

# 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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.**

**Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Sat.: 8:00 a.m., Sat.: 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

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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:** Marilyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Marilyn 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:** Marilyn Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex  
**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell  
**MUSIC/CHOIR:** John Garner, Diane Scott  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Marilyn Smith  
**REPAST:** Helen Brooks  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown  
**SANITATION:** Alicia E. Alford  
**TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley  
**VAN SERVICE:** Kevin Ralph  
**WELCOME:** Joan Lowery  
**WELLNESS:** Marleyne Tronchin  
**YOUTH:** Fred Hill

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



Mary E. Brown, 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 Edeley, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Dolores Guyton, Victoria Hall

# 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 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 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 Marilyn Smith.

# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 14, 2023

**Sunday, May 14**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Peter 3:15–18

Gospel: Jn 14:15–21

**8:00 Mass**

*Thanking God for the gift of my mom the late Christiana Onemheghie requested by Solomon Onemheghie*

**10:00 Mass**

*In the memory and repose of the soul of Raphael Kudoha Danso requested by Ralphael Koudoha and family; Happy heavenly birthday for Abena Jean Johnson requested by Kieron Johnson and family; Birthday blessings for Christine Odamah requested by her mom; Birthday blessings for Somkenechukwu Jason Ozigbo requested by his mom*

**12:30 ICC MASS**

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

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM VIA ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.–SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 886 0650 9047 Password 07108 STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**Monday, May 15**

Readings: Acts 16:11–15

Gospel: Jn 15:26–16:4a

**Tuesday, May 16**

Readings: Acts 16:22–34

Gospel: Jn 16:5–11

**Wednesday, May 17**

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Gospel: Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday, May 18**

Readings: Acts 18:1–8

Gospel: Jn 16:16–20

**Friday, May 19**

Readings: Acts 18:9–18

Gospel: Jn 16:20–23

**Saturday, May 20**

Readings: Acts 18:21–28

Gospel: Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday, May 21**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 1:12–14

1 Peter 4:13–16

Gospel: Jn 17:1–11a



## *I Will Not Leave You Orphaned*

**Y**ou have all heard and most likely concluded, at the heart of today's readings was the proclamation of the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit. During the Gospel Reading [Jn. 14:15-21] that concerned the discourse on the departure of the Lord and His return in the Spirit, we heard Jesus say, "I will not leave you orphaned." [Jn. 14:18] When Jesus spoke these words, did His disciples perceive the in-depth meaning and richness that was found in this Divine promise?

God's promise of the Holy Spirit should not have been a mystery to the followers of Jesus who knew the Holy Scriptures. The origin of this promise can be traced to the Old Testament Books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. In the days of the prophets, God had promised to make a new covenant [Jer. 31:31] with His people. He promised to put His law within His people, writing it on their hearts, that He may be their God and they may be His people. [Jer. 31:33] He promised to put a new human spirit within His people, to remove their hearts of stone and to give them a heart of flesh. [Ezek. 11:19, 18:31, 36:26] And finally, God had promised to put His Spirit within His people to make them follow His statutes and be careful to observe His ordinances. [Ezek. 36:27] Biblically, we are taught that this promise has been fulfilled. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, we read "Do you not know that you are God's Temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" [1 Cor. 3:16]

When Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments," [Jn. 14:15] He was reaffirming His Sacred Words that He had spoken to the Jews who believed in Him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [Jn. 8:31-2]

Jesus proceeded to say, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." [Jn. 14:16] Why did Jesus say, "another" Advocate? Who was the first Advocate? In the First Letter of John, we read, "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." [1 Jn. 2:1] Jesus was the first Advocate, the Holy Spirit being the second one. In this application, the word "Advocate" as understood by the Jewish people meant a "helper," a "mediator."

### *Word Of Life*

**"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Understanding Conscience"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAY DEVOTIONS** every Monday and Friday in the main church at 6 pm with Rosary.

**THE ORDINATION OF BR. PATRICK WINBUSH** is **Saturday, May 20** at the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 528 MLK. Blvd., Newark at 10:30 am. RSVP to 973-792-5772 or [pwinbush@sbp.org](mailto:pwinbush@sbp.org) by Friday, May 5. Rev. Patrick's first Mass is **Sunday, May 21** at 9:30 am at BSSCB. Reception to follow.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28.** A nine day novena to the Holy Spirit will begin on Friday May 19. The Novena prayer will be available on the Blessed Mother altar after each Mass today, at May Devotions and Third Thursday.

**SPRING FLING DANCE** sponsored by the Holy Name is June 9 in the BSSCB church hall. Get your tickets from any Holy Name member.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING** will be June 16.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you!** Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Bereavement and Repast, Media, Youth, and Church Maintenance need help. A typist is needed for the Food Pantry to enter the client's information. If you can volunteer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm or 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 9 to 11 am, call the office. 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.

**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.

**MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Fathers Albert and Erasmus have begun the Parish Fellowship for Men. This fellowship will be engaging in spiritual guidance, teaching and sharing. They invite all men 18 and older to join them every other month on the second Saturday in the parish hall at 9 am. Please call the parish office to register.

**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.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** High School Seniors get your transcripts and letters of recommendations ready. The BSSCB Scholarship application will be available soon.

## 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. Please feel free to "like" the page to follow. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

**Option 3- ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846588210?pwd=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>  
Zoom: ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

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. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV>.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6 pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm.

**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 – \$137.50 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.

**THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2023:** The response is low. Your gift supports this parish and the Archdiocese, Mercy House, Catholic Charities and the Office of Youth Ministry.

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