

# 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  
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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 1, 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 1**

**First Sunday Of Lent**

Readings: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/

Rom 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19

Gospel: Mt 4: 1-11 (22)

8:00 a.m. Mass: Asking God for Birthday blessing & continuous healing mercies for my daughter Jamillah on her 26<sup>th</sup>

Birthday by Stephanie Smith

**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 2**

Readings: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18

Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46 (224)

**Tuesday, March 3**

Readings: Is 55: 10-11

Gospel: Mt 6: 7-15 (225)

**Wednesday, March 4**

Readings: Jon 3: 1-10

Gospel: Lk 11: 29-32 (226)

**Thursday, March 5**

Readings: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25

Gospel: Mt 7: 7-12 (227)

**Friday, March 6**

Readings: Ez 18: 21-28

Gospel: Mt 5: 20-26 (228)

**Saturday, March 7**

Readings: Dt 26: 16-19

Gospel: Mt 5: 43-48 (229)

**Sunday, March 8**

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

Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9 (25)

## *Away With You, Satan!*

**H**ow does today's celebration of the First Sunday of Lent relate to the creation of man versus Jesus spending forty days in the desert? Both events have to do with temptation!

Lent is a season of penance that has been set apart by the Catholic Church in memory of the forty days' fast of Our Lord Jesus in the desert and as a mean of sanctification for her members. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent includes forty fasting days. The Lenten Season is a time to fast for the purpose of gaining spiritual strength in order to resist all forms of temptations. It is a time to firmly say, "Away with you, Satan!" [Mt. 4:10]

"Lent is a time to ask oneself a number of questions. Where is life really leading me? Is the hope of eternal life my aspiration? Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer, reading the Word of God and meditating on it, receiving the Sacraments, self-denial? Have I been anxious to control my vices, my bad inclinations and passions, e.g., envy, love of food and drink? Have I been proud and boastful, thinking myself better in the sight of God and despising others as less important than myself?" (Sunday Missal - Prayerbook - Hymnal - 2000, page 669) By persevering in fasting, penances and prayers, the faithful obtain the strength that they need to overcome their sinful tendencies.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis [Gen. 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7] recalls the creation of our first parents and the entry of original sin into the world. "The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." [Gen. 2:7] The first chapters of the Book of Genesis reveal two things to us. First of all, God created the earth for man's use. Before God created man, "there was no one to till the ground." [Gen. 2:5b] Secondly, when man dies, he will return to dust. [Gen. 3:19]

The Second Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans [Rom. 5:12, 17-19] provides us with a greater understanding of the nature of sin. "Paul begins his description of the status of the reconciled Christian by comparing it with man's previous condition before the coming of Christ. It is a comparison of Adam, the first parent, with Christ, the head of the new humanity. But it is not smoothly worked out; for Paul also wants to extol the superabundance of Christ's grace which now reigns instead of Sin and Death which had been in control of man since Adam's time. Just as sin came into the world through Adam (and with it death, which affects all men), so through Christ came uprightness (and with it life eternal). But Paul feels the need of justifying his novel teaching about Adam and breaks into the parallelism to assert emphatically that it was Adam's sin that affected all men. Paul emphasizes the surpassing quality of what Christ did, when it is compared with Adam's influence. Christ, the new Adam and head of a new humanity, was incomparably more beneficent toward man than Adam was maleficent." (The Jerome Biblical Commentary.)

### *Word Of Life*

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5)



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

FEBRUARY 23

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$3,573.64	\$4,350.00	(\$776.36)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Ushers:	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike
	10 am	Marion Gabriel, Gigi Mosley, Ophelia Koundeage, Uche Anyanwu
Lectors:	8 am	Roslyn Major, Hans Tanis
	10 am	Toni Taylor, Monica Koudoha
Eucharistic:	8 am	Marva Mendoza, Comlavi Goerke
	10 am	Elizabeth Chukwu (B) Marion Gabriel, Donovan Green, Pat Ross, Merylyn Smith

## 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 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

*"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."* MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

### IN THE GARDEN...

**Keep your loved ones in memory, your family in prayer, healing, and/or thanksgiving:**

Sunday Masses 8 am, 10 am & 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Masses 6:30 p.m.

Candles in front of Blessed Mother

Eucharistic Body of Christ

Eucharistic Blood of Christ

The Sanctuary Candle (weekly)

All names will be listed in the bulletin the week prior.

Contact Robyn in the parish office: 973-824-6548



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION 2020:

**Women's Commission:** *"Alive In Christ: The Eucharist... His Heart in My Heart"*; **Saturday, March 7**, Seton Hall University, from 8 am to 4 pm. Mass begins at 4 pm celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

### 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.

**BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL:** Mark your Calendars for the upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: **Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22.**

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you find new life closeness with each other and God. For more information go to website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email [mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com)

**TAX REQUEST STATEMENT:** BSSCB Church expresses our sincere appreciation for your contribution during 2019. To request a tax statement, please call the parish office at 973-824-6548 and speak with the secretary.

**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 CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

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