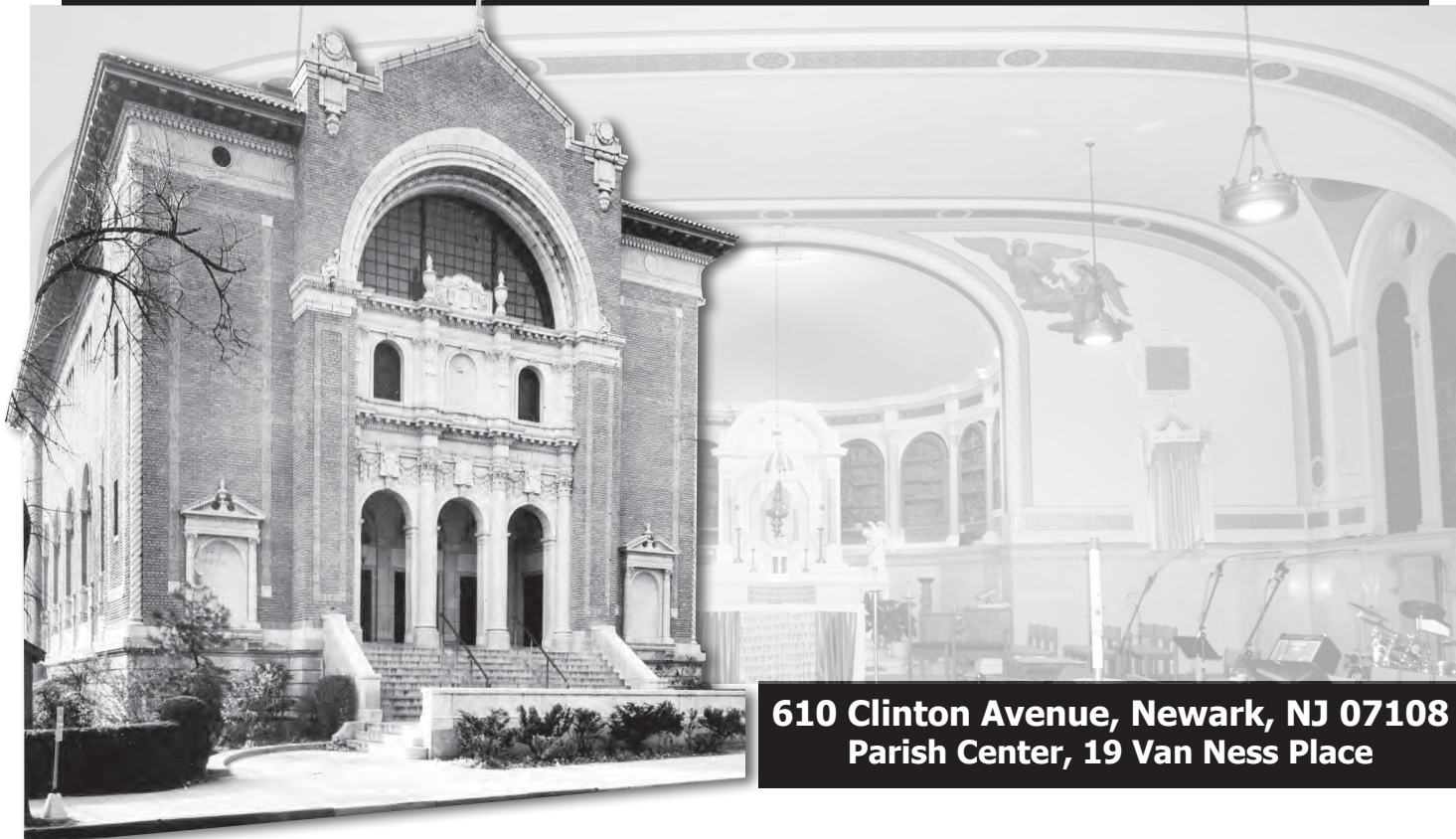


# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108**  
**Parish Center, 19 Van Ness Place**

## 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  
Pastoral Associate: Ext: 202  
Business Manager: Ext: 201  
Parish Fax: 973-624-6030  
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

MARCH 8, 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, MARCH 8

#### Second Sunday Of Lent

Readings: Gn 12: 1-4a/2Tm 1: 8b-10

Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9 (25)

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, March 9

Readings: Dn 9: 4b-10

Gospel: Lk 6: 36-38 (230)

### Tuesday, March 10

Readings: Is 1: 10, 16-20

Gospel: Mt 23: 1-12 (231)

