

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 Iwualla, *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
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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

JULY 26, 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, JULY 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Readings: 1Kgs 3: 5, 7-12/Rom 8: 28-30
Gospel: Mt 13: 44-52 or 13: 44-46 (109)

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, July 27

Readings: Jer 13: 1-1

Gospel: Mt 13: 31-35 (401)

Tuesday, July 28

Readings: Jer 14: 17-22

Gospel: Mt 13: 36-43 (402)

Wednesday, July 29

Readings: Jer 15: 10, 16-21 (403)

Gospel: Jn 11: 19-27

or Lk 10: 38-42 (607)

Thursday, July 30

Readings: Jer 18: 1-6

Gospel: Mt 13: 47-53 (404)

Friday, July 31

Readings: Jer 26: 1-9

Gospel: Mt 13: 54-58 (405)

Saturday, August 1

Readings: Jer 26: 11-16, 24

Gospel: Mt 14: 1-12 (406)

Sunday, August 2

Readings: Is 55: 1-3/Rom 8: 35, 37-39

Gospel: Mt 14: 13-21 (112)

From Slave to Catholic Saint

She was born around 1869 in Darfur (now in western Sudan) in the village of Olgossa. In 1877, when she was seven or eight years old, she was seized by Arab slave traders, who had abducted her elder sister two years earlier and was sold and bought twice before she arrived there. Over the course of twelve years (1877–1889) she was sold three more times and then given away.

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.

In El-Obeid, Bakhita was bought by a rich Arab who used her as a maid for his two daughters. They liked her and treated her well. But after offending one of her owner's sons, the son kicked her so severely that she spent more than a month unable to move from her straw bed. Her fourth owner was a Turkish general who was cruel to his slaves.

She says that the most terrifying of all of her memories there was when she (along with other slaves) was marked by a process resembling both scarification and tattooing, which was a traditional practice throughout Sudan. A total of 114 intricate patterns were cut into her breasts, belly and into her right arm.

In 1883 Bakhita was bought in Khartoum by the Italian Vice Consul Callisto Legnani, who treated her kindly and did not beat or punish her. Two years later, when Legnani himself had to return to Italy, Bakhita begged to go with him.

On 29 November 1889 an Italian court ruled that because the British had induced Sudan to outlaw slavery before Bakhita's birth and because Italian law did not recognize slavery, Bakhita had never legally been a slave. Bakhita found herself in control of her own destiny. She chose to remain with the Canossians. On January 9, 1890 Bakhita was baptized with the names of Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. On the same day she was also confirmed and received Holy Communion from Archbishop Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice. Bakhita died on February 8, 1947.

Her remains were transferred to the Church of the Holy Family of the Canossian convent of Schio in 1969. 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

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

July 26 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2020 GRADUATES,

especially our Scholarship recipients, Mikaela McLurkin, Inah Abita, Sokevi Koudoha, Austin Lawson-Hogban and Kenjuan Howard. To the dedicated committee members who worked tirelessly and continuously during this difficult time to ensure our children met the deadlines and necessary requirements we send a heartfelt thank you. To the church family who continues to be the village supporting our young people, may God continue to bless you abundantly.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE, CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES:

Are you interested in giving a substantial gift to the Church? If you answered yes, you might consider a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) offered by the Archdiocese of Newark. CGAs regularly pay you a fixed amount of money every year for the rest of your life. Payments on our CGAs are guaranteed by The Archdiocese of Newark. When you pass to eternal life, what is left in the annuity is distributed to a catholic charity you specify. If you are interested in this gift opportunity, now might be a good time to act. For more information about making a gift, please call the Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark, (973) 497-4042 or email Theresa.Lynch@rcan.org.

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 all year long!

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The parish office will be opened Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Fridays 9:00am – 2:00pm

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 [bsscbchurchmedia](https://bsscbchurchmedia.com). 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" Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, Philippians 2:1-3out. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5:11

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