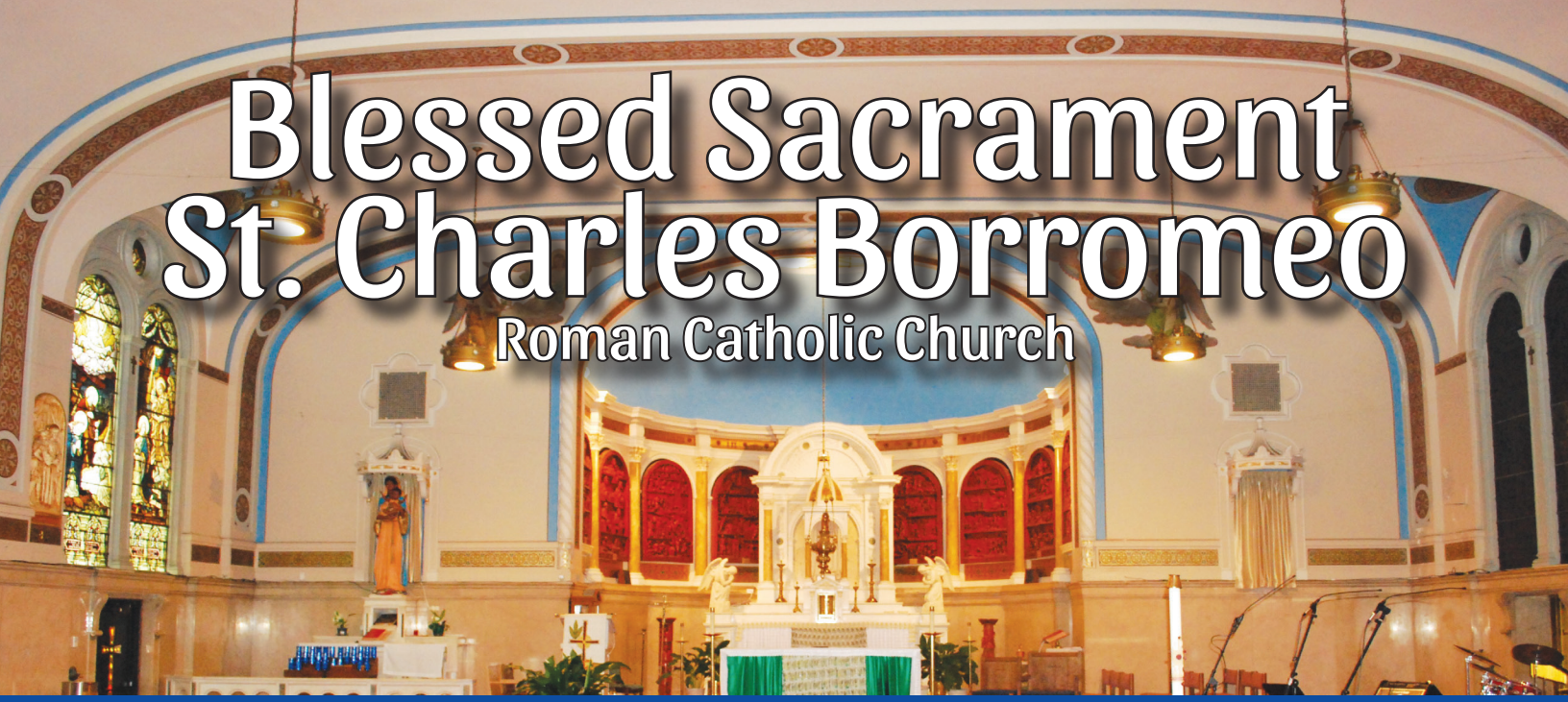

Blessed Sacrament
St. Charles Borromeo
Roman Catholic Church

MISSION

Faith and Catholic tradition in ministering to the spiritual, material, educational, physical and social needs of the parish community. We accomplish this in ourworship, 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: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 pm 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*
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. Merilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 103
Pastoral Associate: Ext: 104
Parish Secretary: Ext. 105
Business Manager: Ext: 100
Parish Fax: 973-624-6030
Email: bsscbchurch@yahoo.com
Website: www.bsscb.org

