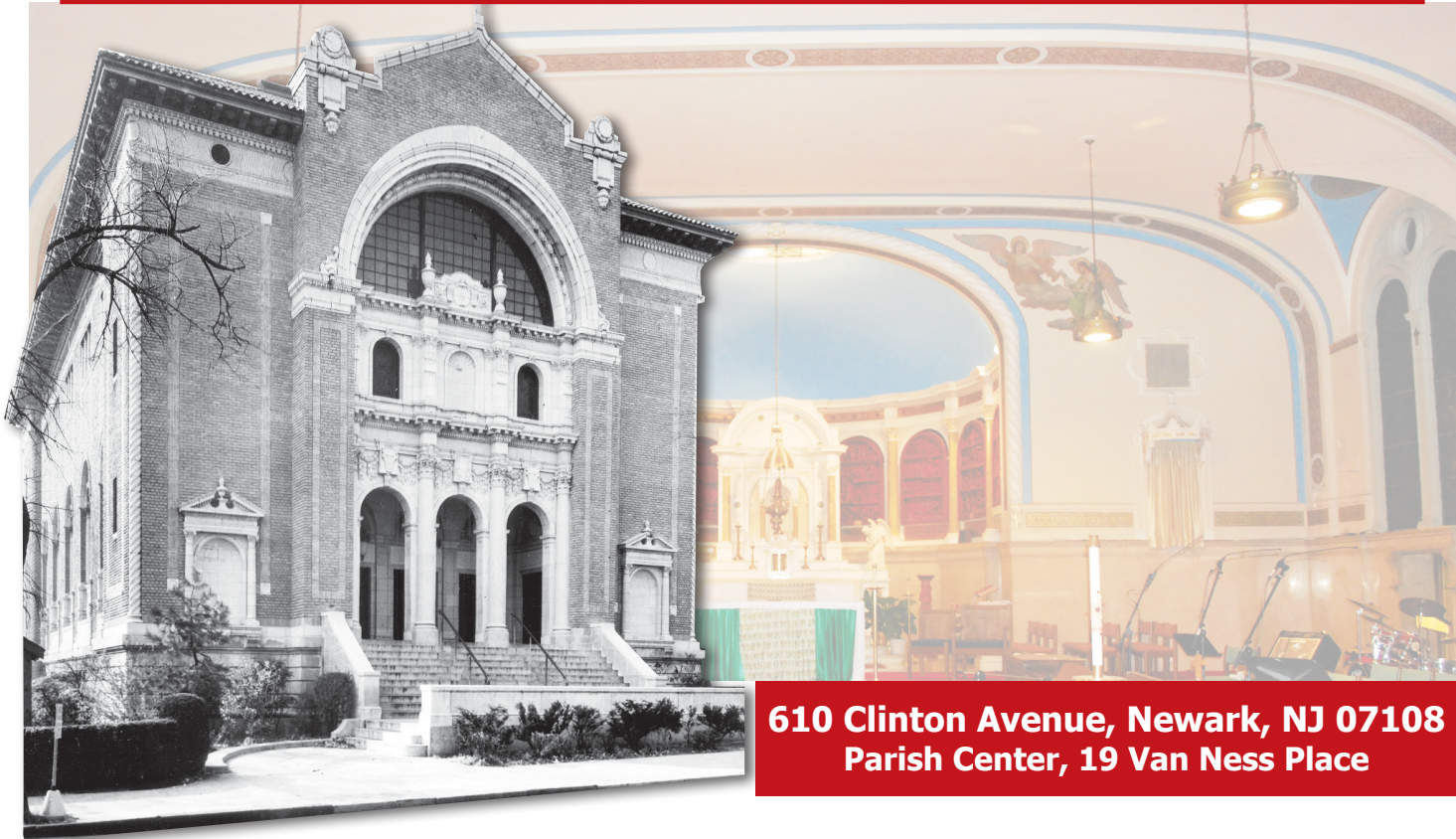


BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548
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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. Ralph.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 23, 2021

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11/1Cor 12: 3b-7,
12-13 or Gal 5: 16-25

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 15: 26-27;
16: 12-15 (63)

