

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

**Daily Masses (Chapel), Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m., Saturday: 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**



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 Ededey, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Marion Gabriel, Patricia Ross

# 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 8 AM – 10 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

## OCTOBER 8, 2023

All Masses should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God.

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.  
8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM  
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 5:1–7

Phil 4:6–9

Gospel: Mt 21:33–43

**6:30 PM Mass**

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Special blessings on the Eze family as requested by Felicia Eze & family*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*For the soul of Floyd Rance, relative of Deacon Billy and Juanita Moore requested by the church family;*

*Birthday blessings and thanking God for another year of life for Kossiwa Tchalla requested by the family*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, October 9**

Reading: Joh 1:1–2:2, 11

Gospel: Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday, October 10**

Reading: Joh 3:1–10

Gospel: Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday, October 11**

Reading: Joh 4:1–11

Gospel: Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday, October 12**

Reading: Mal 3:13–20b

Gospel: Lk 11:5–13

**Friday, October 13**

Reading: Joel 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Gospel: Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday, October 14**

Reading: Joel 4:12–21

Gospel: Lk 11:27–28

**Sunday, October 15**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Gospel: Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10



## *The Fruitful Shall Inherit the Kingdom of God*

Today, when listening to the readings, we heard similarities between the First Reading from the Book of Isaiah [Is. 5:1-7] and the reading from the Gospel of Matthew. [Mt. 21:33-43] Both spoke on the same subject in different ways. The Book of Isaiah referred to this subject as "The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard" while the Gospel of Matthew referred to it as "The Parable of the Wicked Tenants."

When carefully reviewing these two readings, two meanings can be perceived from what was read. While both meanings are prophetic, the first is worldly in nature, the second being spiritual in nature, transcending all times. Both of these meanings will be reviewed so you may gain a broader insight on the Word of God.

One verse in Matthew 21:33 is very important. It says that the landowner LEASED the land to the tenants. It does not say that He gave it to them. He LEASED it. When something is leased, something is expected in return. Equally, those who qualify to become the children of God, are expected to become shining lights [Mt. 4:16] in the world. They are expected to shine in the love of Christ towards all. They are expected to grow in the fruit of the Holy Spirit. These spiritual qualities are what the Heavenly Father expects His children to present to Him in return for His blessings in acknowledgement and appreciation of the gift of life that God has given them through the Blood of Christ.

Today's Gospel Reading ended with the words, "Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be... given to a people that produces the fruits of the Kingdom." [Mt. 21:43] The fruits of the Kingdom are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They are "love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." [Gal. 5:22-23]

This week, let us all take a few moments to review our status before God, asking ourselves if we will inherit the Kingdom of God. If we fall short of manifesting the holy ways of God, let us renew our commitment to persevere in our living faith in Christ through a sincere repentance and the reception of the Sacraments. May the grace of God be with each and everyone of you as you assess your spiritual status in the eyes of God.

### *Word Of Life*

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **KITCHEN MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2–6 pm** to help clean and pack items before the renovation. Men, if you can't help, please call Pat Ross to schedule.

**ICC HARVEST, Sunday, October 15** Sr. Mary Camillus Uzor will be honored as Person of the Year. She is asking for BSSCB support.

**TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday, October 28** from 1-3 pm in the convent parking lot. Parishioners, decorate your trunk with goodies for our children. Those who wish to participate, please give your name to Carol or Fred.

**CALLING ALL TEENS!** The food pantry needs your help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month between the hours of 8-10 am. See Helen Brooks for details.

**PRIEST APPRECIATION BOX** is on the Blessed Mother Altar.

**THE OCTOBER PETITION BOX:** The October devotions to the Blessed Mother are every Monday and Friday in the main church at 6 pm.

**THREE PARENTS PER WEEK** are needed to help with the children's Mass, see Fred for details.

**TUESDAY NIGHT FAMILY PRAYER** and Fasting at 10 pm on YouTube Live Stream.

**NATIONAL DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK** has been extended. There is a bucket in the front of the church to place your diapers. Please help our food pantry families. Please bring all diapers to the office and they will be given to our food pantry.

**FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** after the 8 and 10 AM Masses It is simple fellowship. If you want to sponsor a fellowship, contact Pat Ross at 973-508-8309 for more information.

**CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION** for children begins October 7. Please bring Baptismal Certificate for registration. Please see Stephanie Williams (First Communion) and Fred Hill (Confirmation).

**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.

## **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. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column: Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo.

**Option 3- ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108

We have an open 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>.

**BIBLE STUDY** is every Wednesday at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE CONVENT DURING RENOVATIONS.** Anyone sponsoring fellowship once renovations begin, the food will have to be ready to serve. There are no heating facilities available in the convent. Any questions, please contact Pat Ross.

**CLASSES FOR ADULTS** preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Communion are at 19 Van Ness Pl. after the 10 am Mass.

**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 – \$110 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.

**NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**THERE WILL BE NO RENTAL OF THE CHURCH HALL AFTER OCTOBER 15 DUE TO RENOVATION.**

**REMEMBER! THERE IS NO EATING OR DRINKING IN THE CHURCH.**

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