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. Merilyn Smith, *RCIA Director*
Mr. Isi Igetei, *Parish Sacristan*

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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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.
Parish Office: Monday–Friday:9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Church Ministries and Chairpersons

ALTAR SERVERS: Isi Igetei

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

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, 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.

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.

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. Ralph.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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, FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent
Readings: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8: 31b-34
Gospel: Mk 9: 2-10 (26)
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass
12:30 p.m. IGBO
DAILY MASSES MON.– FRI. 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM SAT. 8:00 AM
VIA ZOOM 381-980-5747
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY, 7 PM IN THE CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, 7:45 PM VIA ZOOM 381-980-5747

Monday, March 1
Readings: Dn 9: 4b-10
Gospel: Lk 6: 36-38 (230)

Tuesday, March 2
Readings: Is 1: 10, 16-20
Gospel: Mt 23: 1-12 (231)

Wednesday, March 3
Readings: Jer 18: 18-20
Gospel: Mt 20: 17-28 (232)

Thursday, March 4
Readings: Jer 17: 5-10
Gospel: Lk 16: 19-31 (233)

Friday, March 5
Readings: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday, March 6
Readings: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20
Gospel: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday, March 7
Readings: Ex 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1Cor 1: 22-25
Gospel: Jn 2: 13-25 (29)

Lenten Message For Blessed Sacrament St Charles Borromeo RC Parish for the Year 2021

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, ***"If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it, Be Made Clean." 42 The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.*** (Mark 1:40-42)

Brethren, the Holy Season of Lent is here again with us. In this season, the Church calls her children to a 40-days journey of spiritual renewal through penance and reconciliation, that comes to its highpoint at the Easter Vigil with the renewal of our baptismal vows. This season draws our attention to the central event in our salvation history; the salvific journey of Jesus to the cross of Calvary, which becomes vivid as we participate in the weekly Stations of the Cross.

Throughout this season, the Liturgy of the word calls us to a renewal, and guides our efforts towards Christian holiness. Our journey on the part of renewal enables us to acknowledge our individual brokenness and the brokenness in our world, and to reach out to Jesus Christ, who alone can bring us wholeness when we can approach him with sincere hearts like the leper in Mark 1:40-42. When we receive Gods healing touch, we in turn reach out and touch others. The three major Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving enables our spiritual renewal and empowers us to show love and compassion to those in need around us.

The Holy Father Pope Francis in his Lenten message this year stated that Lent is a time to renew our faith, hope and love. He encouraged us to reach out and touch the lives of those who have been impacted negatively by the Covid-19 pandemic. He said; "to experience Lent with Love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic".

Also Cardinal Joseph Tobin urges us to be spiritually bounded and united even as we maintain the practice of social distancing that is requested of us because of the pandemic. Keeping connected with each other and supporting the most vulnerable in our community is one of the strongest ways of making our Lenten season fruitful.

We are resolved in our parish community to renew our lives spiritually through a deepened Lenten experience. In response to the demands of the season and the call of our spiritual leaders, we shall live out our pastoral proclamation for the year 2021 "Courageous Witness" through intensified prayer life and greater commitment towards those in need in our community.

Individually, we must also reach out in compassion to people who were impacted by the pandemic either through bereavement, loss of job, sickness or fear to bring them both spiritual, emotional, and physical support. We are also encouraged to support our outreach to our community through our food pantry ministry. Our Lenten fast is supposed to yield positive fruit in this regard.

We have outlined a prayer guide to enable us connect to one another in this 40 days journey. This guide is on our parish website and will be attached to this mail. May Our Merciful God grant us the grace to bear abundant spiritual fruit this Holy season and always through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

FEBRUARY 28 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"'Here I am!' he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent after the 6:30 pm Mass followed by an half hour of guided prayer and reconciliation will be available every Friday in the church.

WOMEN'S 181ST CURSILLO WEEKEND will be held October 7 – 10, please visit the mycursillo.com website for applications and information.

ANNUAL APPEAL: The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark was launched on Sunday, February 7th. Some may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin explaining the Annual Appeal. Please watch a short video presentation at rcan.org or bsscb.org.

TAX REQUEST STATEMENT: We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your contributions during the year 2020. To request a statement for tax purposes please call the parish office at 973-824-6548.

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.

MASS REGISTRATION: To attend Mass on Sunday, Mass Registration continues to be mandatory. You can access the link via our website http://bsscb.org or using this link http://bsscb.eventbrite.com, daily registration is required for every Mass.

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.

Word Of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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 Freeconfrencecall 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.

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2021
A YEAR OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS

Pray for the courage to be bold as you live out your Christian faith in your daily life. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? Romans 10:13–14

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