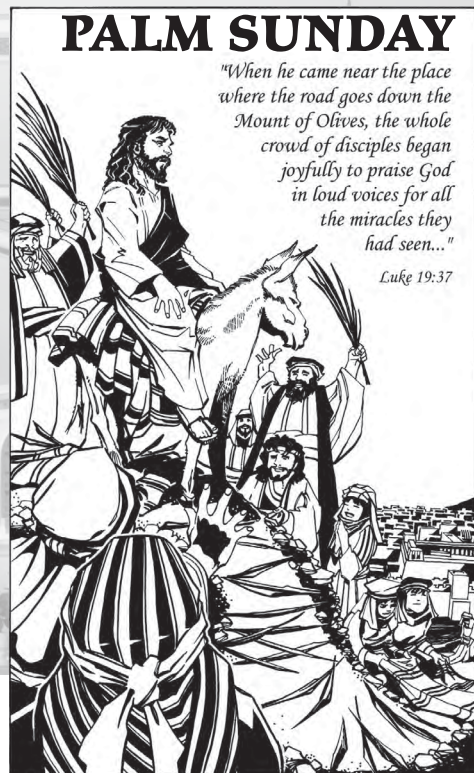


# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## PALM SUNDAY

"When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen..."

Luke 19:37

610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108

### 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  
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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**  
**APRIL 5, 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, APRIL 5**

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***

Readings: Mt 21: 1-11 (37)

/Is 50: 4-7/Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mt 26: 14—27: 66

or 27: 11-54 (38)

**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, April 6**

Readings: Is 42: 1-7

Gospel: Jn 12: 1-11 (257)

**Tuesday, April 7**

Readings: Is 49: 1-6

Gospel: Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 (258)

**Wednesday, April 8**

Readings: Is 50: 4-9a

Gospel: Mt 26: 14-25 (259)

**Thursday, April 9**

Readings: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14/

1Cor 11: 23-26

Gospel: Jn 13: 1-5 (39)

**Friday, April 10**

Readings: Is 52: 13—53: 12/

Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

Gospel: Jn 18: 1—17: 42 (40)

**Saturday, April 11**

Readings: Gn 1: 1—2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a/

Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ex 14: 15—15: 1/Is 55: 1-11/

Bar 3: 9-15, 32—4: 4/Ez 36: 16-17a,

18-28/Rom 6: 3-11

Gospel: Mt 28: 1-10 (41)

**Sunday, April 12**

Readings: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/

Col 3: 1-4 or 1Col 5: 6b-8

Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9 (42)

or Mt 28: 1-10 (41)

*“Truly this Man was God’s Son!”*

Unless we are prudent, we can be blinded by our pride, only to discover the truth when it is too late. Today's Gospel Reading proves it to us! It was only after Jesus had been crucified that the eyes of some were opened, they realizing that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the King of kings.

When hearing the Word of God, we must embrace a spiritual approach. We must prayerfully ask the Spirit of God to enlighten our hearts so we may perceive the message that is being delivered to us. Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew has led many in the history of Christianity to take these passages totally out of context, consequently this leading to the persecution of innocent people.

How many times have we heard that "the Jews" were to blame for the death of Jesus? Am I guilty of the sins of my parents? Are you guilty of the sins of your grandparents? Are any of us guilty of the sins of our forefathers? Are we guilty of the sin of disobedience of Adam? Certainly not! Equally, it cannot be said that all the Jewish people of Jesus' time, or any from our time, are responsible for the death of Jesus.

Was Mary, the mother of Jesus, a Jewish maiden, responsible for His death? Was Mary Magdalene responsible for the death of Jesus? How about the disciples who loved Him? Certainly not! Those who were responsible for the death of Jesus consisted of Judas who betrayed the Lord, Pilate who washed his hands, and some members of the sanhedrin. The sanhedrin was a council composed of seventy-two members from the priests, the scribes and the elders. Through the vote of their majority, not all the votes, Jesus was condemned to death. Accordingly, because of the actions of a few dozen, Jesus freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all people so that all might attain salvation.

The reason I raise this issue is because as preachers, teachers, parents, we have to guard against the possibility of transmitting prejudice or false interpretation of scripture as we celebrate the important feasts during the Holy Week. We have a responsibility to enlighten the minds of our little children who can easily be influenced into believing something that was not said. Accordingly, this week, I ask all of you who will come in contact with children, and even teenagers, to explore their understanding of who killed Jesus. And if the need be, allocate a moment to explain the truth to them to secure a continued spirit of ecumenism with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

On this last Sunday prior to Easter Sunday, we are celebrating "Passion Sunday" that is also known as "Palm Sunday." Both of the Feast have one thing in common. They present the Divine Kingship of Jesus. During the coming week, let us honour Jesus, our Lord and God through our active participation in each and every Holy Day of the Holy Week that will lead us to the celebration of the glorious Resurrection of King Jesus on Easter Sunday.

*Word Of Life*

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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 29

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
TBA	\$4,350.00	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS:** Church family we continue to pray for you daily as we encounter our daily limitations and face the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Our parish is constantly looking for ways to update and bring you periodic reflections and access to the Mass. In the meantime, if you go to YouTube, you can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo here is one of the most recent links. <https://youtu.be/s92VI24vUFM>.

### APRIL 5 – PALM SUNDAY

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."* MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

### REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK

Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient. He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory. Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from you. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

**PRAYER AND FAITH IS NEEDED RIGHT NOW:** *"These are the times that try men's [and women's!] souls ..."* Although written under very different circumstances, this sentiment seems appropriate to the times we are in. The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 demand prudence, but we must never give in to fear. Recall the words of Jesus: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust." (Mk 5:36 NAB) Church family, in God we trust, please know we are offering up all our families in prayer during this difficult time. Here are some resources which can be helpful. Weekly Reflections <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>, <http://www.usccb.org/>, <https://relevantradio.com/>, <https://new.renewintl.org/> <https://us.magnificat.net/free>, <https://wau.org/>, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>.

**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.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." - Pope Plus XI

**BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

## Holy Humor



ON OUR ISLAND, EVERY SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

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