

# 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

Elizabeth N. Chukwu

*Pastoral Associate*, Ext. 104

Frederick Hill, *Youth Minister*, Ext. 104

Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

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Website: [www.bsscb.org](http://www.bsscb.org)

## 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:** Merylyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Merylyn 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:** Merylyn Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex  
**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell  
**MUSIC/CHOIR:** John Garner, Pat Assan  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Merylyn 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, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Victoria Hall, Patricia Ross, 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 Merylyn Smith.

# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 7, 2024

**Sunday, July 7**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6a

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving & healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's guidance of Arianna requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza; Thanksgiving for all blessings requested by Juliana Ugwu and family; For all living and deceased Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar Society*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; Thanksgiving and family healing requested by Marleyne Tronchin; Cyriacus Ugwuebelem thanking God for blessings; Shirley Rush & family on the passing of Alberta Brown; for Priscilla Hill & family on the passing of George Hill; Pat Newkirk-Wilson & family on the passing of Antoine Dwayne Wilson requested by the Rosary Altar Society; All living and deceased Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar Society; Birthday blessings for Cherifa Agoro requested by Agoro family; Healing for Pat Ross requested by Mary F. Brown*

**12:30 PM ICC Mass**

**Monday, July 8**

Reading: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Gospel: Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 9**

Reading: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Gospel: Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday, July 10**

Reading: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Gospel: Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 11**

Reading: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9

Gospel: Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 12**

Reading: Hos 14:2-10

Gospel: Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 13**

Reading: Is 6:1-8

Gospel: Mt 10:24-33

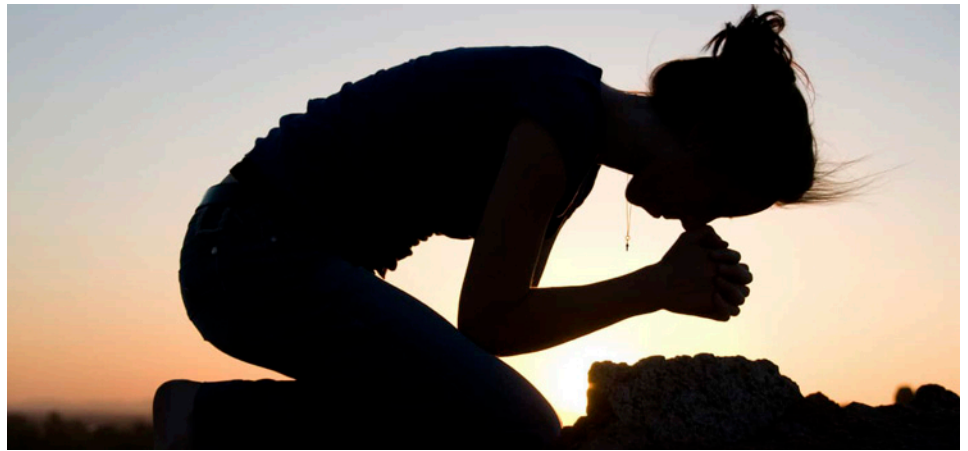
**Sunday, July 14**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Amos 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: Mk 6:7-13



## *Obedience, Servitude and Humility*

**T**oday's three readings from the Holy Scriptures echo the Christian virtues of obedience, servitude and humility on the part of the Lord Jesus, the prophet Ezekiel and St. Paul. All three, subjected to a greater authority, submitted themselves to the Divine Will of the Lord God. [Lk. 9:1; 20:2-8]

During the First Reading from the Book of Ezekiel, [Eze. 2:2-5] we heard that the Spirit entered into Ezekiel, stood him on his feet and commissioned him to go to the people of Israel and to preach to them. During his commission, Ezekiel was warned that there was a possibility that the people would reject the message that he was delivering from God. But, whether they hear or refuse to hear, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Humbly obeying, biblical history tells us that Ezekiel did serve the Lord God by going to the people, preached to them, and the Word of God was rejected by many. When we consider the days of Ezekiel, they remind us of our own calling. As Catholics who have been baptized and confirmed, we who have received the seal of the Holy Spirit have been called to become slaves of the Lord Jesus, we have been sent forward to obey and serve in all humility.

During today's Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians, we heard how serving God in obedience can get to our heads. As such, the sin of pride sets in. As we mature in Christ, by the grace of God the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, we gain greater understanding and knowledge of the spiritual mysteries of Christ and His mystical Body. During sanctification, the Holy Spirit is provided with the opportunity to move more freely through us. At this stage of spiritual growth, we no longer need milk, the basic teachings of christianity. [Heb. 5:11-3] Rather, we can now eat solid food, this meaning that we qualify to teach to others what we have learned. [Heb. 5:14]

During today's Reading from the Gospel of Mark, we heard how the Lord Jesus served God the Father in obedience and humility. Jesus came on earth to do the Divine Will of His Father and obeyed to the end. "He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross." [Phil. 2:8] He did not come as a King with a myriad of angels, but rather as a humble servant in human flesh.

### *Word Of Life*

**"O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."**

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

**"Prayer for Religious Liberty"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET JULY 21.** If you became a member of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo church in the last year, Fr. Albert and the heads of parish ministries will meet with you in the church hall during fellowship after Mass. Marilyn Smith will be reaching out to everyone to confirm attendance. Updates will follow.

**CORONA SELF-HELP SUBSTANCE ABUSE ORGANIZATION** will be at the 8 and 10am Masses on **July 14** to give a brief talk about recovery and will be selling t-shirts. *Please give them your support.*

**SUMMER SOIREE DANCE: August 23, 8pm–1am** given by the Holy Name Society in the church hall. \$25

**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. We are looking forward to getting a 2% incentive from the Archdiocese by June 30.

**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

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

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

## 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.

**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.

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

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

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

**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.**