

# 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

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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, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Edeley, 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

JANUARY 19, 2025

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Readings: Is 62:1–5

Cor 12:4–11

Gospel: Jn 2:1–11

### 8:00 AM Mass

*Thanksgiving & healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's divine intervention of Arianna by Marva Phillips Mendoza; Soul of Anthonia Onemheghie by Solomon Onemheghie family; Thanking God for his protection upon the Mitchell family by Beverly Mitchell; Healing for Deacon Billie Moore Jr, Kelsey Moore, Uche Patrick Jr. and Ogechucwu Ekeh requested by BSSCB*

### 10:00 AM Mass

*God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; Healing for Kent Cureton by the Hill and Cureton families; Healing for the Boyce and Tronchin families; Healing for Agnes Okere; Soul of Anthonia Onemheghie by Solomon Onemheghie; Margaret Lewis is thanking God for His mercy; Thanking God for his protection upon the Mitchell family by Beverly Mitchell; All living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Society; Healing for Deacon Billie Moore, Jr, Kelsey Moore, Uche Patrick, Jr and Ogechukwu Ekeh requested by BSSCB; Repose of Emmanuel Anane Amuzu requested by Prince & Victoria Kwado family*

### 12:30 PM ICC Mass

#### Monday, January 20

Reading: Heb 5:1–10

Gospel: Mk 2:18–22

#### Tuesday, January 21

Reading: Heb 6:10–20

Gospel: Mk 2:23–28

#### Wednesday, January 22

Reading: Heb 7:1–3, 15–17

Gospel: Mk 3:1–6

#### Thursday, January 23

Reading: Heb 7:25–8:6

Gospel: Mk 3:7–12

#### Friday, January 24

Reading: Heb 8:6–13

Gospel: Mk 2:1–12

#### Saturday, January 25

Reading: Acts 22:3–16

Gospel: Mk 16:15–18

#### Sunday, January 26

Readings: Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Cor 12:12–30

Gospel: Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21



## *The Bridegroom Rejoices Over the Bride*

Today's Readings from the Holy Scriptures reveal to us that the Lord God rejoices in the Holy Catholic Church that has been instituted on earth by Jesus Christ Himself through the grace of the Heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you will shortly perceive, in the eyes of God, the Holy Catholic Church is the Bride of God.

Today's First Reading was taken from Chapter Sixty-Two of the Book of Isaiah. This particular Chapter has to do with the vindication and salvation of Zion. Zion, a Mount within the Holy City of Jerusalem, had found favour in the eyes of God. The Lord God promised that through His mercy, the past sins of Zion would be absolved. In other words, Zion was about to be justified.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of John reveals to us one of the events that came to pass to manifest to us that the promise of God the Father was being fulfilled in the fullness of time. A few days ago, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. That special moment, when the voice of God the Father was heard from Heaven and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a Dove, marked the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus Christ on earth.

Both, the celebration of the Holy Mass and the Wedding of Cana consist of a great Feast during which time the bride and bridegroom are present. Every time we participate in the celebration of the Holy Mass, in spirit, we witness the delight of the Heavenly Father who rejoices in His Bride, the Holy Catholic Church.

This week, let us set aside a few moments here and there so we may reflect upon the blessings that we have received through our Lord Jesus as members of the precious Bride of God. Let us not take for grant the spiritual gifts that have been given to us for the common good of all. Let us reflect upon our active involvement in the Body of Christ and pray that by the grace of God, we may always persevere in our living faith as shining lights.

### *Word Of Life*

**“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RCIA CLASSES** begin **today** 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.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH JUBILEE MASS** at the Cathedral Basilica is **February 16** at 2:30pm. Cardinal Joseph Tobin is the main celebrant and Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC is the homilist.

**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.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** We need someone to update and upload information to the church's website. Please contact the office for further details.

**FOOD PANTRY** is in need of diapers, wipes and tuna. Please support the food pantry with these items or a monetary donation. The pantry feeds over 200 families per month most with young children. Men are needed on every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month to help the food pantry.

**TITHING ENVELOPES:** For changes of address, receipt of tithing envelopes and appointments to meet with Fr. Albert, please call Parish Office at 973-824-6548. Our system is currently being updated but if you are not receiving your envelopes please call the office directly to rectify this.

**ALL CHURCH REQUESTS AND ACTIVITIES** on BSSCB properties must come through the office to be processed. The office is open 5 days a week. Call 973-824-6548. Please refrain from giving information or money to the office staff on Sunday.

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

**FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS ARE NEEDED** for both 8 and 10 am Masses. Please contact Pat Ross at 973-508-8309 reserve the dates.

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

## 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.**