

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 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. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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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: 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/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Marilyn 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, Claire Battle, Alice Tate, Celine Larmony, Deacon Billy Moore, Beverly Ashmon, Lila Dixon, Alice Williams, Dorothy Pinnix, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Ruth Inweh, Gwendolyn Hunt, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Joyce Leach, Marie Burnett, David Sadow

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 Marilyn Smith.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 13, 2022

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 altar flowers are available. Call the parish office for these requests.

SUNDAY MARCH 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/

3: 17---4: 1or 3: 20---4: 1

Gospel: **Lk 9: 28b -36 (27)**

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

12:30 & 4:30 p.m. 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

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, March 14

Readings: Dn 9: 14b-10

Gospel: Lk 6: 36-38 (230)

Tuesday, March 15

Readings: Is 1: 10, 16-20

Gospel: Mt 23: 1-12 (231)

Wednesday, March 16

Readings: Jer 18: 18-20

Gospel: Mt 20: 17-28 (232)

Thursday, March 17

Readings: Jer 17: 5-10

Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31 (233)

Friday, March 18

Readings: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43-45-46 9234)

Saturday, March 19

Readings: 2Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a,16/

Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:

41-51a (543)

Sunday, March 20

Readings: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15/

1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk 13: 1-9 (30)



Our Citizenship is in Heaven

As we enter the Second Week of Lent, in the tradition of the Catholic Church, we are called to continue to examine our hearts and to repent of any sins that may offend our Lord Jesus. This examination of conscience is to prepare us for the glorious Resurrection of Christ that will be celebrated on Easter Sunday immediately after the completion of the Lenten Season.

This Sunday, to elevate our minds towards a higher level of spiritual holiness so we may possess a greater perception of how offensive sin is to God, we are reminded that our citizenship is in Heaven. In this process, while discovering the merits that we have freely received by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, our hearts are impelled to show appreciation to the Heavenly Father in thanksgiving.

During today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis, we heard that because Abram believed in the promise of the Lord that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of heaven, the Lord "reckoned it to him as righteousness." [Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3] As the living faith of Abram was reckoned to him as righteousness, the living faith of many others in those days was reckoned to them as righteousness.

"By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts." [Heb. 11:4] "By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death... For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.'" [Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:21-4]

During today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians, we heard St. Paul teach "that our citizenship is in Heaven." [Phil. 3:20] Why is it that while we are in this world, we do not belong to this world? It is because Christ died for us so that we may be made righteous through Him. Through His death on the Cross as the sacrificial Lamb, we qualify to inherit the salvation that awaits all those who persevere in their living faith.

During today's Gospel Reading, we heard that Jesus went up the mountain to pray with three Apostles, Peter, John and James. While they were on the mountain, the appearance of the face of Jesus changed and His clothing became dazzling white. Then, Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Jesus.

Word Of Life

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life28).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 13 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

LENTEN REFLECTION

Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-46 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Reflection: When Jesus felt sorrow and distress he sought out a place where he found solace and turned to God for strength and guidance. Jesus' place of solace was the Garden of Gethsemane, in the Holy Land. Today in the Holy Land and throughout the world too many of our brothers and sisters feel sorrow and distress because of the lack of peace in our world. They face the everyday realities of war and conflict. It can be far too easy to be like Jesus' disciples and fall asleep in the face of these realities on the other side of the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to stay awake – to stay with him and our brothers and sisters around the world and support them in their struggle for peace. He calls us to keep watch with him and pray, to be persistent in our calls and prayers for peace as a way to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters experiencing the sorrow and devastation of war.

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=YXpqcWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dIAxNC9BZz09>
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.

PARISH LENTEN REVIVAL: "A Debt We Could Not Pay"

March 18 thru 20, with revivalist Fr. Felix Nzeadi. Friday Youth Night 6:30pm – 9pm, Saturday 9am – 3pm, refreshments provided for both events. Fr. Felix will celebrate the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday.

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.

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

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

But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also." Acts 23:11

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