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, 7:00 pm in the Church.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Merilyn Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Merilyn Smith

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley

VAN SERVICE: Kevin Ralph

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, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson

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 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 Merilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 2, 2022

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 altar flowers are available. Call the parish office for these requests.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
The Ephiphany of Our Lord
Readings: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
12:30 & 4:30 p.m. ICC MASS
DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM
MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981
Password 570414
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY, 7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM VIA ZOOM 825 5051
Password 5704144

Monday, January 3
Readings: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Gospel: Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4
Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5
Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18
Gospel: Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6
Readings: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Gospel: Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 7
Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13
Gospel: Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8
Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21
Gospel: Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 9
The Baptism of the Lord
Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

A Light Has Come Unto Us

Today, we are celebrating Epiphany Sunday. This special Feast, normally celebrated on January 6 th, commemorates the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Gentiles. In some European countries, the popularity of this Feast is known as the "Twelfth Night" (after Christmas).

The meaning of the word "epiphany" has its roots in the Greek language. The first part of the word, "epi," means "upon." The second part, "phainein," means "to show." By combining these two meanings, "to show upon," we are reminded of the manifestation of the glory of Christ to the Gentiles.

The original purpose of the Feast of Epiphany, which had its beginning in the Eastern Church during the 3 rd century, was to commemorate how the glory of Christ was revealed to the Gentiles. Such took place in four ways: 1. in the person of the Magi; 2. in the Baptism of Jesus; 3. in the first miracle at Cana; and 4. When reviewing the early history of this celebration, it comes to our attention that the Birth of Christ was also included in the Feast of Epiphany. Of these four, the Baptism of Jesus was predominantly commemorated.

Based on the writings of the early Church Fathers, it has been made known to us that the Birth of Christ and His first miracle at Cana both took place on January 6th. Now some of you may wonder, if the Birth of Jesus took place on January 6th, why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25th?

During the early days of the Church, it was the custom of the pagans to celebrate the birthday of the sun on December 25th. During that celebration, the non-believers lit lights on account of the feast.

Word Of Life

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him… Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 2 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"…They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11) What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL will be posted next weekend around the church. The names submitted are **Mary Brown, Jerry Vorbach, Carol Jenkins, Lola Walker, Arnie Pinnix, Lionel Leach, Walter Preston, Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley, Fred Hill, Beverly Mitchell, Pat Ross, Alicia Alford.** Please take time to consider the selections or enter your own name.

WE WANT YOU

• Are you a strong soprano, alto, tenor, or baritone?
• Do you have the time to dedicate to a choir ministry?
• Do you have the time to rehearse for two hours on a Thursday evening? If you have answered "yes" to all of these questions, we are interested in hearing from you, please call parish office at 973-824-6548 ext 104

RCIA: Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older by which adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments and speak to Merilyn Smith for further details on how to proceed. Please call the office and leave a message for Ms. Smith to return your call.

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Frs. 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.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2022 A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS II – TESTIMONY

But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.' Ezekiel 33:6

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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09
Zoom: ID 825 5051 6981 Password 570414

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.

RCAN BEREAVEMENT TRAINING 2022

Open On-line Enrollment Training Information:
1. Facilitator Training is limited to the virtual meeting platform.
2. Six-week training, from Wed., Jan. 19 - Wed., Feb. 23, 2022.
3. Each session is online from 7-9 PM on Wednesday evenings.
4. Registration deadline is January 8 or when space is full.
5. Limited number of registrations available.
6. Format will be six live presentations with active participation encouraged (ongoing follow up support plan TBD).

After the completion of all six sessions, participants will receive a certificate of completion for 12 hours of training through the Archdiocese of Newark, Family Life Ministry of Loss and Healing. Speak with your pastor or parish coordinator before registering. The fee for the online training is $85 per person. Payment must be received prior to the start of the training.
Online registration: www.rcan.org/leadership-training Payments can be made online or mailed to: Office for Family Life Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104
Contact: John Kalinowski, Coordinator, Ministry of Loss and Healing. (973) 497-4327 or john.kalinowski@rcan.org

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 – $23 per box, Lux Mundi Oil Refills for the Altar - $48 per case and Flowers are $45 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

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