

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

MARCH 2, 2025

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Readings: Sir 27:4–7

Cor 15:54–58

Gospel: Lk 6:39–45

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 Chloe's success throughout her school year requested by Diane & Hans Tanis; Healing for Gwen Hunts son Jean Claude 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.; Birthday Blessings- Jasmine & Brianna Ferguson, and Skyler Steele requested by Marilyn Smith: In Memory of Nathaniel Potts requested by Marilyn Smith

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, March 3

Reading: Sir 17:20–24

Gospel: Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday, March 4

Reading: Sir 35:1–12

Gospel: Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday, March 5

Readings: Jl 2:12–18 • Cor 5:20–6:2

Gospel: Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday, March 6

Reading: Dt 30:15–20

Gospel: Lk 9:22–25

Friday, March 7

Reading: Is 58:1–9a

Gospel: Mt 9:14–15

Saturday, March 8

Reading: Dt 58, 9b–14

Gospel: Lk 5:27–32

Sunday, March 9

Readings: Dt 26:4–10

Rom 10:8–13

Gospel: Lk 4:1–13



Each Tree is Known by its Fruit

The worldly nature that we have inherited through the Adamic seed is sinful. It bears fruits that display human weaknesses. It seeks fame, pleasures of the flesh, wealth and all what is abominable to God. It promotes hatred, disharmony, division, sadness, suffering, war, impatience, malice, selfishness, disloyalty, cruelty, and all what offends God. It lacks self-control.

In our worldly nature, we have a heart of stone. We have a tongue that is a small member, but yet it boasts of great exploits. [Jas. 3:5] Our eyes are not satisfied with seeing, nor our ears filled with hearing. [Ecc. 1:8]

In the worldly nature, we perceive ourselves as being superior to others. We appoint ourselves as teachers. But, can a blind person guide a blind person? [Lk. 6:39] Is a disciple above his teacher? [Lk. 6:40] In this weak nature, we see the speck in the eye of our neighbour, but we do not notice the log in our own eye. [Lk. 6:41] And yet, we say to our neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye.' [Lk. 6:42]

In the worldly nature, our words, our actions, our eyes, our ears, our hands, all of these disclose the cultivation of our minds. We do not understand our actions. For we do not do what we want, but we do the very thing that we hate. [Rom. 7:15] How wretched we are in our worldly nature. [Rom. 7:24] In the flesh, we are sold into slavery under sin. [Rom. 7:14] Who will rescue us from this body of death? [Rom. 7:24] God did!

In the days of Ezekiel, the Lord God promised, "I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh." [Ezek. 11:19–20] Through the Sacrament of Baptism, this promise was fulfilled. Being born again of spirit and water [Jn. 3:5] in obedience to the command of Jesus, we have received our new creation (human spirit) of the seed of God. [1 Jn. 3:9] This proves that, "What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit." [Jn. 3:6] Now, we can worship the Heavenly Father in spirit and truth, such being pleasing to Him. [Jn. 4:24]

If we see flaws in what flows from our hearts, then let us ask the sanctifying Spirit of the Lord Jesus to correct those flaws so we may shine in the world as Jesus shined during His days on earth. May God be with all of you during the week.

Word Of Life

For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child, let us pray to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, the start of the Lenten Season, Mass Schedules and Ash distribution as follows: 7 AM – Main Church; 8 AM – Virtual Mass; Noon – Main Church; 6:30 PM – Main Church. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence and Friday is a day of Abstinence for all ages 18 – 59.

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 Merilyn Smith

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Lenten Revival

Revivalist

Rev. Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

THEME: TOTAL SURRENDER

Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ, a priest with the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (The Josephite Community), is a native of Philadelphia and resides in Washington, D.C. After serving 16 years in the U.S. military on active and Air National Guard Reserve duty, Fr. Bozeman felt a calling to the priesthood and entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, and on May 20, 2000, he was ordained to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Fr. Bozeman has pastored parishes in Philadelphia, Houston, Louisiana and Los Angeles. He is fond of saying, "God is in charge when the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ is shared." Fr. Bozeman believes that preaching on behalf of the poor is God's will for his life, and he is looking forward to introducing parishes across the country to Cross Catholic Outreach's ministry.



Friday, March 28, Youth Revival
beginning with Mass @ 6:30 pm
followed by Stations of the Cross
and Youth Revival in the church

Saturday, March 29
8:30 am Breakfast
Revival continues to 2 pm
in the church

Revival concludes on Sunday, March 30 with Mass at 8 and 10 am

*"Come on out and bring your family and friends.
Don't miss the blessing of this 2025 Jubilee Lenten Journey."*

Our revival can be viewed via our Facebook page on
<http://bsscb.org> and using our free conference line
<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/bsscbchurchmedia>
Meeting ID: bsscbmedia Dial in number 978-990-5000
access code 570414.

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2024 ANNUAL APPEAL FINAL REPORT

The 2024 Annual Appeal goal	\$22,979.00
Total amount pledged	\$33,669.00
Total amount collected	\$33,669.00
Number of Pledges	72
Average Pledge per person	\$467.63
Overage collected	\$10,690.00
50% of the Overage to BSSCB	\$5,345.00

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 4th 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.