

# BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT



### 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  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206  
Pastoral Associate: Ext: 202  
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Email: [bsscbchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bsscbchurch@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.bsscb.org](http://www.bsscb.org)  
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, Sandy Reed, Patricia Tinley, Kim Nestbitt, Jamillah Billings, Sharon Burgwyn, 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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**  
**DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 13**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 60: 1-2a, 10-11/  
1Thes 5: 16-24

Gospel: Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28 (8)

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST  
FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY,  
7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM  
19 VAN NESS PLACE.**

**Monday, December 14**

Readings: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a

Gospel: Mt 21: 23-27 (187)

**Tuesday, December 15**

Readings: Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13

Gospel: Mt 21: 28-32 (188)

**Wednesday, December 16**

Readings: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21c-25

Gospel: Lk 7: 18b-23 (189)

**Thursday, December 17**

Readings: Gn 49: 2, 8-10

Gospel: Mt 1: 1-17 (193)

**Friday, December 18**

Readings: Jer 23: 5-8

Gospel: Mt 1: 18-25 (194)

**Saturday, December 19**

Readings: Jdg 13: 2-7, 24-25a

Gospel: Lk 1: 5-25 (195)

**Sunday, December 20**

Readings: 2Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Rom 16: 25-27

Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38 (11)

## *St. Josephine Margaret Bakhita*

**JOSEPHINE MARGARET BAKHITA**, F.D.C.C. (ca. 1869 – 8 February 1947), was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, after having been a slave in Sudan. In 2000 she was declared a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born around 1869 in Darfur (now in western Sudan) in the village of Olgossa, west of Nyala and close to Mount Agilerei. She was of the Daju people; her respected and reasonably prosperous father was brother of the village chief. She was surrounded by a loving family of three brothers and three sisters; as she says in her autobiography: "I lived a very happy and carefree life, without knowing what suffering was". Bakhita was not the name she received from her parents at birth. It is said that the trauma of her abduction caused her to forget her own name; she took one given to her by the slavers, bakhita, Arabic for 'lucky' or 'fortunate' She was also forcibly converted to Islam.



On December 7, 1893 Josephine Bakhita entered the novitiate of the Canossian Sisters and on 8 December 1896 she took her vows, welcomed by Cardinal Sarato. In 1902 she was assigned to the Canossian convent at Schio, in the northern Italian province of Vicenza, where she spent the rest of her life. Her only extended time away was between 1935 and 1939, when she stayed at the Missionary Novitiate in Vimercate (Milan); mostly visiting other Canossian communities in Italy, talking about her experiences and helping to prepare young sisters for work in Africa. A strong missionary drive animated her throughout her entire life - "her mind was always on God, and her heart in Africa"

During her 42 years in Schio, Bakhita was employed as the cook, sacristan and portress (door keeper) and was in frequent contact with the local community. Her gentleness, calming voice, and ever-present smile became well known and Vicenzans still refer to her as Sor Moretta ("little brown sister") or Madre Moretta ("black mother"). Her last years were marked by pain and sickness. She used a wheelchair but she retained her cheerfulness, and if asked how she was, she would always smile and answer: "As the Master desires." Bakhita died at 8:10 PM on February 8, 1947. For three days her body lay on display while thousands of people arrived to pay their respects. Her remains were transferred to the Church of the Holy Family of the Canossian convent of Schio in 1969.

The petitions for her canonization began immediately, and the process officially commenced by Pope John XXIII in 1959, only twelve years after her death. On December 1, 1978, Pope John Paul II declared Josephine Venerable, the first step towards canonization. On May 17, 1992, she was declared Blessed and given February 8 as her feast day. On October 1, 2000, she was canonized as Saint Josephine Bakhita. She is venerated as a modern African saint, and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery. She has been adopted as the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

### *Word Of Life*

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."  
USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

## DECEMBER 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN:** We need volunteers and we need to protect our children, in order to meet the necessary protocols of the Archdiocese we must ask all volunteers to fill out a volunteer application and attend a mandatory PGC session. This can be done easily through the parish office, please call Robyn Padia at 973-824-6548 for more information.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING! AMAZON SMILE!** Now you can support Blessed Sacrament Church every time you shop through Amazon.com - at no extra cost to you. Instead of logging into your regular account, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Once you’re there, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from their list of participating organizations. Just enter “Blessed Sacrament Church” into the search engine and you will be presented with a list of sites. Make sure you select our church (Blessed Sacrament Church Newark NJ). Once you have selected our church, you can start shopping! Every time you go to Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to support our church. Tell your family and friends near and far to support the good works of our parish all year long!



## 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 [bsscchurchmedia](https://bsscchurchmedia). 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.

### BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 “A YEAR OF SHARING GOD’S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14

### CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE VERSES

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ – Acts 20:35

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