

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sacred Heart Parish

Partnering Parishes Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo (Drexel Hill) and St. Hedwig's Chapel (Chester)

Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros,
M.Div., M.S., Pastor

Rev. Paul Stenson,
Retired Priest in Residence

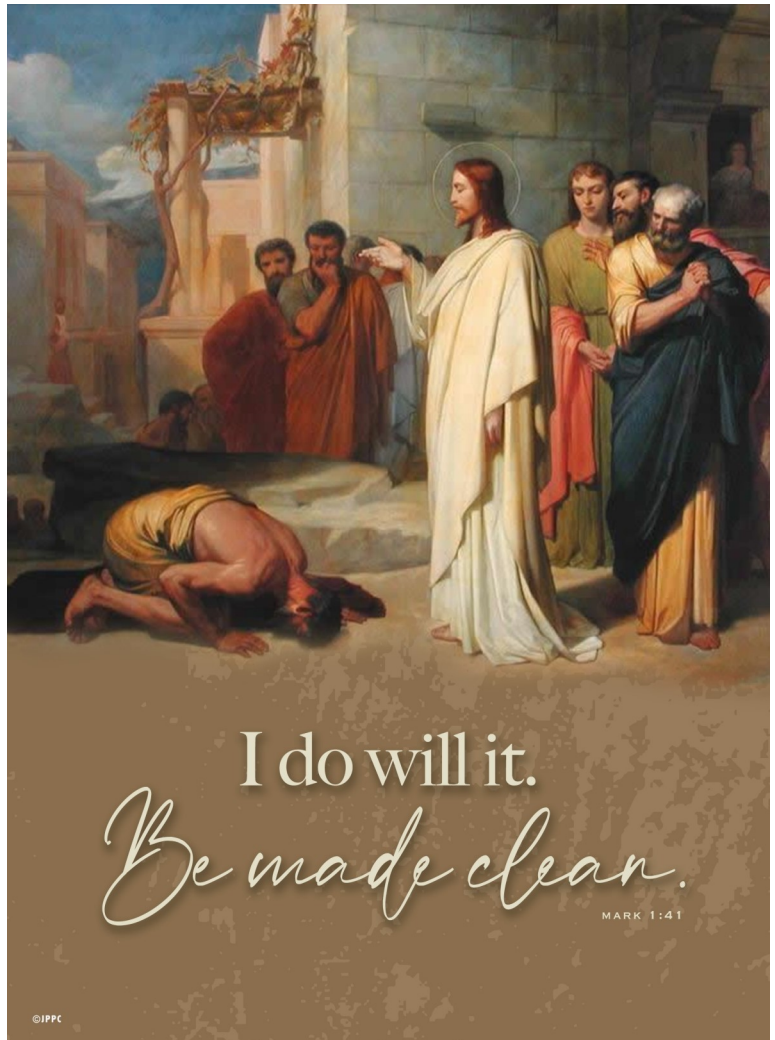
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
To live and grow as a church in the Roman Catholic tradition by devotion to God in worship, doctrine, ministry, and loving service to each other and to the people entrusted to us.



Sunday Schedule Of Masses

Sacred Heart (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM
St. Charles (Vigil) 5:30PM, 10:00AM, 4:00PM

Weekdays Masses 8:30AM

Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Wed
St. Charles Thurs, Fri, Sat

First Friday at St. Charles Borromeo
7:00P.M. – Holy Hour

First Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo
8:30AM Morning Mass
Exposition, Devotions, Confession, Benediction

Flame of Love Holy Hour
St. Charles Borromeo 6:30PM Thursday

Holy Day Masses
St. Charles (Vigils) 4:00PM & 7:00PM, 8:30AM
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confession Schedule
Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Charles Borromeo 4:30-5:15PM before Vigil,
6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday before 1st Friday

St. Charles Borromeo 9:15-10:00AM on the First
Saturday of the month

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Anne Pontarelli Of Crawford family
Sunday, February 11
 7:30AM Christine & Thomas Papale Of Vince
 & Leona Papale

Monday, February 12

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 13

8:30AM Robert Smith Of Patti Schnell

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Vincent Salute Of Family

12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word Service with
 ashes

Saturday, February 17

4:00PM Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, February 18

7:30AM Donald Odia Of Family

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be
 open Monday through Friday 9:00A.M to 12:00 Noon



**Candles for the
 Month of February**
 Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
 Frank Rizzo, Jr.
 Thomas McGehrin

Solemn Mass with the Ordination of Several Bishops

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The faithful are invited to participate via livestream at
 this link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

