

# 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

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: [bsscchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bsscchurch@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.bssc.org](http://www.bssc.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, Celene 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.

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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

JANUARY 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, JANUARY 26

#### *Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Readings: Is 8: 23—9:3

Gospel: Mt 4: 12-23 (67)

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**10:00 a.m. Mass:** *Birthday blessings for my daughter Courtney Loc from Pat Ross*

**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 CHURCH**

**BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL**

### Monday, January 27

Readings: 2Sm 5: 1-7, 10

Gospel: Mk 3: 22-30 (317)

### Tuesday, January 28

Readings: 2Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19

Gospel: Mk 3: 31-35 (318)

### Wednesday, January 29

Readings: 2Sm 7: 4-17

Gospel: Mk 4: 1-20(319)

### Thursday, January 30

Readings: 2Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29

Gospel: Mk 4: 21-25 (320)

### Friday, January 31

Readings: 2Sm 11: 4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Gospel: Mk 4: 26-34 (321)

### Saturday, February 1

Readings: 2Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17

Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41 (322)

### Sunday, February 2

Readings: Mal 3: 1-4/Heb 2: 14-18/

Gospel: Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32 (524)

## *Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom*

As we enter the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded that when "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom" [Mt. 4:23] "the people saw a great light." [Is. 9:2] Approximately 750 years before the birth of our Lord Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foretold that in "Galilee of the nations, the people will see a great light." [Is. 9:1] The people who heard the prophecy in those days perceived it to mean that the ideal Davidic king would come to Galilee, opening a new era of peace and justice.

Who would be the ideal Davidic king? In two chapters prior to today's reading in the Book of Isaiah, it is stated, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." [Is. 7:14] Speaking of the birth of Jesus as the Messiah, this same verse is echoed in the Gospel of Matthew. "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." [Mt. 1:23] Consequently, we can logically conclude that the promised ideal Davidic King that Isaiah referred to was our Lord Jesus.

Continuing with today's First Reading, [Is. 9:1-4] it was said, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined." [Is. 9:2] Similar words are found in the Gospel of John where it is stated, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him." [Jn. 1:6-11] Speaking to His followers, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." [Jn. 8:12]

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17-18] reveals to us that walking in the Light means to be united in Christ. In this particular letter, St. Paul appealed to the Corinthians to be in agreement with each other, that there be no divisions among them. In the Catholic faith community where Christ is present, there should be perfect harmony among the believers because of their fellowship and unity with Christ.

Today's Gospel Reading [Mt. 4:12-23] made us realize that what was prophesied by Isaiah was fulfilled through Jesus. After John the Baptist had been imprisoned by Herod Antipas, as prophesied, Jesus withdrew "to Galilee" [Is. 9:1; Mt. 4:12] and began His own proclamation. Many came to hear the message of Jesus, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." [Mt. 4:17] They followed Jesus wherever He went. When Jesus preached, they sat and listened carefully to every word that He said. By the Word of God, they were lifted out of the shadow of death, the Light of God having dawned on them. Today's Gospel Reading concluded by telling us that Jesus recruited Simon, who is called Peter, his brother Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. When each and everyone of them were called, they immediately left their fishing nets, and followed Jesus. They even left their families to become disciples of Christ.

### *Word Of Life*

Abortion affects countless marriages, more than many people recognize. But God's grace can bring true healing in relationships. Learn more at [respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](http://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage)

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

JANUARY 19

Collected Amount	Budget Amount	Difference
\$2,419.20	\$4,350.00	(\$1,930.80)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Ushers: 8 am Onyebuchi Dike  
 10 am Marion Gabriel, Gigi Mosley, Ophelia Koundeage, Uche Anyanwu

Lectors: 8 am Stephanie Williams, Roslyn Major  
 10 am Marleyne Tronchin, Mary Brown

Eucharistic: 8 am Ammy Plummer, Marva Mendoza  
 10 am Yvonne Chatman (B) Marilyn Smith, Elizabeth Chukwu, Prince Kwado, Marion Gabriel

## 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!

### January 26 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."* MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

## Holy Humor

Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a \$20 and a \$1. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The \$20 reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even want on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?" "Oh," said the \$1 bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, Episcopal church, Lutheran church, Catholic church, Baptist church." "What's a church?" asked the \$20.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS: February 2 at 11:30 am

The Archdiocese of Newark will host the Black History Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by refreshments at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

### ANNUAL APPEAL SUNDAY February 9:

We will be viewing the Annual Appeal video at each mass. The theme this year is "Shining the Light of Christ." The Archdiocese has begun sending out letters to those who have shared their blessings before. We will also have envelopes available for those who may want to contribute. Please consider making a contribution.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

**2020: Men's Commission Catholic Men's Conference, February 29; "Man of God, I Am My Brother's Keeper?". Women's Commission: "Alive In Christ: The Eucharist... His Heart in My Heart"; Saturday, March 7, Seton Hall University, from 8 am to 4 pm. Mass begins at 4 pm celebrated by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**

### BSSCB LENTEN REVIVAL: Mark your Calendars for the

upcoming BSSCB parish Lenten Revival: **Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22.**

### BLESSED SACRAMENT ST CHARLES BORROMEO

**FASHION SHOW / TRICKY TRAY LUNCHEON, April 18, 11 am - 4 pm.** Holiday Inn North, 160 Frontage Road, Newark.

### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Couples contemplating

marriage should be registered and attending weekly Mass. Couples should make initial arrangements one year in advance by contacting the Parish Office at 973-824-6548

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

The Super Bowl is nothing compared to the Super Marriage relationship you can have after learning the tools for communication on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to website [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email [mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Your church needs you!

Please see the bulletin listing of ministries available to join. Our Media, Youth, Liturgical Dance and Church Maintenance need help. If you have a skill or trade in Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and IT, we welcome you help. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering your time and talent.

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

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Isaiah 30:18

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