

# 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

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,  
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext. 105

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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  
**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:** Veceleine C. Dufrene  
**SANITATION:** Alicia E. Alford  
**TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley  
**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, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Patricia Ross, Marilyn Smith, Walter Preston, Rochelle Preston, Celestia Conway

# 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

JUNE 9, 2024

**Sunday, June 9**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Gen 3:9–158

2 Cor 4:13–5:1

Gospel: Mk 3:20–35

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving & healing mercies for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's guidance & intervention of Arianna requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza; God's protection on Felicia Eze and Kachi Eze requested by Felicia Eze*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; In memory of Catherine Diane Scott requested by BSSCB Choir; Thanksgiving to God for a successful retirement by Dr. Amanda Onwuka; Thanks to God for Emmanuella's graduation and all the youth of BSSCB requested by Prince and Victoria Kwado family; Heavenly birthday blessings for Chukwudumebi Anthony-Luigi Odiachi requested by the Odiachi family; Thanksgiving and continued healing for the family requested by Marleyne Tronchin; Cyriacus Ugwuebelem is thanking God for His blessings; Praying for a healthy baby for Erin & Kevin Cunningham requested by Elizabeth Chukwu*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, June 10**

Readings: 1Kg 17:1–6

Gospel: Mt 5:1–12

**Tuesday, June 11**

Reading: Acts 11:12b–26, 13:1–3

Gospel: Mt 10:7–13

**Wednesday, June 12**

Reading: 1 Kg 18:20–39

Gospel: Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday, June 13**

Reading: 1 Kg 18:41–46

Gospel: Mt 5:20–26

**Friday, June 14**

Reading 1 Kg 19:9a, 11–16

Eph 3:8–12, 14–19

Gospel: Mt 5:27–32

**Saturday, June 15**

Reading: 1 Kg 19:19–21

Gospel: Mt 5:33–37

**Sunday, June 16**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Ez 17:22–24

2 Cor 5:6–10

Gospel: Mk 4:26–34



## *The Kingdom of God Becomes the Greatest of All*

**W**hat was this Kingdom of God that Jesus was talking about? Jesus said, "The Lord our God is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. Then, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." [Mk. 12:29-31] To the scribe who understood these words, Jesus told him that he was not far from the Kingdom of God. [Mk. 12:34]

Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a man who sowed seed in his field and while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. [Mt. 13:24-5] This parallels the Holy Catholic Church that was founded by Jesus. Its field is the whole world. The good seed is the spiritual children of God within the Holy Church. [Mt. 13:38] Satan plants deceivers among the people to mislead God's children from the truth. [Mt. 13:39] These deceivers will be gathered by the angels [Mt. 13:39] and burned where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth [Mt. 13:42] prior to the gathering of the spiritual children of God who will rejoice in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

The Kingdom of God is like someone who scatters the seed on the ground. While he sleeps and rises night and day, the seed sprouts and grows and he does not know how. [Mk. 4:26] This represents the spiritual growth of the children of God within the Holy Catholic Church. They persevere through all their worldly obstacles. As no one can predict the movement of the wind, no one can predict how the Holy Spirit will sanctify God's children.

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. [Mt. 13:31-2] Equally, the Holy Catholic Church, the Body of Christ, was founded by Jesus Christ of the Divine seed of God. Its origin was as a mustard seed, invisible to the eyes of those who lived in other nations. Since its institution, the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church has grown beyond the imagination of all, its branches stretching worldwide, allowing all the spiritual children of God of all ages, races and nations to find rest in the Lord Jesus.

### *Word Of Life*

**"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"**

**Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux  
"Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> IS FATHER'S DAY.** Father's day intention box will be on the Blessed Mother's altar through Father's Day. Names will be placed on the Altar for prayers until the end of June.

**THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL MASS CHORALE:** **Sunday, June 23** at 3 pm at the Cathedral Basilica. The price is \$10.

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL** is still ongoing and we are proud to report that BSSCB is making progress toward our goal of \$22,979.00. The amount pledged to date is \$8,454.00 and we have collected \$7,865.00. We are looking forward to getting a 2% incentive from the Archdiocese by June 30, therefore, we have \$18,624 to go to meet our goal.

**FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS ARE NEEDED** starting June 23 for both 8 and 10 am Masses. Please contact Pat Ross to reserve the dates.

**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.**

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

**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

**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.

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

**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** 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.

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

**MASS REMEMBRANCE AND FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in your Tithing package. Please place them in the boxes in front of the Blessed Mother altar.

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

**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 DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL OR CONVENT PARKING LOTS. SIGNS ARE UP AND CARS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

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

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