

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. Marilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-824-6548

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,
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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
COUNTERS: Lola Walker
CURSILLO: Marilyn Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Marilyn Smith
FINANCE: Patricia Ross
FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks
HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Harold Uche
HOMEBOUND: Juanita Moore
HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN: Pat Ross
LECTORS: Fred Hill
LITURGY: Marilyn Smith
MAINTENANCE: Arnie Pinnex
MEDIA: Beverly Mitchell
MUSIC/CHOIR: John Garner, Pat Assan
PARISH COUNCIL: Lionel Leach
PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown
RCIA: Marilyn Smith
REPAST: Helen Brooks
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Veceleine C. Dufrene
SANITATION: Alicia E. Alford
TRUSTEES: Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
USHERS: Michelle Williams
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, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Karen Barrett, Pat Wilson, Charlie Howard, Vivian Ededey, Yvette Hall, Alicia Alford, Delores Guyton, Patricia Ross, Celestia Conway, Verlean Howard, Carol Jenkins, Brehita Taborn, John Anyanwu



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 to 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

OCTOBER 27, 2024

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 31:7–9

Heb 5:1–6

Gospel: Mk 10:46–52

8:00 AM Mass

Thanksgiving & healing for Catherine & Hubert Phillips and God's continued guidance of Arianna requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza; Repose of Maxwell Carrion requested by BSSCB

10:00 AM Mass

Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family; Teneva K. Wilkins and Arthur Williams, Jr. birthday blessings by Mary F. Brown; Prayer of thanksgiving, healing and protection for the Boyce and Tronchin families; Prayers for healing for Kent Cureton requested by Fred Hill family; In memory of Miriam Njoku requested by Eucharist Anthony family; Birthday blessings for Kosiwa Tchalla requested by family; Heavenly birthday blessings for Dorothy Pinnix requested by Arnie Pinnix; Repose of Chukwudumebi Anthony-Luigi Odiachi by the family; Repose of Maxwell Carrion requested by BSSCB family; Mass of thanksgiving for James, Gwendolynn and Dominique Smith; Mass of thanksgiving for Merilyn Smith

12:30 PM ICC Mass

Monday, October 28

Reading: Eph 2:19–22

Gospel: Lk 6:12–16

Tuesday, October 29

Reading: Eph 5:21–33

Gospel: Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday, October 30

Reading: Eph 6:1–9

Gospel: Lk 13:22–30

Thursday, October 31

Reading: Eph 6:10–20

Gospel: Lk 13:31–35

Friday, November 1

Readings: Rev 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Gospel: Mt 5:1–12a

Saturday, November 2

Readings: Wis 3:1–9

Rom 5:5–11

Gospel: Jn 6:37–40

Sunday, November 3

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deu 6:2–6

Heb 7:23–28

Gospel: Mk 12:28b–34



“My teacher, let me see again.”

During the First Reading, we heard of the small number of people who had escaped the Assyrian captivity of 721 B.C. Purified through their exile, they were the new Israel, faithful to God. Through suffering, the people humbled themselves and turned to God with sincere repentance. Originally, while they had physical sight, they were spiritually blind. But now, through the suffering of slavery, they had received spiritual sight.

In this joyful moment, the people sang aloud with gladness, displaying endless echoes of thanksgiving to God who had delivered the weak, the lame, those with children and those in labour. These were the ones who had received spiritual sight, they knowing and understanding the righteousness of the Lord that delivers salvation.

During the Second Reading, we heard that while every high priest is chosen from among mortals and appointed by God to be in charge of things that pertain to God on their behalf, they too must offer sacrifices for sins because they also are subject to human weakness. The function of a high priest is not one of self-appointment or an appointment by man. It is a calling from God, just as Aaron was called by God.

Equally, Jesus, although God in human form, did not seek glory by elevating Himself as a high priest. No, it was the Heavenly Father who appointed Him when He said to Jesus, "You are My Son, today I have begotten you." Elsewhere, He said, "You are a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

During today's Gospel Reading, we heard of the persistent blind man who said to Jesus, "My Teacher, let me see again." What does it mean to see? Is there not physical and spiritual sight? While physical sight is desirable, spiritual sight is an absolute necessity for our salvation!

Spiritual sight is not limited to the appointment of priests. It applies to everyone in every actions that are performed during the day. It applies to spiritual growth to ensure that the doctrines that are learned are sound like a house that is built on a solid foundation. Many claim to have spiritual sight, to understand the teachings of Jesus Christ through the Holy Catholic Church. And they also claim to obey them.

Word Of Life

“The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS are every Monday and Friday at 6 pm in the main church. A box for prayers is at the Blessed Mother altar.

ALL SAINT'S DAY MASSES are Friday:8 am (virtual), Noon and 6:30 pm in the main church.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MASSES are Saturday:8 am(virtual) and Noon in the main church.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of diapers, wipes and tuna. Please support the food pantry with these items or a monetary donation. The pantry feeds over 200 families per month most with young children.

ALL CHURCH REQUESTS AND ACTIVITIES on BSSCB properties must come through the office to be processed. The office is open 5 days a week. Call 973-824-6548. Please refrain from giving information or money to the office staff on Sunday.

THE BISHOP FRANCIS BRUNCH FUNDRAISER Saturday, November 2, Noon–4 pm at Costa Del Sol in Union. This supports young adult scholarships of AAACA (Black Catholics) in the archdiocese. Please see Janice Champ (8 am) or Mary Brown (10 am) for tickets.

YOUTH APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, November 17. If you would like to donate, please see or Zelle Pat Ross at 973-508-8309.

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST December 14. Theme: "We Shall Behold Him." Speaker: Fr. Bonaface Anusiem.

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.**

TITHING ENVELOPES: For changes of address, receipt of tithing envelopes and appointments to meet with Fr. Albert, please call Parish Office at 973-824-6548. Our system is currently being updated but if you are not receiving your envelopes please call the office directly to rectify this.

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 4th 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.

LOCK BOX at 19 Van Ness is now available for info, envelopes, Mass intentions, etc. Please put in drop box. Put your phone number and other information so we can let you know it was received.

PARISH CELL FOR ZELLE: 973-392-3139. Add message: Include purpose, name, Mass date, intention and your name.

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

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.

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

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