Please see the parish website for more information

Flame of Love Holy Hour



**Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30PM
 at Saint Charles Borromeo
 Church**

*All are welcome to join as we pray
 for the intentions of the Immaculate
 Heart of Mary.*

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Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 10-11

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 17-18

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

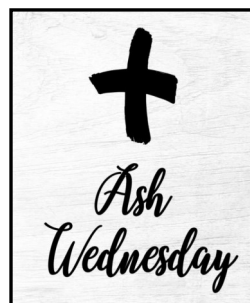
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Celebrants Are Subject To Change



This Wednesday marks the first
 day, or the start of the season of
Lent, which begins 40 days prior to
 Easter (Sundays are not included
 in the count). Lent is a time when
 many Christians prepare for Easter
 by observing a period of fasting,
repentance, moderation and
 spiritual discipline.

Sacred Heart Church

8:30A.M. – Mass and distribution of ashes
 12Noon – Liturgy of the Word Service with ashes

A Prayer For Lent

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and
 soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me
 as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May
 humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and
 live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this
 Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit
 myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as your act of praise to God for all HE has given you.

Sacred Heart– February 4, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	60	\$1,949.00
Loose		<u>292.00</u>
Total		2,241.00
Maintenance		45.00
Aging & Ill Priests		405.00
Fuel		588.00
Loose		25.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously
as we struggle to make ends meet.

Heating Bills This Month

Sacred Heart Gas & Electric

Rectory \$1,449.12 Church \$1,164.17

St. Hedwig

Convent Oil \$584.85 Gas & Electric \$863.33

Eileen George Prayer Group 2:00-3:00PM

Sunday, February 11th for a grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments. **Annunciation BVM Church**, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

Dates are; Sundays February 11, March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15

Come and See Dates 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (fr.dfriel@archphila.org):
High School Men March 9, March 10 **Post High School Men**, February 23, February 25.

16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2024 From Death Into Life (1 Jn3:14)
The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt, acclaimed author of Back to Life, Danny Bader, That Man is You VP, Mark Hartfiel, and Coordinator of Young Life, Deacon Nathan Gunn. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

Please Join Us

At St. Charles Borromeo Rectory For The Search

Monday: February 12, and 26 / March 4 and 11 at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM OR –Thursdays: February 29 at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon) For more information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/thesearch-scb/>



Be There when God MOVES

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment. For Info visit eucharisticcongress.org

St. Joseph Church, Collingdale PA Please join Father Gabin for **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, THE VICTORIOUS, THE VICTIMS, THE VIRTUOUS AND THE VICIOUS** starting Thursday, **February 15, 2024 @ 7PM** In the rectory basement (please use side door to enter)

EcoPhilly is a group of volunteers working with the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia to help parishes, schools and universities follow biodiversity-boosting. Saturday **February 24th** meeting 8:30 - 12:30. Come and listen to groups from the greater Philadelphia area share their challenges and successes... lobby for state and city level Harten Hall, below the St. Thomas of Villanova Chapel in Rosemont. 1229 E. Lancaster Ave., Rosemont PA please note that GPS will sometimes re-address this as Bryn Mawr. Register now – it's free. ecophilly.org Call John Humphreys on 610-766-1125 if you have questions.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat April 12 – 14, 2024

in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. This retreat will also be offered in the Polish language the same weekend. Please email kontakt@winnicaracheli.org to register. Or call 201-754- 8201. Visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I wouldn't expect any of you to recognize the name of Joseph Carey Merrick. He was a victim of a very rare disease called different names at various times. It is characterized by a severe and ugly distortion of the body, particularly of the skull and upper torso. The disease was nicknamed "elephantiasis" because often enough that was what many victims resembled. In fact, a 1980 movie about Merrick's sad life was entitled "The Elephant Man." (Google "The Elephant Man" or "Joseph Merrick" to learn more.)

Projecting back to the time when Jesus walked, there was a nearly equal disfigurement brought on by leprosy. The great fear then was that by just being near a leper would transmit the infection. Remember those similar Covid 19 restrictions? Thus, in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus read today we hear of a whole section of laws regarding what to do as a healthy person and what the victims themselves had to do.

All of this provides meditation material for us about sin—all sin but especially the mortal kind—seen by many spiritual writers as "leprosy of the soul." Serious sin disfigures our souls, making us repulsive to God and angels alike. Just because we can't literally see this effect in us doesn't make it unreal. Often a sinner will feel very nervous and uncomfortable in the presence of a genuinely good person, place, or thing. The only person happy about us when we fall is the devil. Please don't write Satan off as an outdated figure locked up in the Bible. Or as a little red gnome with a pitchfork. He is a real fallen angel, superior to us in intellect and cunning. A genuine hater of God. Jesus spoke of him multiple times.

