

Sacred Heart Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 19, 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

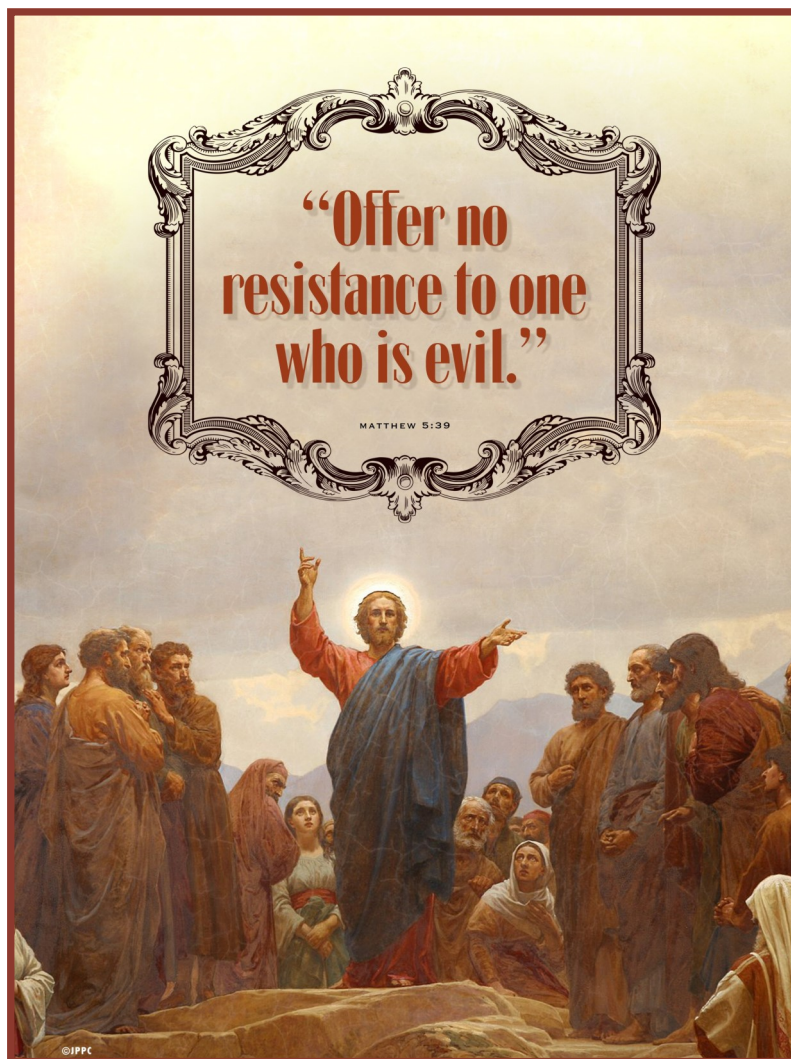
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 21

8:30AM The Ryan Family Of Patti Schnell

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Msgr. Anthony Jaworowski (8 yr.)
Of Donna Crawford

12 Noon Service with Ash Distribution

Saturday, February 25

4:00PM (Vigil) Rev. James Cuniffe

Sunday, February 26

7:30AM The Schnell Family Of Patti Schnell

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, February 19

9:15AM Marja i Jozef Of Zakielarz Family

Sunday, February 26

9:15AM Josephine & Peter Kurek, Sr. Of
daughter, Christine

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
Kristin Curry

Candles for the Month of February

St. Hedwig

Joseph Bush & Stephen Ruggieri



Ash
Wednesday

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

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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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 25-26

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



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

In Sympathy

Please remember the soul of the late, **Anne Pontarelli**, who passed away to the Lord. May she find happiness with the Lord and her family and friends find consolation in Him, too.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Astronomers tell us the universe is expanding. Economists tell us the marketplace is expanding. Often enough, our pants tell us that our waistline is expanding. Expansion seems to be everywhere. What we don't often advert to is the same applies to language, especially our own English tongue.

One area of language where expansion is obvious is found in our slang. Slang adds to the dictionary quite often. Here we see words take on an expanded meaning that eventually becomes a complete alteration of the original. Remember how years ago "bread" became money? Or "lame" became weak, as in a "lame" joke? Or how "solid" lost its connection with density, and became the measure of a favor or good deed? These confusing days we note how "woke" has little to do with being awakened, but is used rather to denigrate verities of the recent past.

One slang word with a longer history of expansion that breaks the mold is the word "cool." Even so-called educated people will pronounce a happening, or a brand of car, or a pair of sunglasses as being "cool" and when they do so they are not thinking of the air temperature. All of these references are meant to make you think about "expansion" as either a good or bad thing in dictionary terms.

