

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
Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 500
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Parish Office: Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

- ALTAR SERVERS:** Isi Igetei
- BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ
- BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins
- CURSILLO:** Marilyn Smith
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Ruby Alexander
- FINANCE:** Yanielle Roberts
- FOOD PANTRY:** Blanche Macklin
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Donovan Green
- HOMEBOUND:** Juanita Moore
- HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Yvonne Green
- LECTORS:** Fred Hill
- LITURGY:** Marilyn Smith
- MUSIC:** John Garner
- PARISH COUNCIL:** Donovan Green
- PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Mary Brown
- REPAST:** Helen Brooks
- RCIA:** Marilyn Smith
- ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown
- TRUSTEES:** Stephanie Williams, Homer Mosley
- VAN SERVICE:** Donovan Green
- 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, Marion Crawford, Alice Williams, Aaron Anderson, Dorothy Pinnix, Shirley Bazemore, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry, Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Ruby Alexander, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgyn, 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. Green.

**WEEKLY READINGS
& MASS INTENTIONS**
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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 flowers at the altar are also available. Call the parish office for any of these requests.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Readings: Sir 27: 30—28: 7/Rom 14: 7-9

Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35 (130)

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. IGBO

DAILY MASSES MON.– FRI. 7:30 AM

& 6:30 PM SAT. 7:30 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST

FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,

7 PM IN THE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM

19 VAN NESS PLACE

Monday, September 14

Readings: Nm 21: 4b-9/Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel: Jn 3: 13-17 (638)

Tuesday, September 15

Readings: 1Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a (444)

Gospel: Jn 19: 25-27

or Lk 2: 33-35 (639)

Wednesday, September 16

Readings: 1Cor 12: 31—13: 13

Gospel: Lk 7: 31-35 (445)

Thursday, September 17

Readings: 1Cor 15: 1-11

Gospel: Lk 7: 36-50 (446)

Friday, September 18

Readings: 1Cor 15: 12-20

Gospel: Lk 8: 1-3 (447)

Saturday, September 19

Readings: 1Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49

Gospel: Lk 8: 4-15 (448)

Sunday, September 20

Readings: Is 55: 6-9/Phil 1: 20c-24,27a

Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16a (133)

Forgive Your Brother and Sister from Your Heart

How beautiful it would have been if we could all have been born as already made perfect saints. But this is not the case! Called to become saints, it requires that we be sanctified in Christ. [1 Cor 1:2] Today, we received a very clear message from the Lord God through the readings of the Holy Bible. We were told to forgive others of all their trespasses against us. And, our forgiveness should not be just once or twice, but seventy times seven. That does not mean that if we forgive every day for 490 days, then our share of forgiveness has been completed. The seventy times seven means ongoing forgiveness, day after day, week after week, years after years, this being done without counting.

When we do not forgive someone, it is because we are passing judgment on that person. Jesus commanded us not to judge others so that we will not be judged. For by the measure that we judge others, by refusing to forgive them of their trespasses, that same measure will be used against us when our time of judgment arrives. [Mt. 7:1-2]

So how can we perfectly forgive someone without judging? It is by completely forgetting the offenses that were committed by the person. It is by forgiving as a holy child of God, forgiving as God would forgive. In His holiness, God promised, "None of the sins that they have committed shall be remembered against them; they have done what is lawful and right, they shall surely live." [Ezek. 33:16] God shall no longer remember the sins of the sinner who does what is right... He forgives those who trespassed against Him without counting, without looking back, without ever mentioning the trespass again, as if it never happened. That is holy forgiveness.

Brothers and sisters, when we leave here today, let us remember these words, "Being unable to forgive is the greatest obstacle to holiness!" Let us imprint these life saving words on our minds in extra large letters and let us never forget them! Our salvation depends on them!

Many are unable to proceed with their sanctification because they cannot find it in their hearts to forgive. They fall short of the Divine love of God. In fact, did you know that there are more offenders in the prisons who receive the love and mercy of God than there are victims who are free in the world? This end result occurs because offenders spend more time towards reflecting on their sins. An offender is better disposed to acknowledged his guilty heart and conscience that is not at peace. In search for spiritual peace, he is led by the Divine grace of God to admit his guilt, to repent, to confess and to seek salvation through the Lord's abounding mercy and forgiveness. The general attitude of those who are victims of crimes is that they are without sin! No one is without sin! If anyone believes that he is without sin, he is deceiving himself and the truth is not in him. [1 Jn. 1:8]

The soul that cannot forgive does not have the truth of God in its heart. That means that such a person is not righteous and forgiving as God has commanded. While possibly unaware of it, such a person has withdrawn himself as an adopted child of God until such time as he can find the strength in his heart to forgive.

Word Of Life

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."
USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"

September 13 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything; we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Catechumens on receiving their Sacraments. Dean R. Maglione, Dominique Alford and June Conover. May God continue to order your steps on your journey of faith.

CONFIRMATION: We will have two revision classes for our confirmation candidates on September 12th and 26th at 10am in the main church. Our children will receive their sacrament on October 10th .Please keep the children and their families in prayer.

TITHING ENVELOPES: For changes of address, receipt of tithing envelopes and appointments to meet with Fr. Albert, please call Parish Secretary at 973-824-6548 ext 200. Our system is currently being updated but if you are not receiving your envelopes please call the secretary directly to rectify this. If you have not yet filled out a membership registration please do so online and submit or pick up a form at the registration desk, fill out and return immediately.

MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS: Please reach out to your volunteers, if they are attending Mass, their help is needed as Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and cleaning the sanctuary. Please call the office for any further info regarding scheduling.

CHECKING TEMPERATURES: Starting this month we will be checking temperatures at the door, in keeping with the guidelines from the CDC as an additional precaution. We encourage everyone to take all the necessary measures needed as our numbers continue to grow and we enter the fall season. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE: Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved? The Fall Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5-hour evening ONLINE sessions begin on **September 15th, 2020**. For class registration and fee information please contact Lauren Tamara at 973-497-4327 or email Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program.

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>.

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 main church at 6:30 Monday thru Friday. Seating allows for three individuals per pew and a family of two or more, a pew for themselves. Of course, suggestions are welcome while we transition, but patience is required and needed, as we all experience this change together. May God bless you and continue to join us on livestream. Know that we continue to pray for each of you.

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY MASS

You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on YouTube. 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 Video Conference remains the same. For your convenience, the Zoom information is: Personal 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/HTTejmw2jl23mcpaNE2qxV>.

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.

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.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 “A YEAR OF SHARING GOD’S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

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