### Wednesday, March 11

Readings: Jer 18: 18-20

Gospel: Mt 20: 17-28 (232)

### Thursday, March 12

Readings: Jer 17: 5-10

Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31 (233)

### Friday, March 13

Readings: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)

### Saturday, March 14

Readings: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20

Gospel: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)

### Sunday, March 15

Readings: Ex 17: 3-7/Rom 5: 5-8

Gospel: Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15,

19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

# First Sunday of Lent

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Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations. (A homily starter anecdote may be added)

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the "Original Temptation" – "You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil." Adam and Eve were given the possibility of making a choice to live for God, dependent upon and obedient to His will, or to say no to God. The temptation to evil led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin. In contrast, today's Gospel from St. Matthew shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and authority.

In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought him and us sin, death, and a broken relationship with God. Paul explains that Christ regained for us the right relationship with God by his perfect obedience to God his Father.

Today's Gospel teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs and thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction. The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that he is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God's superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all kingdoms of the world.

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### Word Of Life

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28)

We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. We encourage everyone to tithe so that we can meet our expectations. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk.12:34

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

#### MARCH 1

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$4,896.10	\$4,350.00	\$546.10

### FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS

Projected Income	Actual Income	Difference
\$4,350.00 (weekly)		
February 2	\$2,485.00	(\$1,865)
February 9	\$4,999.00	\$649.00
February 16	\$4,656.39	\$306.39
February 23	\$3,573.64	(\$776.36)

### FEBRUARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Bereavement	\$411.00
Utilities	\$708.00
Security	\$496.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$86.10
Eastern Europe	\$6.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Martine Vancol, Adriana Henry, Ezinne Anyanwu, Kanga Patrice
Lectors:	8 am	Stephanie Williams, Marva Mendoza
	10 am	Donovan Green, Yvonne Green
Eucharistic:	8 am	Rosalyn Major, Ammy Plummer
	10 am	Sharon Burgwyn (B) Berhita Taborn, Eugene Tronchin

## Bible Study at BSSCB Church

Our Bible Study sessions will continue almost every Wednesday through June. Bible study convenes at noon in Church hall and 7:30 pm in the Convent hall.



All are welcome. Participation is necessary by reading and discussing the lessons. Afternoon session ends at 1 pm and the evening session at 9 pm. Be a good steward of your time by reading and studying God's Word daily!

### March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Lord God, you who breathed the spirit of life within me. Draw out of me the light and life you created. Help me to find my way back to you. Help me to use my life to reflect your glory and to serve others as your son Jesus did.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL:** Mark your Calendars for the upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: **Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22.** The Revivalist is Fr. Albert Nzeh our shepherd and teacher. We will pray, worship, adore and fellowship all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Friday, the youth component: 6:30 – 8:30 pm,** Saturday 9am – 3pm for all; **Sunday at both 8 and 10am Mass.**

**STATES RALLY– STATE OF CALIFORNIA March Memories Fundraiser:** Capture those memories by bringing your family, friends, clubs, co-workers, or just yourself for an 8 x 10 photo for \$20. Please sign up this month. All photos will be taken every Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm in BSSCB church hall.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ST CHARLES BORROMEO ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FASHION SHOW / TRICKY TRAY LUNCHEON, April 18, 11 am - 4 pm.** Holiday Inn North, 160 Frontage Road, Newark.

**AN INVITE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:** The Xavier University of Louisiana is currently accepting applications for individuals interested in attending classes during the summer under the IBCS (Institute Of Black Catholic Studies) program. The AAA& C Apostolate along with the Archdiocese of Newark will offer information on subsidizing a portion of the tuition. Please visit the link provided for program information, class schedules, to facilitate your planning and registration for the 2020 IBCS Summer Session. [https://gradapply.xula.edu/register/IBCS\\_CE\\_NEW](https://gradapply.xula.edu/register/IBCS_CE_NEW). You may also call the office for further information.

**PASTORAL SERVICES:** To make appointments with Fr. Albert, Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Fr. Erasmus, Tuesday 11am to 5pm. All appointments must be made with the parish secretary at 973-824-6548 ext. 200

**STATES RALLY:** For information regarding the State Rally and payments contact, Ammy Plummer or Stephanie Williams, 8 am Mass; Donovan Green or Pat Ross, 10 am Mass. Checks should be made to BSSCB and in the memo section please put **States Rally**. If you are planning a fundraiser and plan on using the church as the venue, please speak to committee members and/or call parish office for availability of space and date.

**BSSCB ON YOUTUBE:** To view recent recordings of our mass please use youtube.com and search Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo Church.

**BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"** As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Psalm 145:8-9

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