

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



610 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108
Parish Center, 19 Van Ness Place

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH

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.

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. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*
Mr. Isi Igetei, *Parish Sacristan*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1:00 pm–2:00 pm (Parish Chapel) or 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. Registered parishioners, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Chapel.

NIGHTS OF PRAYER FOR FAVORS & RESTORATION

Every first Friday and third Thursday, 7:00 pm in the Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Igbo Mass: 12:30 p.m.
Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. – Fri.: 6:30 p.m., Sat.: 7:30 a.m.
Special Masses: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion
7:00 pm in church. Every Third Thursdays 7:00–8:45 pm in church.
Parish Office: Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

- ALTAR SERVERS:** Isi Igetei
- BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ
- BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins
- CURSILLO:** Marilyn Smith
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Marilyn Smith
- FINANCE:** Lola Walker
- FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Harold Uche
- HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore
- HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross
- LECTORS:** Fred Hill
- LITURGY:** Marilyn Smith
- MUSIC:** John Garner
- PARISH COUNCIL:** Mary Brown
- PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown
- REPAST:** Helen Brooks
- RCIA:** Marilyn Smith
- ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown
- 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, Claire Battle, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Shirley Bazemore, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett

Ministry News

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 Marilyn Smith.

VAN

Drivers are needed for our van ministry. If you have a valid license and are available to assist one Sunday please speak with Mr. Green.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 31, 2021

All Masses said in the parish 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 these Masses. Donations for flowers at the altar are also available. Call the parish office for any of these requests.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 18: 15-20/1Cor 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28 (71)

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. IGBO

DAILY MASSES MON.– FRI. 7:30 AM

& 6:30 PM SAT. 7:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM

19 VAN NESS PLACE

Monday, February 1

Readings: Heb 11: 32-40

Gospel: Mk 5: 1-20 (323)

Tuesday, February 2

Readings: Mal 3: 1-4/Heb 2: 14-18

Gospel: Lk 2: 22 or 2: 22-32 (524)

Wednesday, February 3

Readings: Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15

Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6 (325)

Thursday, February 4

Readings: Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24

Gospel: Mk 6: 7-13 (326)

Friday, February 5

Readings: Heb 13: 1-8

Gospel: Mk 6: 14-29 (327)

Saturday, February 6

Readings: Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21

Gospel: Mk 6: 30-34 (328)

Sunday, February 7

Readings: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7/

1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39 (74)

I Will Raise Up for Them a Prophet

In the First Reading, we heard of God's promise to Moses that He would raise up for us a prophet. This is only one of God's many promises that were made and are found in the Old Testament, each of them having been fulfilled through Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament.

About five weeks ago, we celebrated the arrival of the promised prophet in the incarnation of God through Christ. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of the greatest of all prophets, the Lord Jesus.

When reference is made to Jesus as the prophet, it must be understood that the word "prophet" in the days of Moses meant a "mediator" between God and man. Moses was a mediator. He spoke to the people on behalf of God and spoke to God on behalf of the people. Based on that particular function as mediator between God and man, the Lord God promised to raise a prophet just like Moses who would be a Mediator between God and man. This is seen in Jesus who is the Mediator between God and man. Now, "There is one Mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time." [1 Tim. 2:5-6]

The word prophet is symbolic, meaning the promised Messiah. While the people waited for a great prophet to deliver them, the Heavenly Father sent them someone who was greater than a prophet, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus was asked if He was the prophet, He answered, 'No!' [Jn. 1:21] At the same time, the people continued to view Jesus as the promised prophet because He fulfilled all the promises of God the Father through His incarnation as God on earth. [Jn. 6:14, 7:40]

Reviewing today's Second Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, it is a follow-up of last Sunday's Second Reading. Last Sunday, we heard that the virgins deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. [1 Cor. 7:25, 31] They are detached from the world, living in the hope of things to come.

This week, St. Paul tells the believers to lead the life that the Lord has assigned them, to which God has called them. The Holy Spirit inspired St. Paul to tell the believers that God wants them to be free from anxieties.

