

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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.

Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Sat.: 8:00 a.m., Sat.: 6:30 p.m.

Special Masses: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 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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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,
Ext: 103

Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

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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, 7 p.m. in the Church.



Church Ministries and Chairpersons

BEREAVEMENT: Janice Champ

BULLETIN: Carol Jenkins

CURSILLO: Merilyn Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Merilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore

HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross

LECTORS: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Merilyn Smith

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Natasha Brown

SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford

SOCIAL MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell

TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley

VAN SERVICE: Kevin Ralph

WELCOME: Joan Lowery

WELLNESS: Marleyne Tronchin

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



Mary E. Brown, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Alice Williams, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Gwendolyn Hunt, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Joyce Leach, David Sadow, Yvette Hall, Fred McClurkin

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 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 Merilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 18, 2022

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 7:10–14; Rm 1:1–7

Gospel: Mt 1:18–24

8:00 Mass

For all living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; 25th Priestly Anniversary for Fr. Felix Onemheghie requested by Solomon Onemheghie.

10:00 Mass

For all living and deceased Holy Name members requested by the Holy Name Society; The Tronchin family is praying for Emerson and Jessica for a safe, healthy and blessed delivery; For the repose of the soul of Abdul Malik Karim requested by Juanita Moore; Birthday blessings for Godwin Kounde as requested by the family

12:30 ICC MASS

DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM

MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981

Password 570414

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM

VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981

Password 570414

Monday, December 19

Readings: Jd 13:–7, 24–25a

Gospel: Lk 1:5–25

Tuesday, December 20

Readings: Is 7:10-14

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21

Readings: Sg 2:8–14

Gospel: Lk 1:39–45

Thursday, December 22

Readings: Sm 1:24–28

Gospel: Lk 1:46–56

Friday, December 23

Readings: Mi: 3:1–4, 23–24

Gospel: Lk 1:57–66

Saturday, December 24

Readings: Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a 16

Gospel: Lk 1:67–79

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Readings: Is 52:7–10; Hb 1:1–6

Gospel: Jn1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14



The Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son

Today, celebrating the last Sunday of Advent prior to the Feast of Christmas Day, to some extent, we can associate with the greatest joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the world. In six days, we will commemorate the birth of her beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus, God incarnated. For some, the celebration of the incarnation shall begin on Christmas Eve through their participation at the Midnight Mass.

During today's First Reading, [Is. 7:10-14] the Lord God spoke through the great prophet Isaiah. The Lord said to Ahaz, the son of Jotham who succeeded the eleventh king of Israel around 735 B.C., "Ask for a sign of the Lord your God; let it be as far down as Hell or as far up as Heaven." [Is. 7:10-1] Ahaz answered, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." [Is. 7:12]

Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Romans [Rom. 1:1-7] affirmed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, descended from king David [Rom. 1:3] as prophesied through Isaiah. This affirmation is also found in Matthew 1:1 and 2 Timothy 2:8. Furthermore, Our Lord Jesus was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead. [Rom. 1:4]

Through Christ the first disciples received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of the Most Holy Name Jesus. [Rom. 1:5] What does it mean to "bring about the obedience of faith?" That answer is found in the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of Matthew [Mt. 1:18-24] provides us with the circumstances surrounding the virgin birth of Mary. When Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [Mt. 1:18] When reference is made to Mary being engaged to Joseph, it means that the marriage contract had been drawn up between Joseph, or his parents, and the parents of Mary. According to the Jewish custom, the marriage did not take place until such time as the groom had taken the bride into his house. When doing so, this was referred to having "come together" or "live together."

Word Of Life

"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 8 pm beginning with caroling followed by Mass at **9 pm**. Christmas Day Mass: 8 and 10 am.

NEW YEARS EVE MASS 8 pm. New Years Day Mass: 8 and 10 am.

BSSCB WISH LIST: Our Kitchen ministry is in need of a new coffee and hot water pot for fellowship each should be 75 coppers. We also need 64" round table cloths of all colors. Our parish office is in need of a Keurig - K-elite Single Serve K-Cup Pod Coffee Maker and a small microwave/oven toaster. Please contact Pat Ross or Mary Brown (10am) or Jacqueline Gilbert or Helen Brooks (8am) if you are willing to grant these wishes.

MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Frs. Albert and Erasmus have begun the Parish Fellowship for Men. This fellowship will be engaging in spiritual guidance, teaching and sharing. They invite all men 18 and older to join them every other month on the second Saturday in the parish hall at 9 am. Please call the parish office to register.

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 Mary at the Parish office, 973-824- 6548 ext 104.

CONTACT INFORMATION: It is important for us to have your updated contact information, if you have changed your address, phone number or email, please inform the office. This will assist us in ensuring you receive accurate information in a timely manner, and reduce the chance that important mail does not get lost. Your information is confidential and will not be shared with any anyone, this is for church records only. If your information has changed please call parish office at 973-824-6548 or email bsscbchurch@yahoo.com to update; your address, phone number and email.

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

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. Please feel free to "like" the page to follow. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

Option 3- ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846588210?pwd=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>
Zoom: ID 825 5051 6981 Password 570414

We also have opened a 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>.

Our regular activities remain Morning Mass at 8 am, Rosary at 6 pm and Evening Mass at 6:40 pm.

CHAPEL AND CONVENT HALL: Our 6:30 evening Mass and Children's Liturgy has resumed in the Convent Chapel; all ministry meetings will be held in the Convent Hall.

AMAZON SMILE! Now you can support Blessed Sacrament Church every time you shop through Amazon.com - at no extra cost to you. Instead of logging into your regular account, go to www.smile.amazon.com. Once you're there, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from their list of participating organizations. Just enter "Blessed Sacrament Church" into the search engine and you will be presented with a list of sites. Make sure you select our church (Blessed Sacrament Church Newark NJ). Once you have selected our church, you can start shopping! Every time you go to Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to support our church. Tell your family and friends near and far to support the good works of our parish all year long!

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 – \$137.50 per case, Sacramental Host – \$23 per box, Lux Mundi Oil Refills for the Altar - \$48 per case and Flowers are \$45 per arrangement. Please call the parish office to arrange for the orders.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Arrangements should be made two months in advance. A Baptism Preparation Session is required for all parents. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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