

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

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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

MARCH 22, 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, MARCH 22

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Readings: 1Sm 16: 1b, 6-7,
10-13a/Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: Jn 9: 1-41 or 9: 9, 6-9,
13-17, 34-38 (31)

8:00 a.m. Mass: *Birthday blessings for my daughter Dejanae, by Stephanie Smith; Thanksgiving to God for all He has done for me by Comlavi Goerke*

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

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Monday, March 23

Readings: Is 65: 17-21
Gospel: Jn 4: 43-54 (245)

Tuesday, March 24

Readings: Ez 47: 1-9, 12
Gospel: Jn 5: 1-16 (245)

Wednesday, March 25

Readings: Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/
Heb 10: 4-10
Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38 (545)

Thursday, March 26

Readings: Ex 32: 7-14
Gospel: Jn 5: 31-47

Friday, March 27

Readings: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22
Gospel: Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

Saturday, March 28

Readings: Jer 11: 18-20
Gospel: Jn 7: 40-53 (249)

Sunday, March 29

Readings: Ez 37: 12-14/Rom 8: 8-11
Gospel: Jn 11: 1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

It is amazing how there is always a passage in the Gospel Reading that touches the heart in a special way. Today, I was touched by the Sacred Words, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work." [Jn. 9:4] This verse blends beautifully with the Lenten Season, reminding us of our obligation to prepare ourselves for the liturgical celebration of the glorious Resurrection of the Lord Jesus that is quickly approaching. More will be said on this later on.

Today's First Reading [1 Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13] gave us the account of the anointing of David as the king of Israel. The Holy Scriptures provide us with two accounts of David's association to Saul. The first account portrays David as a musician who was brought into the life of Saul to pacify him. [1 Sam. 16:14-23] The second account portrays David as a competent warrior who could be very useful to Saul. [1 Sam. 17:12-20]

In those days, Saul ruled over Israel as their king. Why then did God ask the prophet Samuel to anoint David as king while the Israelites had a living king who was ruling over them? It was because king Saul turned his back to God, not carrying out the Divine commands. [1 Sam. 15:11] Therefore God rejected Saul as king over His people.

Today's Second Reading [Eph. 5:8-14] reminded us to live as children of the Light. It presented the contrast between those who live a Christian life versus the pagans. The Christians were compared to the light versus the darkness. Why did Saint Paul feel it necessary to remind the Ephesians of this truth? It was because some men had a tendency of allowing themselves to be influenced by Gnostic teachings. These individuals considered themselves enlightened and above all considerations of good or evil. Surely, pride must have taken over their reasoning.

Today's Gospel Reading also spoke of the Light. [Jn. 9:1-41] As we heard, it was the story of the man who was physically blind since birth. This reading reminds us that by nature, we are all born spiritually blind. Our blindness ends when we were admitted into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. By remaining righteousness through the Sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist, we have maintained our sight. Should we choose to neglect our blessed hope and shipwreck, surely, we will quickly find ourselves blinded by the darkness that surrounds us.

Word Of Life

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).



We are a tithing parish working on the Biblical Sanction to give 10% of our income to the work of the Church. We encourage everyone to tithe so that we can meet our expectations. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"...where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Lk.12:34

SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 15

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
TBA	\$4,350.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 29

Ushers	8 am	Onyebuchi Dike, Grace Udoh
	10 am	Kevin Ralph, Jerrell Howard, Kenjuan Howard, Kingsley Ekeu.
Lectors:	8 am	Marva Mendoza, Stephanie Williams
	10 am	Natasha Brown, Ezinne Anyanwu

Bible Study at BSSCB Church

Our Bible Study sessions will continue almost every Wednesday through June. Bible study convenes at noon in Church hall and 7:30 pm in the Convent hall.



All are welcome. Participation is necessary by reading and discussing the lessons. Afternoon session ends at 1 pm and the evening session at 9 pm. Be a good steward of your time by reading and studying God's Word daily!

March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Loving Creator of mine, I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near. I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one his people: a Christian. Help me to live each day as he did turning hatred to love and conflict to peace. I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude.

GREAT CHRISTIAN CHURCH SIGN

"Christians, keep the faith....But not from others!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INVITE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION: The Xavier University of Louisiana is currently accepting applications for individuals interested in attending classes during the summer under the IBCS (Institute Of Black Catholic Studies) program. The AAA& C Apostolate along with the Archdiocese of Newark will offer information on subsidizing a portion of the tuition. Please visit the link provided for program information, class schedules, to facilitate your planning and registration for the 2020 IBCS Summer Session. https://gradapply.xula.edu/register/IBCS_CE_NEW. You may also call the office for further information.

STATES RALLY: For information regarding the State Rally and payments contact, Ammy Plummer or Stephanie Williams, 8 am Mass; Donovan Green or Pat Ross, 10 am Mass. Checks should be made to BSSCB and in the memo section please put **States Rally**. If you are planning a fundraiser and plan on using the church as the venue, please speak to committee members and/or call parish office for availability of space and date.

2020 MASS WITH THE NEOPHYTES SUNDAY, MAY 24: Cardinal Tobin cordially invites all who will be newly Baptized, newly received, and those completing Initiation, along with their sponsors and families to join with him at the Celebration of the Eucharist, 12 pm at The Cathedral Basilica. Our candidates are Dominique Kathleen Alford and Dean Maglione. Please support them as they take this next step in their faith. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending.

PASTORAL SERVICES: To make appointments with Fr. Albert, Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 5pm. Fr. Erasmus, Tuesday 11am to 5pm. All appointments must be made with the parish secretary at 973-824-6548 ext. 200

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. 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 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 during this Christmas season and all year long!

BSSCB CHURCH PROCLAIMS 2020 "A YEAR OF SHARING GOD'S MIRACLE THROUGH COMPASSION AND SERVICE"

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. Acts 3:16

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