How coincidental that this gospel appears on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, designated by Pope St. John Paul II as "World Day of the Sick." Yes, it is meant for us to pray and help all who are ill. By extension, also of all people sick with sin or spiritual leprosy.

Today we are only 3 days out from Ash Wednesday and the great penitential season of Lent. Let that fact sink into your consciousness as we prepare for it. As for sin, I found a long list of contrasts between how we look at sin and how God does, written anonymously. Here is just a pertinent part:

"Man calls it an accident; God calls it an abomination.

Man calls it a blunder; God calls it blindness.

Man calls it a defect; God calls it a disease.

Man calls it a luxury; God calls it leprosy."

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"I saw an Apostle this week!" I announced to the Sisters at the supper table, with a big smile on my face. We had traveled up to New York to our Motherhouse and the Sisters looked at me with puzzled expressions. "You mean, you saw someone dressed up as an Apostle?" one Sister guessed. "Nope. I saw the Apostle, one of the Twelve who traveled with Jesus, learned from Him, ate at the same table with Him." They were looking at me with a bit of wonder - had I had a vision? I grinned and explained, "A major relic, the arm bone of St. Jude visited Philadelphia this week as part of a tour of the United States and a group from our parishes traveled to Sts. Simon and Jude in West Chester to pray for his intercession and show our love for St. Jude. This same bone was in the very presence of Jesus during His life here on earth. How cool is that!"

"Do you remember when we prayed the Stations of the Cross last year during Lent?" I asked the children. "We'll be doing that again in a few weeks and I need some help." "Can I have the fire?" one girl asked. I had to think a second. "Oh, yeah, we need two candle bearers. Would you like to do that?" She nodded eagerly. Other students signed up to read the reflections for each station or color illustrations of the Stations. "You should thank Sister," the catechist said, "for giving you the opportunity to be a part of these great Catholic traditions." She then shared her experience of visiting the relic of St. Jude and how the PREP children from Sts. Simon and Jude were able to visit the relic as well.

We are all blessed to be the recipients of two thousand years of faithful living out of our faith in Jesus, transmitted to us through the Apostles and the Church He founded. This Lent, let's take advantage of the many opportunities to turn toward God and away from sin. Is it easy for the caterpillar to emerge from the cocoon as a butterfly? No, but the struggle is worth it - if you're feeling stuck in a cocoon of sin or hopelessness, ask St. Jude to pray for you, and then turn to Jesus on the cross and ask Him to help you fly out of the cocoon on Easter Sunday as a new creation!

Prayers for PREP

My dear Jesus, you spent thirty-three years here on earth walking with Your Apostles, teaching the crowds, healing countless people suffering in mind, soul, and body. You helped so many people to turn away from sin and turn towards God. Lord, I am struggling, and I know so many who are facing serious troubles. This Lent, please help all our parish families to make a serious decision to turn to You and ask for Your help in the struggle. May we emerge as butterflies, rejoicing in Your victory, on Easter Sunday! Amen.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

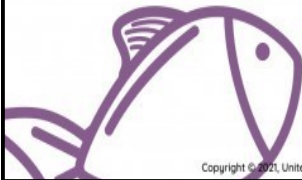
How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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Special Event: Alan Ames – Catholic Evangelist, Author and Healer

Alan Ames has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan shares his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

On Sunday, March 10, a special event featuring Alan Ames will occur at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA**, starting with the celebration of **Sunday Liturgy at noon**. Following the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy, we will have Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070
WHEN: March 10, beginning with Noon Mass

Registration is requested (but not required) by going to www.olphmorton.org. All are Welcome!

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Penance 7:30am

Mass and distribution of ashes

8:30AM Mass and distribution of ashes

12Noon- Liturgy of the Word Service with ashes

Sacrament of Penance 12:30-1:30pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:00pm.- Liturgy of the Word Service with *ashes*

Sacrament of Penance 4:30-5:30pm

Sacrament of Penance 6:30pm

7:00pm.- Mass and distribution of ashes

Daily Masses

Sacred Heart Church

8:30A.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St. Charles Borromeo Church

8:30A.M. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, February 16, February 23, March 1

12Noon – Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 8, 15, 22

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, March 29

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

(Confessions)

3:00-3:45P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
Sacred Heart Church

4:30-5:15P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
St. Charles Borromeo Church

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.