6:30 pm Mass Intentions: Special intentions by Dr. Prisca Anuforo; For the repose of Isi Igeti's soul by The Igeti Family. **8:00**

am Mass Intentions: In memory of Ruth Holmes-Jones and Stephen Champ by Janice Champ; For the repose of Isi Igeti's soul by the Igeti family. **10:00 am Mass Intentions:** For special intentions by Dr. Prisca Anuforo; For the repose of Isi Igeti's soul by the Igeti family; In loving memory of Charlie Doherty by The Holy Name Society; In loving memory of Roxann Barrett by Linden and the family; In memory of Frances Hill and Abena Johnson by Fred Hill

**12:30 & 4:30 p.m. ICC MASS
DAILY MASSES MON.— SAT. 8:00 AM
VIA ZOOM 381-980-5747 & SAT. 6:00
PM ROSARY, 6:30 PM MASS LIVE
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,
7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM
VIA ZOOM 381-980-5747**

Monday, May 24

Readings: Gn 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14

Gospel: Jn 19: 25-34 (572A)

Special intentions by Immaculata Anyanwu

Tuesday, May 25

Readings: Sir 35: 1-12

Gospel: Mk 10: 28-31 (348)

Special intentions by Immaculata Anyanwu

Wednesday, May 26

Readings: Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17

Gospel: Mk 10: 32-45 (349)

Special intentions by Immaculata Anyanwu

Thursday, May 27

Readings: Sir 42: 15-25

Gospel: Mk 10: 46-52 (350)

Special intentions by Immaculata Anyanwu

Friday, May 28

Readings: Sir 44: 1, 9-13

Gospel: Mk 11: 11-26 (351)

Saturday, May 29

Readings: Sir 51: 12cd-20

Gospel: Mk 11: 27-33 (352)

Sunday, May 30

Readings: Dt 4: 32-34, 39-40/Rom 8: 14-17

Gospel: Mt 28: 16-20 (165)

As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You

Today, we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday. Some of you may ask yourselves, "What is the origin of Pentecost in the Catholic Church?" According to the New Catholic Dictionary of 1929, the word Pentecost is Greek for "pentecostes" which means "fiftieth." This feast "commemorates the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, and takes its name from the fact that it comes nearly fifty days after Easter. It was a Jewish festival, and has been observed in the Christian Church since the days of the apostles. It is often called Whitsunday (White Sunday) from the practise of giving solemn Baptism on that day in early centuries, the candidates being attired in white baptismal robes."



Today's three readings made reference to the arrival of the Holy Spirit, being baptized in the Spirit and being sent forth to proclaim the Word of God so others may convert to the living faith.

The arrival of the Holy Spirit was affirmed in the First Reading [Acts 2:1-11] when we heard, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. Being baptized in the Spirit was affirmed in the Second Reading [1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12- 13] when it was said, "In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." And being sent to proclaim the Word of God was affirmed in the Gospel Reading [Jn. 20:19-23] when we heard, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." These three passages are the gist of today's homily.

"Since Pentecost, it is through the sacramental signs of his Church that the Holy Spirit carries on the work of sanctification. The sacraments of the Church do not abolish but purify and integrate all the richness of the signs and symbols of the cosmos and of social life. Further, they fulfill the types and figures of the Old Covenant, signify and make actively present the salvation wrought by Christ, and prefigure and anticipate the glory of heaven." (C.C.C. # 1152)

"From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism. Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' [Acts 2:38] The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans. [Cf. Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 10:48; 16:15] Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the 'character,' which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness.

Word Of Life

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

CCD CLASSES: If you have any questions regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation please call the parish office, we will need your children's names and contact information along with email addresses. A permission slip is requested at this time in order for us to do the classes remotely via zoom. Mrs. Stephanie Williams and Sr. Consolatrix Obi will facilitate First Communion and Mr. Fred Hill and Sr. Camillus Uzor will facilitate Confirmation. More information to follow, the office number is 973-824-6548.

RCIA: Religious instruction classes for Adults 18 and older by which adults prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Young people 8-17 years of age who have not been baptized, should participate in First Communion or Confirmation classes, in preparation for reception of all the sacraments and speak to Marilyn Smith for further details on how to proceed. Please call the office and leave a message for Ms. Smith to return your call.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL: will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

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.

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. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

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>. Registration is required.

MASS REGISTRATION 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 Chapel at 8 am Monday thru Friday on Zoom: ID 381 980 5747

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. 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 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/HTTejmw2ji23mcpaNE2qxV>.

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

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

WOMEN'S 181ST CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held October 7 – 10, please visit the mycursillo.com website for applications and information.

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