

# 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

Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,  
Ext: 103

Mary F. Brown, *Office Manager*, Ext. 105

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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  
**CURSILLO:** Merylyn Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Merylyn Smith  
**FINANCE:** Lola Walker  
**FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin, Helen Brooks  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Harold Uche  
**HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore  
**HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross  
**LECTORS:** Fred Hill  
**LITURGY:** Merylyn Smith  
**MAINTENANCE:** Arnie Pinnex  
**MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell  
**MUSIC/CHOIR:** John Garner, Diane Scott  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Lionel Leach  
**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown  
**RCIA:** Merylyn Smith  
**REPAST:** Helen Brooks  
**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Veceleine C. Dufrene  
**SANITATION:** Alicia E. 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, 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 Guyton, Victoria Hall, Patricia Ross, Merylyn 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 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 Merylyn Smith.

# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 12, 2024

**ZOOM DAILY MASSES MON.– SAT.  
8:00 AM STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

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

**Sunday, May 12**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26

1 Jn 4:11–16

Gospel: Jn 17:11b–19

**8:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for Hubert & Catherine Phillips and for healing requested by Marva Phillips Mendoza; \*Oluwaseun Odunaike is thanking God for blessings on business & family; Repose of the soul of Ezinna Lawrence Nwaneri Ogu requested by Elfrida Chris Mba; Thanksgiving and praying for Rosemary Ebhodaghe for good health requested by Oluwaseun Odunaike*

**10:00 AM Mass**

*Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family requested by Mary F. Brown*

**12:30 PM ICC MASS**

**Monday, May 13**

Readings: Acts 19:1–8

Gospel: Jn 16:19–33

**Tuesday, May 14**

Reading: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Gospel: Jn 15:9–17

**Wednesday, May 15**

Reading: Acts 10:28–28

Gospel: Jn 17:11b–19

**Thursday, May 16**

Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Gospel: Jn 17:20–26

**Friday, May 17**

Reading: Acts 25:13b–21

Gospel: Jn 21:15–19

**Saturday, May 18**

Reading: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31

Gospel: Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday, May 19**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Readings: Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Gospel: Jn 20:19–23



## *Proclaim the Good News*

**T**oday, we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day after His glorious Resurrection.

The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven completed His earthly work of our redemption. Through His numerous apparitions to hundreds of people between the Day of His glorious Resurrection and the Day of His Ascension, Jesus proved two things. First of all, He proved that He was the promised Messiah. Secondly, He proved that through He Who overcame death, those who persevere in their living faith shall also overcome death and inherit the Kingdom of God.

Based on the writings of St. Augustine, the Catholic Church believes that the observance of the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus is of Apostolic origin. During the 5th century, St. Augustine wrote that this Feast was of universal observance within the Church far long before his time.

During today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles that spiritually enriched us with the Word of God, we heard the words that were written in the beginning of the second book of St. Luke to Theophilus. In his first book, the Gospel According to Luke, St. Luke wrote an orderly account about what Jesus had done and taught from the beginning of His ministry until the day when He was taken up to Heaven after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. Now, St. Luke was writing about what took place following those days.

Today's spiritual message is found in the Gospel Reading that we heard earlier. When Jesus appeared to the eleven, He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved: but the one who does not believe will be condemned." In other words, those who do not believe and refuse the Sacrament of Baptism will be condemned. It is absolutely necessary that one be baptized of water and Spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

### *Word Of Life*

**"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."**

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MAY DEVOTIONS** are every Monday and Friday at 6 pm with Rosary in the main church.

**THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL** is still ongoing and we are proud to report that BSSCB is making progress. The amount pledged to date is \$7517.00 and we collected \$6721.00. We are looking forward to getting a 2% incentive from the Archdiocese by June 30, therefore, we have \$18,624 to go to meet our goal. For those who have sent in their pledges, we say thank you, and for those who have yet to make a pledge, we are looking forward to adding your name on the list.

**PSE FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER:** Saturday, June 8, 2024. Applebee's Restaurant, 1721 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ, 8–10am. Meal includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverage. For additional information contact Blanche Macklin, 973-824-5017 or macklinbam@aol.com

**THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY IS HONORING COUPLES** who will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on **June 2**. Sign-up forms are available at the piano stand.

**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.

**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.

**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

**WHEN WRITING CHECKS,** please write the complete name of Blessed Sacrament St. Charles. The bank is no longer accepting the initials of BSSCB.

## 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.**