Jesus, we know and believe is the Word of God. The final statement of the Father and Holy Spirit about what is really the Truth and the Life. We certainly relearn this weekend about the expanded meaning Jesus gave to the word "love." He certainly ought to know it. St. John wrote centuries ago that GOD IS LOVE. (underlined and in upper case). So when He orders us to "love our neighbor as ourselves," He is certainly speaking about something beyond affection for vacation days, or favorite foods, or romantic love or patriotic love or other meanings of the word.

Unfortunately, our beloved English language only offers one little word to express a veritable truckload of meanings. Here Our Lord is actually saying love is an act of the will in which we will the good for our neighbor. At the same time He expanded the meaning of "neighbor." Such means I harbor no grievances against him or her. Certainly no rash judgment of his or her, generating gossip. In short, doing nothing that we would not like directed our way.

I daresay the disregard of this particular command is a popular cause of our disobedience to the Lord, as evidenced by sins heard in the confessional. So, this early in 2023, and a few days before Lent begins, the Gospel today provides advice about a possible resolution most of us could make for the upcoming season. We have the power to bring expansion to the list of the saints. By the way, be encouraged by this, one of the clearest definitions of a saint that I have seen: *"A saint is a dead sinner, revised and edited."*

Say the Word

"Why weren't you in class last week?" the youngster asked the Catechist's Aide. "I had to work that night, so I let Sister know I wouldn't be able to come, and she got a substitute to help out here." The little girl thought for a moment and said very seriously, "What's more important?" Everyone laughed and the catechist explained that the Aide had to work to support her family. The catechists are there because they love to pass on the faith to the children, but it is not a job that pays their bills.

Eventually the girl was satisfied with this answer, but she posed a great question, "What's more important?" I 100% support the Catechist's Aide who needed to take that Monday night off from PREP, but it's a question I need to ask myself regularly, and I share it with you as well. "What's more important?" - checking my phone for messages 100 times a day or checking in with God in prayer at least three times a day? "What's more important?" - watching the latest Netflix hit / reading a favorite book or listening to the person I live with (spouse, child, Religious Sister, etc.)? "What's more important?" - stopping at Wawa in the morning or giving more generously to those who have less? As we approach Lent, this is a great time to be asking that question. Thanks Avery!

Prayers for PREP

Thank you, Lord, for the many blessings You have given me and my family, our parish and our country. As we begin Lent this year, help us to listen to your guidance about what is most important in our lives. May all in our parishes have a blessed, fruitful Lent. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– February 12, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	38	\$1,126.00
Loose		<u>340.00</u>
Total		1,466.00
Loose		92.00
Fuel		40.00
Care Aging Priests		497.00
Maintenance		3.00

St. Hedwig - February 12, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	24	\$844.00
Loose		<u>107.00</u>
Total		951.00
Fuel		75.00
Care Aging Priests		225.00
Maintenance		10.00

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.

FUEL COSTS ~ December & January

Sacred Heart	Gas & Electric
December-22	2,332.65
January-23	<u>3,588.76</u>
Total	5,921.41

St. Hedwig	Electric	Fuel Oil
December-22	729.23	2,099.50
January-23	<u>906.80</u>	<u>2,957.78</u>
Total	1,636.03	5,057.28

**Fuel Cost Grand Total Both Locations
December & January \$12,614.72**

Fuel Fund Collections February 5, 2023

Sacred Heart	708.00
St. Hedwig	<u>497.00</u>
Total	1,205.00



The Rectory
OFFICES
will be closed on
Monday
February 20th
In observance
of Presidents Day

St. Hedwig Maintenance Fund

In Memory of Frances Kwapisz: Ed & Sue Lashley \$50., Phil Tarashuk \$25., Hanna Sewruk \$25., Wanda Durbano \$100.

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
Locations in our area are Holy Cross Church and St. Laurence Church

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.

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.



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2023

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

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 24th, March 3rd, 10th

12Noon – Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 17th, 24th 31st.

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, April 7th

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

Lenten Lectio (held at Sacred Heart)

Do you want to hear God speaking to you when you read His Word?

Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of Holy Scripture, that helps us to connect God's Word to our daily lives.

We will gather together this Lent to learn about and practice Lectio Divina, **led by Sr. Theresa Marie.**

Meetings will be held at 9:15AM on Wednesdays after the 8:30AM morning Mass **in the Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room** (basement of the rectory)

except for March 1, when we will meet at 1:30pm.

The introductory session on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22) may start a little later, depending on when Mass finishes.