

#### **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:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; **Igbo Mass:** 12:30 p.m. Daily Masses (Chapel), Mon. - Sat.: 8:00 a.m., Sat.: 6:30 p.m. Special Masses: First Friday of each month: Sacred Heart Devotion 7:00 pm 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

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. Merilyn Smith, RCIA Director

#### **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Parish Office: 973-824-6548 Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 102 Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere,

Ext: 103

Pastoral Associate: Ext: 104 Parish Secretary: Ext. 105

Business Manager: Ext: 100

Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

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Website: www.bsscb.org

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only. 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. 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, 7:00 pm in the Church.



# Church Ministries and Chairpersons

**BEREAVEMENT:** Janice Champ

**BULLETIN:** Carol Jenkins

**CURSILLO:** Merilyn Smith

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**: Merilyn Smith

FINANCE: Lola Walker

FOOD PANTRY: Blanche Macklin

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** Harold Uche

**HOMEBOUND**: Juanita Moore

**HOSPITALITY/KITCHEN:** Pat Ross

**LECTORS**: Fred Hill

LITURGY: Merilyn Smith

**MUSIC:** John Garner

**PARISH COUNCIL: Mary Brown** 

**PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown** 

**REPAST:** Helen Brooks

**RCIA**: Merilyn Smith

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** Natasha Brown

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Beverly Mitchell

**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, Faye Gaskins, Virginia Perry,
Mary Tate, Delores Upshaw, Thelma Bell, Patricia Tinley,
Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, Karen Barrett,
Pat Wilson

# **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 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 Merilyn Smith.

## WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 31, 2021

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 6: 2-6/ Heb 7: 23-28 Gospel: Mk 12: 28b-34 (152)

#### 8:00 am Mass Intention

Repose of Thelma Bell's soul requested by her church family; Thanking God for his mercy and protection over our families; praying for God's blessings and favor as requested by Emmanuel Odunaike and family 10:00 am Mass Intention

Birthday Blessings for Kossiwa Tchalla as requested by her children Cherifa and Zayne

12:30 & 4:30 p.m. ICC MASS DAILY MASSES MON.- SAT. 8:00 AM & SAT. 6:00 PM; ROSARY 6:30 PM MASS LIVE VIA ZOOM 825 5051 6981

Password 570414
STREAMED ON FACEBOOK
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,
7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY 7:45 PM
VIA ZOOM 825 5051

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Monday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints
Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3
Gospel: Mt 5:1-12a

#### Tuesday, November 2

Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Readings: Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 6:3-9
Gospel: Jn 6:37-40

#### Wednesday, November 3

Readings: Rom 13:8-10 Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

#### Thursday, November 4

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo Readings: Rom 14:7-12/ Rom 12:3-13 Gospel: Lk 15:1-10/ Jn 10:11-16

#### Friday, November 5

Readings: Rom 15:14-21 Gospel: Lk 16:1-8

#### Saturday, November 6

Readings: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Gospel: Lk 16:9-15

#### Sunday, November 7

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



# In Communion with God

oday, we should ask ourselves, "Are we in communion with God?" In order to answer that question, we must understand what it means to be in communion with the Lord God.

Starting with the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we heard Moses giving to God's people the rules that are required to be in communion with God. Now I know that there are some who do not like rules. They think that there are too many rules in this world. There are rules that have to be followed at home, rules at work, rules at school, rules in the government, rules in sports, rules in the Church, rules everywhere. But in this case, if we value our precious Salvation, these rules are absolutely mandatory. We cannot bend these rules, nor ignore them. To secure a perfect communion with God, Moses began his discourse by telling the people to fear the Lord God. Oops! Maybe I should not have used the word 'fear.' Some Catholics do not like to hear that we must have a fear of God. That is because they do not understand the meaning of 'love' versus 'fear.'

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love." [1 Jn. 4:16b-19]

As we get to know God and we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit to grow in the love of God, our fear of God fades away. We come to perceive that God is good and just. He is not an abusive father who enjoys punishing His children. Now, I am not saying that He does not punish His children because at times He does because they deserve it.

Today's Gospel Reading teaches us that the fullness of our communion with God can be achieved through two spiritual laws. First, we must "love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength." Then, we must "love our neighbor as ourselves." These are the two Commandments that summarizes all the other Commandments of God. There are no other Commandments greater than these.

### Word Of Life

"The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ...Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### OCTOBER 31-31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS MASSES will be 8am virtual, and Noon, 6:30pm in the church. Thanksgiving Mass will be 9am in the church, luncheon for the less fortunate, 12pm.

PARISH ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST, Saturday December 11, 9am to 12pm in the church hall. THANKSGIVING MASS and luncheon November 25. Mass at 9am; community grab and go luncheon at 1pm.

#### **BSSCB ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY HOLIDAY FUND-**

RAISER - Shop for everything from holiday greeting cards to fabric face masks to home decor and bags. Please go to http://www.shadesgifts.com and select the Shop option at the top of the screen. For items that you wish to purchase note the item numbers, descriptions and prices. Give that information to a member of the Rosary Altar Society who will process the order. If you do not know a Rosarian, please call the Parish Office and ask to have a Rosarian call you. Thank you for your support!

**MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Frs. Albert and Erasmus have begun the Parish Fellowship for Men. This fellowship will be engaging in spiritual guidance, teaching and sharing. They invite all men 18 and older to join them every other month on the second Saturday in the parish hall at 9 am. Please call the parish office to register.

**BSSCB ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** collected \$1,839+ for the Newark Making Strides for a Cure for Breast Cancer. We have participated in this walk for over 20 years with continuous prayer for a cure.

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.

#### 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. Please feel free to "like" the page to follow. You can view uploaded clips of Sunday Mass on Facebook. Type in the search column Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo.

Option 3- ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89846588210?pwd=YXpqWE1ieGpBYkV0N1I0dlAxNC9BZz09Zoom: ID 825 5051 6981 Password 570414

*Option 4-* **TELECONFERENCE** ID: 978-990-5000. Access code: 570-414 - You can download the Freeconfrencecall app and use as our meeting ID bsscbchurchmedia. The Zoom ID 825 5051 6981 Password 570414. Web:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82550516981?pwd=K1NueEhjOS9pUTJpWTExSkl 1KytiQT09

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. 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.

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 – \$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.

#### BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2021 A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

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