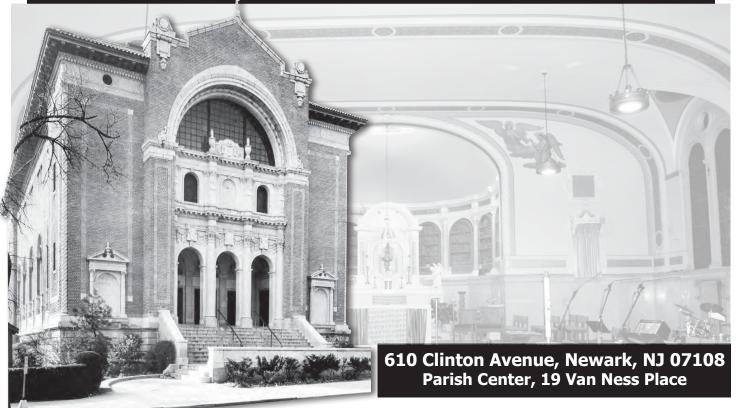
BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Parish Office: 973-824-6548 Pastor: Fr. Albert Nzeh, Ext. 500 Parochial Vicar: Fr. Erasmus Okere, Ext: 206 Pastoral Associate: Ext: 202 Business Manager: Ext: 201 Parish Fax: 973-624-6030

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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 Parish Office: Monday-Friday:9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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: Merilyn Smith

EUCHARISTIC 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: Merilyn Smith

MUSIC: John Garner

PARISH COUNCIL: Donovan Green

PARISH SPECIAL EVENTS: Mary Brown

REPAST: Helen Brooks

RCIA: Merilyn 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

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.

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. Green.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 19, 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 19 Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 49: 3, 5-6/1Cor 1: 1-3

Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34 (64) **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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY and THIRD THURSDAY, 4 PM & 10 PM In CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WED., NOON & 7 PM IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL

Monday, January 20

Readings: 1Sm 15: 16-23 Gospel: Mk 2: 18-22 (311)

Tuesday, January 21

Readings: 1Sm 16: 1-13 Gospel: Mk 2: 23-28

Wednesday, January 22

Readings: 1Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 Gospel: Mk 3:1-6 (2)

Thursday, January 23

Birthday blessings for my Brother Joseph, long life and continuous healing mercies for you and your family, your Sister Stephanie.

Readings: 1Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7 Gospel: Mk 3: 7-12 (314)

Friday, January 24

Readings: 1Sm 24: 3-21 Gospel: Mk 3: 13-19 (315)

Saturday, January 25

Readings: Acta 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Gospel: Mk 16: 15-18 (519)

Sunday, January 26

Readings: Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Gospel: Mk 16: 15-18 (519)

United With Those Who are Sanctified in Christ

"To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." [1 Cor. 1:2] This passage of the Holy Bible prepares us next week that will begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church informs us that the mission of the Church embraces a requirement of its catholicity. "The Church's mission stimulates efforts towards Christian unity. [RMiss 50] Indeed, 'divisions among Christians prevent the Church from realizing in practice the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her sons who, though joined to her by Baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her. Furthermore, the Church herself finds it more difficult to express in actual life her full catholicity in all its aspects." [UR 4 # 8] (C.C.C. # 855)

During today's First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, [Is. 49:3, 5-6] the chapter opened with the second of the Suffering Servant Songs, this one being addressed to the Gentile nations. The Lord expressed His love for Israel, indicating that through that nation, He the Lord would be glorified. [Is. 49:3] Through Israel, the grace of God would shine forth worldwide.

Through Isaiah, the Lord prophesied that He would bring Jacob back to Him, uniting it with Israel in order that both people may be united as one. This prophecy would be fulfilled through Jesus Christ, the Servant of God, who would be formed in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [Is. 49:3] As biblical history tells us and our recent celebration of Christmas, by the birth of the Lord Jesus within the Jewish people, its tribes were united as one people.

In His infinite Wisdom, the Heavenly Father saw that it was "too small a thing that Jesus should be His Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel." [Is. 49:6] Not only would Jesus be given as a light to the Jewish people, but also to all the nations, that His salvation may reach to the end of the earth. [Is. 49:6]

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians [1 Cor. 1:1-3] affirms that it is the Divine Will of God that His people be united. Through St. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, [1 Cor. 1:1] the Church of Corinth was urged to be united. While touching on the subject of St. Paul, it should be noted that while he was not one of the twelve apostles, he was an authentic apostle by virtue of His Divine Calling. The Second reading concludes with the statement, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." [1 Cor. 1:3]

Word Of Life

"If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? ... When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond to our friend in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™*: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower." Read more at www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion"

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 12

Collected Amount Budget Amount Difference \$3,955.50 \$4,350.00 (\$394.50)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Ushers: 8 am Onyebuchi Dike

10 am Immaculata Anyanwu, Kevin Ralph,

Zoungrana Armel, Daniel Musa

Lectors: 8 am Onyebuchi Dike, Marva Mendoza

10 am Monica Koudha, Emmanuel Njoku

Eucharistic: 8 am Roslyn Major, Gwen Hunt

10 am Yvonne Chatman (B) Clair Dufrene,

Harold Uche, Marilyn Smith,

Prince Kwado

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 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

IN THE GARDEN...

Keep your loved ones in memory, your family in prayer, healing, and/or thanksgiving:

Sunday Masses 8 am, 10 am & 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Masses 6:30 p.m.

Candles in front of Blessed Mother

Eucharistic Body of Christ

Eucharistic Blood of Christ

The Sanctuary Candle (weekly)

All names will be listed in the bulletin the week prior. Contact Robyn in the parish office: 973-824-6548

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE AND COUNTRY RALLY: Captains are still needed; your help is needed to make this event a success, in meeting our fundraising goal. Please contact Pat Ross, Donovan Green or call the parish office for more details. Here are a few of the states not yet taken: Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Ohio, Vermont, Mississippi, West Nigeria and The Islands. There are many others you can see the complete listing on the bulletin board in the church hall.

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.wwme.org or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandianetwwme@gmail.com

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.

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.

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"

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 | NIV

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