

#### **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 pm 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

Mrs. Robyn Padia, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Stephanie Smith, Parish Secretary

Mr. Charles Noun, Business Manager

Mr. John Garner, Music Director

Mr. Felix Padia, Property Manager

Mrs. Merilyn Smith, RCIA Director

#### **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Parish Office: 973-824-6548 Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102 Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,

Ext: 103

Pastoral Associate: Ext: 104 Parish Secretary: Ext. 105

Business Manager: Ext: 100

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, 7:00 pm in the Church.



# Church Ministries and Chairpersons

**BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ

**BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins

**CURSILLO:** Merilyn Smith

**EUCHARISTIC 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

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

**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 Saddow, 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 JULY 24, 2022

All Masses should have an intention. Mass is the most powerful prayer of praise and worship we can ever offer to God. Parishioners are encouraged to offer intentions for the Masses.

**SUNDAY, JULY 24** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 Gospel: Lk 11:1-13 8:00 Mass 10:00 Mass **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 STREAMED ON FACEBOOK **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST** FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY. 7 PM IN THE CHURCH **BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM** VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981

Monday, July 25

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Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Gospel: MTt20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26

Readings: Jer 14:17-22 Gospel: Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27

Readings: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Gospel: Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28

Readings: Jer 18:1-6 Gospel: Mt 3:47-53

Friday, July 29

Readings: Jer 26:1-9 Gospel: Jn 11:19-27

Saturday, July 30

Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Gospel: Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, July 31
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Lk 12:13-21



# Persevering in our Living Faith

o "persevere" means to be persistent, to continue without stopping. It means to start something and to finish it to the end. In what should we be persistent? We should be persistent in our "living faith." And what does our living faith include? It includes: Our worship of God; Our struggle to inherit the salvation that we have received through Jesus Christ who is Lord and God; Our concern for the salvation of our spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, to persevere in our living faith means to worship God, to continuously struggle to inherit the salvation that we have received through Jesus Christ and to continuously be concerned for the salvation of our brothers and sisters in Christ until our last breath. Such is persevering in our living faith.

Reviewing today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis, it can be said that Moses had a living faith in Yahweh, God Almighty. The reputation of Moses has come down in history as one who continuously feared the Lord Yahweh and who worshipped Him in servitude and obedience in all things. Because Abraham believed in God, it was reckoned to him as righteousness. [Rom. 4:3, 9; Gal. 3:6]

Over and above Moses' faithfulness to God, he was concerned for those who lived in his environment. As we heard earlier, the Lord God had come down from Heaven to go and visit the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of the outcries against them that were reaching the Heavenly Throne.

Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Colossians reminds us of the need to persevere in our living faith in Christ. It reminds us to live our lives in Jesus, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as we were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Starting with the basic truths that most of us have learned during our childhood, we must build up our faith in the sound Catholic teachings that the Apostles of Jesus have handed down to the Holy Church.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of Luke reminds us of the necessity to persevere in our prayer life. Our prayer life is a reflection of our true faith in God. If we truly have come to know Jesus in faith, then this spiritual encounter has created a growing bond between Jesus and us as individuals. Continuously drawn to Jesus, we enjoy a daily personal relationship in the fullness of the Blessed Trinity, the Father and the Holy Spirit being revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

### Word Of Life

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation....We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### JULY 24 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**TESTIMONY SUNDAY, JULY 31**: Please submit your testimony to the pastoral associate Robyn in Mass or at the parish center prior to the Mass on Sunday, July 31. We want to hear how God has blessed you this year.

BSSCB WISH LIST: Our Kitchen ministry is in need of a new coffee and hot water pot for fellowship each should be 75 cuppers. We also need 64" round tabledcloths orf all colors. Please contact Pat Ross or Mary Brown (10am) or Jacqueline Gilbert or Helen Brooks (8am) if you are willing to grant this wish.

**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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you! Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Media, Youth, and Church Maintenance need help. If you have a skill or trade in Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and IT, we welcome your help. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

**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.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**: Couples contemplating marriage should be registered and attending weekly Mass. Couples should make initial arrangements one year in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

#### 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=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09Zoom: 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/HTTeimw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV.

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.

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

**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.

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

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

# BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2022 A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS II – TESTIMONY

"My tongue will declare your righteousness and praise you all day long." **Psalm 35:28** 

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