

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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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, Diane Scott, 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 5, 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 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48
1 Jn 4:7–10

Gospel: Jn 15:9–17

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; All living and deceased Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar Society; God's mercy on Archbishop Lucius I. Ugorji as requested by BSSCB church*

10:00 AM Mass

Thanksgiving for God's blessings for Mary F. Brown's entire family requested by Mary F. Brown; All living and deceased Rosarians requested by the Rosary Altar Society; God's mercy on Archbishop Lucius I. Ugorji as requested by BSSCB church; Birthday blessings for Angelica Adams requested by Angelica Adams

12:30 PM ICC MASS

Monday, May 6

Readings: Acts 16:11–15

Gospel: Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, May 7

Reading: Acts 16:22–34

Gospel: Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, May 8

Reading: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1

Gospel: Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, May 9

Reading: Acts 18:1–8

Gospel: Jn 16:16–20

Friday, May 10

Reading: Acts 18:9–18

Gospel: Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, May 11

Reading: Acts 18:23–28

Gospel: Jn 16:23b–28

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



Our Lord Gives Forever

During today's First Reading from The Acts of the Apostles, [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48] St. Peter, the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, gave us three spiritual messages: When Cornelius, the centurion of the Roman cohort fell at St. Peter's feet and worshipped him, he was made to stand up and to stop it. As St. Peter indicated, he was a god, but a mortal.

The Old Testament Commandments of God the Father that were given to Moses, these being explained to us through Jesus Christ in the New Testament, command us to place God first in our lives. We are to adore one God. We are to worship one God. We are to idolize one God. These words, adore, worship and idolize all mean the same thing. They are synonyms to each other.

How often do we hear someone continuously speaking of a saint? At times we wonder if the saint is more important than God since God is rarely mentioned, if mentioned at all. Has this person placed the saint above God? Has this person forgotten that if one has been elevated to sainthood, it is by the grace of God? Yes, all things are given to us by God. If the saint is a saint, it is because he or she was blessed abundantly by the infinite grace of God. As such, the status of sainthood is a message that we should look above, to He who showers infinite graces on those who love Him, serve Him, and obey Him.

The Second Reading from the First Letter of John [1 Jn. 4:7-10] commands us to love one another because God is love. If God can give us the best of all what He possesses as His sign of love, can we not as His children do the same thing? Can we not shine in our love by giving generously to all in need?

Reviewing today's Gospel Reading, [Jn. 15:9-17] I have already touched on some of its content. Jesus said that if we keep His Commandments, we will abide in His love just as He has kept His Father's Commandments and abided in His love. Why should we obey the Commandments of God and abide in His love? It is for the joy of Jesus to be in us so our joy may be complete.

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, "Be Not Afraid" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH NIGHT is **Friday, May 3, 7 pm** at 19 Van Ness.

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 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.

CALLING ALL TEENS! The food pantry needs your help on the 3rd & 4th Saturday of the month between the hours of 8-10 am. See Helen Brooks for details.

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.