

Sacred Heart Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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

Deacon John H. Farrell
Permanent Deacon

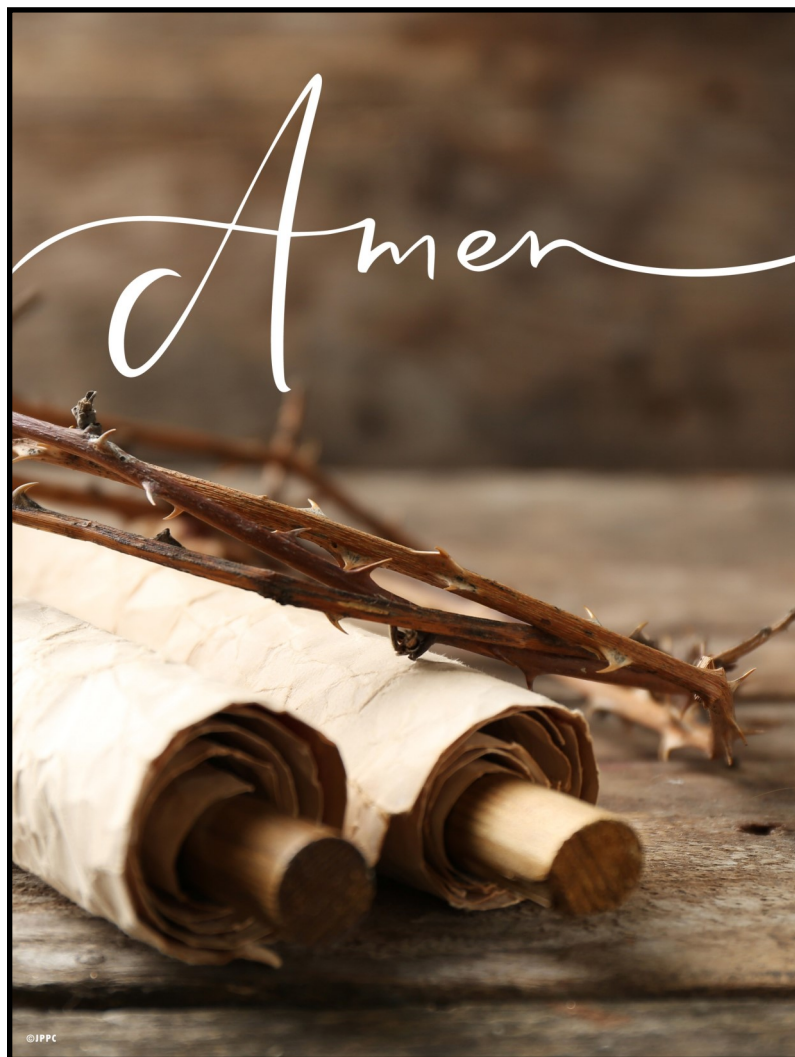
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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. Hedwig Chapel 9:15AM (Rosary before Mass)
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

3:00PM- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday

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 (Vigil) Sacred Heart Memorial Fund

Sunday, February 12

7:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio & Karen Flower Of D'Orazio family

Monday, February 13

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 14

8:30AM Vincent Salute Of Family

Wednesday, February 15

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, February 18

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, February 19

7:30AM The D'Orazio Family Of Patti Schnell

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, February 12

9:15AM Richard & Michael Zotak Of Zoltak family

Sunday, February 19

9:15AM Marja i Jozef Of Zakielarz 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

Sacred Heart

*Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
Billy Di Cola Thomas McGehrin
Health for Kristin Curry*

Candles for the Month of February

St. Hedwig

Joseph Bush & Stephen Ruggieri

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Intentions for 2023 \$10.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if interested.

March Open Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart

Weekday: 14, 21, 29

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Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 11-12

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 18-19

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Schools of Missionary Discipleship

Join **us at St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill** for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship.

Part 1, the School of Discipleship, will help you grow deeper in personal friendship with Jesus through prayer and personal conversion.

Part 2, the School of Mission, will then equip you with the skills you need to go forth as "fishers of men," seeking to win souls with and for Jesus.

A new cohort of the School of Discipleship (Part 1) will be offered on 6 Thursdays beginning on **March 2 from 9:15am-12:15pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill. For full details, visit phillyevang.org/schools and see the flyer on the parish websites.

Fr. Paul Stenson's Homilies

I send out my Sunday homily to family and friends via email. If you or someone you know would like the weekly meditation, let me know via email. Just drop me a note with your name and email and I will put you on the list. It's always good to meditate on the Word through the week.

Pax,
Fr. Paul

Email: P_Stenson@yahoo.com

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

From a grade school playground to the graduate seminar to the corporate boardroom we know there are rules to follow. Not always appealing but necessary. Otherwise there is chaos small and large. It takes a certain maturity to decode the logic inherent in those rules, and then the admission that they must be obeyed even if we don't like it. It takes a good dose of maturity and wisdom to realize that compliance with the rules is the only way to be fully human, cooperative with others, making for a civil society. However, once you and I accept Jesus as the only genuine Way, Truth and Life, we consequently can build a faith-based society. It's that simple.

Early on in His ministry, Jesus told His disciples that He had not come to destroy the Law that they knew so well, but to fulfill it. The gospel passage we hear today shows us what that fulfillment looks like. From the basic command "Do not kill," meaning bodily death, comes the much more expansive meaning of the term to include the "murder" of a person's good reputation; or the "killing" of a person's self-esteem by using slander and insult against them. Another clear development, or "fulfillment" is the case of literal adultery expanded to mental adultery found in lust.

I find Our Lord's interesting instruction added at the end of this weekend's passage: "Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' meaning 'no'." We are so inundated these days by public figures whose speech is deceitful so often. Their words are so often prone to equivocation, that is, using ambiguity to mislead or hedge the truth.

