# 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. Merilyn Smith, *RCIA Director* 

#### **TELEPHONE DIRECTOR**

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 Email: info@bsscbchurch.com Website: 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:** Merilyn Smith

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Merilyn Smith

**FINANCE:** I ola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche

**HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore

**HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross

**LECTORS:** Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex

**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell

MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Diane Scott

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

**RCIA:** Merilyn Smith

**REPAST:** Helen Brooks

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Veceleine C. Dufrene

**SANITATION:** Alicia F. 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, RCIA 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 Guvton. Victoria Hall, Patricia Ross, Merilyn 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 be a part of this team.

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**

#### **JUNE 16, 2024**

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

#### ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.- SAT. 8:00 AM STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Ez 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6–10 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34 8:00 AM Mass

Thanksgiving & healing mercies for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's quidance & intervention of Arianna requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza

#### 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; 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 blessinas 12:30 PM ICC MASS

> Monday, June 17 Readings: 1 Kg 21:1-66 Gospel: Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 18 Reading: 1 Kg 21:17-29 Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Wednesday, June 19 Reading: 2 Kg 2:1, 6–14 Gospel: Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 20 Reading: Sir 48:1-14 Gospel: Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 21 Reading 2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Gospel: Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 22 Reading: 2 Cor 24:17-25 Gospel: Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, June 23 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41



# The Promised Kingdom of God

n the Old Testament, many references are found to the Lord's promise of His coming Kingdom. [2 Sam. 7:12-3, 7:16; 1 Kgs 9:5; 1 Chr. 17:11-2, 17:14, 22:10; Dan. 4:3, 4:34, 7:18, 7:27] The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, not the God of the dead, but the God of the living, [Mt. 22:32] promised to Abraham, "And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed." [Acts. 3:25; Gal. 3:8] To Abraham and his One Seed was the promise of the Spirit made, that his blessing might be received by all through faith in Jesus. [Rom. 4:16; Gal. 3:14, 16]

Those who belong to Christ are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise, because they have followed in the faith of he who is the spiritual father of all Christians. [Mal. 2:15; Rom. 4:16; Gal. 3:19] The spiritual children of Abraham, the children of the godly seed of Jesus, born anew of God, [1 Jn. 3:9, 5:18] of imperishable seed, [1 Pet. 1:23] are those who will truly inherit the eternal Kingdom of God. "After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." [Mk. 1:14-5]

Jesus stated that He must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, for He was sent by the Heavenly Father for this purpose. [Lk. 4:43] "Jesus, accompanied by the twelve disciples, went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness." [Mt. 9:35; Lk. 8:1]

He also sent out His twelve disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal, giving them power and authority over all demons and to cure all diseases. Wherever Jesus went, when the crowds found out about it, they followed Him, and

He welcomed them. He spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, healing those who needed to be cured. [Lk. 9:11]

Jesus's work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God did not end while He was on earth. After His suffering, death and Resurrection, He presented himself alive to His disciples by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. [Acts 1:3

Word Of Life

"O God our Creator ... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL MASS CHORALE: Sunday, June 23** at 3 pm at the Cathedral Basilica. The price is \$10. Henry Rawls is leading the choir. Come and support our BSSCB choir.

**BUS RIDE TO ATLANTIC CITY**, given by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxillary, **Saturday, July 27**<sup>th</sup> leaving from BSSCB at 9 a.m.

**A DAY OF PRAYER** hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark on **Saturday June 29**<sup>th</sup>. at the Youth Center in Kearny, 499 Belgrove Drive from 8:30 am to 1 pm. See the flyers for more information.

**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.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** for high school graduates is now available. The due date is **June 30th**. See Fred or the office for a copy.

**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

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

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

#### **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 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.

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.