

# 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. 104

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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, 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:** Merylyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Merylyn 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:** Merylyn Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex  
**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell  
**MUSIC/CHOIR:** John Garner, Diane Scott  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Merylyn 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, Merylyn Smith

# 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 Merylyn Smith.

## WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 10, 2023

All Masses should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God.

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.  
8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM  
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST  
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,  
7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 10**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 40:1–5, 9–11

2 Pt 3:8–14

Gospel: Mk 1:1–8

**6:30 PM Mass**

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Heavenly birthday blessings for Marie  
Burnett requested by Alicia Alford;*

*Thanksgiving for blessings on my family  
requested by Chigozie Ojukwu*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Healing mercies on Marilyn Smith  
requested by the church family*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, December 11**

Reading: Is 35:1–10

Gospel: Lk:5:17–26

**Tuesday, December 12**

Reading: Rev 11:19a, 12:1–6a

Gospel: Lk 1:39–47

**Wednesday, December 13**

Reading: Is 40:25–31

Gospel: Mt 11:28–30

**Thursday, December 14**

Reading: Is 41:13–20

Gospel: Mt 11:11–15

**Friday, December 15**

Reading: Is 48:17–19

Gospel: Mt 11:16–19

**Saturday, December 16**

Reading: Sr 48:1–4, 9–11

Gospel: Mt 17:9a, 10–13

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 61:12a, 10–11

1 Th 5:16–24

Gospel: Jn 1:6–8, 19–28



## Prepare the Way of the Lord

The message from today's readings tells us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus. With the approaching of Christmas, the day when we will be celebrating the incarnation of God on earth, we are reminded how the people of the Old Testament waited for the arrival of Baby Jesus as the promised Messiah. Through the New Testament readings, we are reminded of the patience of the Lord in His second and final coming that will serve the purpose of our salvation, the Lord not wanting any to perish.

In the First Reading, it was mentioned that the Lord God would come with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. Looking back in history, when did Jesus come with might? If we ask this question with a worldly heart, we will not perceive the answer for it takes a spiritual heart to know what is spiritual. [Rom. 8:5-7]

The might of the Lord came when His Kingdom was founded on earth. Throughout the New Testament, we find clues here and there as to the coming of the invisible spiritual Kingdom of God. In Luke 10:18, when the seventy disciples of Jesus returned from proclaiming that the Kingdom of God has come near [Lk. 10:9], they boasted of how the demons submitted to the Name of Jesus. Jesus answered by saying that He watched Satan fall from Heaven like a flash of lightning.

From the Gospel of Mark, we heard today that John the Baptist was the messenger who came ahead of the Lord Jesus to announce His public life. When John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness, Jesus was already born. But His public ministry had not begun as of yet.

Today's Gospel Reading finishes by telling us that while John baptized the people with water, Jesus baptized those He loves with the Holy Spirit. [Mk. 1:8] Through Christ, we are sanctified to become in His likeness, holy, righteous, obedient and submissive to God's Divine Will, shining in love towards others and bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our baptism in the Holy Spirit is ongoing, being reflected by our living faith in Christ, by our walking the path of Christ, by our patient endurance, by our bearing of the daily crosses that the Lord permits to come our way, and forgiving those who trespass against us.

### Word Of Life

**"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://respectlife.org/support-her). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's Christmas Party Grab-N-Go Gifts for All Ages December 16, 1–3 pm Convent Hall Snacks To Go

The giving tree is in the back of the church with tags to purchase gifts for the children! You can bring unwrapped gifts to the office during the week between 10 am and 4 pm.

**HELP WITH ALTAR CHANGING:** Janice Champ needs your help in changing the altar for Sundays. Call her at 973-868-4178 to make arrangements with you.

**CHURCH DECORATING:** Beginning this week and the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the church for Christmas. See Janice Champ for further details and with your availability. If you can't come during the week, she will meet you on Saturday.

**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.

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

**TUESDAY NIGHT FAMILY PRAYER** and Fasting at 10 pm on YouTube Live Stream.

**WELCOME MINISTRY** needs members. Please see Janice Champ (8am) and Marilyn Smith (10am).

**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

**SACRAMENTAL 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.

## 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** is every Wednesday at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

**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 MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**THERE WILL BE NO RENTAL OF THE CHURCH HALL AFTER OCTOBER 15 DUE TO RENOVATION.**

**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.**