In today's Gospel, we heard that Jesus entered the synagogue and taught in Capernaum. Those who heard Him were astounded at His teachings because He taught with authority, not as the scribes. Here, the authority of Jesus is compared to a rabbi who has the power to impose a decision with a binding authority versus a scribe who cannot do so because he is a teacher of a lower rank.

Summarizing today's Holy Readings, in Jesus, we have seen the fulfillment of God's promise to send a prophet like Moses. Through St. Paul who was inspired by the Holy Spirit, we have heard that God wants us to be free of anxieties in our calling, especially those who are married. Through Jesus, we have heard of His authority that reaches far beyond miraculous manifestations in this world.

Word Of Life

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)." NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH
Monthly collections from Mid March 2020 to December 2020

March	\$11,411.00
April	\$8,594.00
May	\$13,701.00
June	\$16,005.00
July	\$20,735.00
August	\$12,640.00
September	\$22,248.00
October	\$8,996.00
November	\$12,753.00
December	\$10,340.03

Online Giving from March to December: \$45,166.26

JANUARY 31– 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.”- 1 Corinthians 7:32 How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you instead of need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then pray for things worrying about them.

LENTEN REVIVAL: Our parish Lenten Revival will be held on February 26 thru the 28th. Stations of the Cross will be Friday from 8 to 9pm. Saturday will be held in the main church from 10am to 2pm with Mass on Sunday.

ANNUAL APPEAL will launch on Sunday, February 7. As a model of authentic stewardship, Jesus is not merely a man of words. He invites his disciples into His very life and gives himself totally to them. Discipleship is not something we undertake alone, it is a journey through which God, with our cooperation, makes of each of us a “gift” for others. Some may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin about the start of the 2021 Annual Appeal. I want to bring your attention to his message by inviting you to watch a short video presentation available on our website at bsscb.org.

TAX REQUEST STATEMENT: We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your contribution during the year 2020. To request a statement for tax purposes please call the parish office at 973-824-6548.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED
PARISHIONERS AND LOVED ONES WE LOST
THIS PAST YEAR**

To the families of our deceased loved ones, we express our prayers of comfort to you. May the souls of our parishioners, Michael Mathos, Dr. Ignatius Njoko, Marion Crawford, Charlie Doherty, Henry Gaines, Mary Fussell, Ruby Alexander, and all those relatives of our church family, may they rest in eternal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD IN PERSON

Church family, welcome to the house of the Lord. We have begun our Sunday Mass and while it will take some getting used to, we are eager to see everyone and respectful of those who are not yet ready. We have taken every precaution to provide a safe environment. We have sanitizing stations, marked pews and floors for social distancing; cleaning supplies and volunteers to check individuals in and clean between each mass. Please register with this link when you are ready <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/109480009656>.

In addition to our regularly scheduled 8 & 10 AM mass we now have a 6:30 pm Mass on Saturdays. Weekday masses are being held in the main church at 6:30 Monday thru Friday. Seating allows for three individuals per pew and a family of two or more, a pew for themselves. Of course, suggestions are welcome while we transition, but patience is required and needed, as we all experience this change together. May God bless you and continue to join us on livestream. Know that we continue to pray for each of you.

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on YouTube. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

We've updated our teleconference login ID to enable us to check the distractions from background. CONFERENCE ID: 978-990-5000. Access code: 570-414 - You can download the Freeconferencecall app and use as our meeting ID bsscbchurchmedia. The Zoom Video Conference remains the same. For your convenience, the Zoom information is: Personal ID 381-980-5747 Web: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3819805747>.

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 or click this link below this message on your cell phone to be added automatically.

<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. Other spiritual activities will be announced when available.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2021 A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS

Pray for your confidence in God's Word to remain steadfast as you share it with others. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17

CELEBRATING HERITAGE HISTORY MONTH: Please join us in celebrating our diverse heritage in the month of February, cultural attire is suggested for the month.

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