intentions at a suggested donation of \$10.

**BLANK ENVELOPES** are available for visitors or if you don't have envelopes. If you want envelopes sent to you, please fill out the envelope and request them.

**ILL PARISHIONERS:** If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and homebound team can arrange a visit

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** We need someone to update and upload information to the church's website. Please contact the office for further details.

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

**Option 3- ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

We have an open 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>.

**BIBLE STUDY** every Wednesday at 7:45 pm on Zoom.  
**ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY MASS:** Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place every Sunday during the 10 am liturgy. On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** It is important for us to have your updated contact information, if you have changed your address, phone number or email, please inform the office. This will assist us in ensuring you receive accurate information in a timely manner, and reduce the chance that important mail does not get lost. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with any anyone, this is for church records only. If your information has changed please call parish office at 973-824-6548 or email: [info@bsscbchurch.com](mailto:info@bsscbchurch.com) to update; your address, phone number and email.

**DONATIONS AND GIFTS:** We are thankful to all our parishioners who give of their Time, Talent and Treasure to our parish. If you would like to make a donation or do the offertory as part of your Mass request, here is a list of items to consider. Sacramental Wine – \$110 per case, Sacramental Host – \$30 per box, Perpetual Light Candles – \$73.75 per case, Perpetual Light Candle (singular) – \$10 and Flowers are \$50 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

**NO DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL OR CONVENT PARKING LOTS. SIGNS ARE UP AND CARS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

**REMEMBER! THERE IS NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE CHURCH.**

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