In light of today's Gospel selection, I believe it would be fair to ask: "Did Jesus know that what He was asking of His hearers would be difficult to obey? That it would be tantamount to heroism to live His way in 2023?" Surely He did then and certainly now. That's the cost of discipleship.

I might confidently add that while the price is high nowadays, so it really was the same back then. But, as experience proves, the inner peace that observance brings is priceless. Just ask any of the saints.

There was once a popular expression among seminarians of my time that went like this: "Keep the rule and the rule will keep you." I hesitate to admit that often it was said with a dash of cynicism. But objectively speaking, the slogan is no less than salvific. What do you think?

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

As I visited the PREP classrooms recently, I heard multiple classes learning about Moses and the Passover, from a discussion in an older classroom to a two-minute cartoon summary for the younger students. The next day I was teaching a First Communion class for older students and the topic was also the Passover. Why is the Passover and the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt such a touchpoint in our faith that it is covered in so many different contexts?

There are many reasons, but one that I hope our children take to heart is that when the Jewish people celebrate every year this deliverance they received from God, they don't celebrate it as something that happened only in the past, but as something they are experiencing themselves. They are the children of Abraham who are trapped in Egypt and God is delivering them. They are present there in a mysterious way, even though it happened in time about 3200 years ago! Does this sound familiar? This Jewish understanding of the Passover is also our understanding of the Eucharist. When we are at Mass, we are truly present with Jesus on Calvary and with Him in Heaven - we step right outside of time! What a thought to ponder, at any age.

Prayers for PREP

Eucharistic Lord, You desired to be with us always, even to the end of time, and so You gave yourself to us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and through this Sacrifice, in Holy Communion. May all in our parishes, young and old, participate fully in the Mass, offering ourselves with you at Calvary, and praising You with the angels in Heaven. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– February 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	59	\$1,759.00
Loose		<u>185.00</u>
Total		1,944.00
Loose		205.00
Fuel		708.00

St. Hedwig - February 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	27	\$1,621.00
Loose		<u>67.00</u>
Total		1,688.00
Fuel		497.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

St. Hedwig Maintenance Fund In Memory of Frances Kwapisz

Joanne Daniels \$25, Barbara Harris \$50.

WHY CONFESSION?

PANEL DISCUSSION ON ZOOM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 PM

Join four priests of the Archdiocese for a webinar discussion on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's a chance to ask all of your questions about a sacrament that many people want to know more about. Submit your questions in advance or in realtime during the webinar. **REGISTER AT THIS LINK:** <http://bit.ly/3kveUBk>

Reconciliation Weekend

Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2023

COME BE RESTORED TO PEACE. No matter how long it's been, Jesus is always waiting to unburden you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, you will make your peace with God, with yourself, and with others. On March 10 and 11, priests will be available to hear your confession at many times and locations in the greater Philadelphia area to make it as easy as possible to go. Even if it's been many years, don't let that stop you; the priest is ready to guide you through the process. **See the parish website for** Various parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

For locations and confession times and more info, visit www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org

Blessed Virgin Mary School is having a Hall of Fame luncheon on **March 26, 2023**, 1PM - 4PM at the Springfield Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person (adults only) and can be ordered on facebook: BVM Alumni Celebrating 100 Years!

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FORMED

Kids, Saints, Family Shows



Littlest Saints

Our Lady of Guadalupe Episode 1

A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?

Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving

The Catholic Charities Appeal will hold a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, on **Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The generosity of CCA supporters is fundamental to the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we thank you for supporting our vital mission.

The Catholic Charities Appeal brings hope where hope is needed most. From center city, to the suburbs, from the suburban communities to our most distressed communities, almost a million people each year receive hope through the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Deepen your Discipleship! Grow in Mission! GO FORTH!

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!

Subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others.

Text **'goforth'** to 84576, or go to the website phillydisciples.org/goforth to subscribe.

Texts begin Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Get ready...Lent is coming!

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22- **Ash Wednesday**. There are six weeks of Lent. The final week of Lent is called **Holy Week**, and the last three days are called the **Paschal Triduum**: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Lent is a penitential season and we use the traditional practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** to get ourselves in better spiritual shape to battle the enemy, the devil, and renew our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday. It is a sacred time to draw closer to the Lord who paid the debt for our sins on the Cross. For His love and mercy endures forever.

Quick Reminders for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: obligatory days of fast & abstinence from meat

All the Fridays of Lent: obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person eats one full meal, with two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. However, as long as you are healthy, age does not have to limit you from expressing your gratitude to God through acts of mortification, fasting and prayer.

We are encouraged to extend the fast on Good Friday until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Sacred Heart Church

Sacrament of Penance 7:30am 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

Here is a preview of some of our in-person Lenten Faith Series

Into The BREACH For Men You're Invited to join this Lenten Program for Men, with Monsignor Majoros. It is an opportunity to learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage in saving our souls and that of our families. That's why the Knights of Columbus have produced **Into the Breach**, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The **Into the Breach** series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. **Please register and indicate morning or evening session by emailing**

Monsignor Majoros: mmajoros@scbdh.org

Dates: Monday, March 6, March 13, April 3, April 10, April 17

Time and Place: Morning Session: 6:30am.-7:30am. Sacred Heart Rectory, Clifton Heights

OR

Evening Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

Lectio Divina with Sister Theresa Marie, PVMI on Wednesdays in Lent

1:30-2:30pm. at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

Please register online with Sister Theresa Marie at srtheresam@scbdh.org

Being Set On Rock- A Catholic Faith Series on Fridays in Lent with Father Paul Stenson

1:30-2:30pm. at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

Please register online at rectory@scbdh.org