

# 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, Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. (Virtual) & 6:30 pm (Convent Chapel, Rosary at 6 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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. Call the Parish Office—9 am-4 pm

## 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  
**COUNTERS:** Lola Walker  
**CURSILLO:** Marilyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Marilyn Smith  
**FINANCE:** Patricia Ross  
**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, Pat Assan  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Marilyn Smith  
**REPAST:** Helen Brooks  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Veceleine C. Dufrene  
**SANITATION:** Alicia E. Alford  
**TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley  
**USHERS:** Michelle Williams  
**WELCOME:** Joan Lowery  
**WELLNESS:** Marleyne Tronchin  
**YOUTH:** Fred Hill

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

Celine Larmony, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Karen Barrett, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edey, Alicia Alford, Patricia Ross, Celestia Conway, Verlean Howard, Brehita Taborn, John Anyanwu



# 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 500 to 600 people a month. Our Pantry hours are 3rd and 4th Saturdays for singles 8 AM – 10 AM and 3rd and 4th Wednesdays 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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.  
8:00 AM STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Readings: Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20–26

#### 8:00 AM Mass

*Thanksgiving & healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's divine intervention of Arianna by Marva Mendoza; Thanking God for the gift of life and for his protection upon the Mitchell family by Beverly Mitchell; God's continued blessings on our daughter Chloe's success throughout her school year requested by Diane & Hans Tanis; The Soul of Deacon Willie E. Moore, Jr.*

#### 10:00 AM Mass

*Thanking God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; Healing for Kent Cureton and family blessings by the Hill and Cureton families; Thanksgiving, healing and protection for the Boyce and Tronchin families; Soul of Anthonia Onemheghie by Solomon Onemheghie; Thanking God for the gift of life and for his protection upon the Mitchell family by Beverly Mitchell; The Soul of Deacon Willie E. Moore, Jr.; The Soul of Joseph and Susan Idoko's brother Alexander Idoko and cousins Agnes Onai and Jane Ameh by the BSSCB family*

#### 12:30 PM ICC Mass

##### Monday, February 17

Reading: Gn 4:1–15

Gospel: Mk 8:11–13

##### Tuesday, February 18

Reading: Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5

Gospel: Mk 8:14–21

##### Wednesday, February 19

Reading: Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Gospel: Mk 8:22–26

##### Thursday, February 20

Reading: Gn 9:1–13

Gospel: Mk 8:27–33

##### Friday, February 21

Reading: Gn 11:1–9

Gospel: Mk 8:34–9:1–37

##### Saturday, February 22

Reading: 1 Pt 5:1–4

Gospel: Mt 16:13–19

##### Sunday, February 23

Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Gospel: Lk 6:27–38



## *Blessed are Those who Trust in the Lord!*

**B**lessed are those who trust in the Lord! [Jer. 17:7] "Is your interpretation of "trusting in the Lord" the same as your neighbor's interpretation? Is your neighbor's interpretation the same as mine?"

Let us consider how common dictionaries define the word "trust?" They state that to "trust" is to have a firm belief in another's honesty, to rely upon someone, to have a confident expectation, to hope, to care for something, to have something entrusted, to have confidence in one's intention to repay or return what he borrowed. To trust someone is to believe in someone, to have faith in him and to hope in him.

Again, what does it mean to "trust in the Lord?" To understand what it means to trust in the Lord, I will use the example of a five year old child. The five year old child who completely trusts in his parents to provide for all of his childhood needs, does he not trust in his parents to provide love, shelter, clothing, education, food, medication, religious upbringing, values, security and all the other basic necessities that will ensure him the fullness of his physical and spiritual growth? He accepts with joy and thanksgiving all what his parents provide.

Why should we trust in God? It is because as God loved us first, He has trusted us first! All what we possess came from God! He trusted us with the care of the earth, the environment, all of His creations. He trusted parents with the souls of their children. During the Sacrament of Baptism, He trusted us with a new heart and a spirit. [Ezek. 11:19–20; 18:31; Jn. 3:3–7; 1 Jn. 4:7, 5:1, 4] He trusted us with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. [Ezek. 36:26–7] He trusted us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. [1 Cor. 12:4–10] As members of the Body of Christ, He trusted us with the Holy Catholic Church.

This week, let us reflect upon what has been placed in our trust. Let us reflect upon our trust towards the Lord God. And let us reflect upon our trust towards others. For what we do to others, we do to Jesus. Let us pray for the grace of God to enlighten our minds so we can perceive our human weaknesses. Then it shall be said regarding us, "Blessed are those who trusted in the Lord."

### *Word Of Life*

**"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTERNATIONAL FEAST DAY February 23** – Bring a dish of your country.

**FORMATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP:** The Worship Office is sponsoring in-person workshops (in English and Spanish) to train (or renew) extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, March 15**, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Please register in [English](#) by March 7. If you have questions, contact the Worship Office at 973-497-4345. Please see Marilyn Smith

**PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL: March 28-30.** Speaker will be Fr. Anthony Bozeman The theme: “Total Surrender.”

**CCD, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION** classes resume. Please see Stephanie Williams (First Communion) and Fred Hill (Confirmation). 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.

**RCIA CLASSES** after the 10 am Mass at 19 Van Ness and every Sunday in 19 Van Ness Pl. Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older to help adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

**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. Copies of the bulletin are available in the vestibule and at the sheep gate table. Due to printing the bulletins, it must be in by the close of business on Tuesday otherwise it will be placed the following week. A donation of \$10 is suggested. **NO MONEY FOR MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAY.**



## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Blessed Sacrament Food pantry has served Newark with compassion since 1984. Celebrating 40 years, food pantry manager Helen Brooks recalls its early days, fundraising on Broad Street and the pantry's journey to becoming a vital community resource. The pantry thrives with dedicated volunteers, many retired and eager to give back. Helen values MEND's support in stocking food and essentials like diapers. The pantry supports over 800 clients monthly.

## 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** will resume in January every Wednesday at 7:45 pm on Zoom. **ZOOM:** ID 886 0650 9047 Password 07108.

**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.

**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.

**LOCK BOX** is on the door at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box. Put your phone number and other information so we can let you know it was received.

**PARISH CELL FOR ZELLE: 973-392-3139.** Add message: Include purpose, name, Mass date, intention and your name.

**MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE:** Please call the office to request and place your Mass intentions at a suggested donation of \$10.

**ILL PARISHIONERS:** If you are ill or know of any ill parishioners, please contact the office so the priest and home-bound team can arrange a visit.

**SUGGESTION BOX** is in the back of the church. If you have any words of wisdom and solutions, please put in the box.

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