

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 4, 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

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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 Rosa & Herminio Leoncio Of Family
Sunday, February 4

7:30AM Intention of The Sacred Heart
Memorial Fund

Monday, February 5

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 6

8:30AM Adele Maraska Of Susan Killeen

Wednesday, February 7

8:30AM Msgr. Francis Barszczewski Of
Crawford family

Saturday, February 10

4:00PM Anne Pontarelli Of Crawford family

Sunday, February 11

7:30AM Christine & Thomas Papale Of Vince
& Leona Papale

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 3-4

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Are you being asked to be Sponsor and need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Make sure you are an Active Parishioner.

To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, be of age, received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist), and if married, be in a valid Roman Catholic Church recognized marriage.

The Partnering Parishes of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, and Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, defines an "active/participating parishioner as one who is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular ("weekly") basis; and who supports the parish with their time, talent and treasure.

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– January 28, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	46	\$1,995.00
Loose		176.00
Total		2,171.00
Maintenance		50.00
Catholic Relief		6.00
Loose		150.00

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

Winter Heating Bills for December

Sacred Heart Gas/Electric

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

St. Hedwig Gas/Electric Oil Heat

\$656.20 (Convent) \$475.68

Come and See Dates 2024

Come & See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. To register for one or more of these events, and see dates contact Fr. Friel, Vocation Director (fr.dfriel@archphila.org):

High School Men February 10, February 11, March 9, March 10 **Post High School Men** , February 23, February 25.

The Catechetical Institute (CI) at The School of Theological Studies (STS) at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary offers affordable online non-credit courses for Catholic adults 18+ with a high school diploma or equivalent who are seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith or who are required to obtain catechetical certification in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **Registration is now open for the February courses** *Person of Jesus* and *New Testament*. The cost is \$60.00 per course. Please visit <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/> for more details and to register.

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

Sundays February 11, March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15) Join us for the Prayer Group in the spirit of Eileen George and her Meet the Father Ministry. We meet on a monthly basis to pray for specific intentions through Eileen's intercession, to study and reflect on her teachings, and to pray for her beatification & canonization. There will be Adoration, Confession and Benediction. Social to follow. ALL ARE INVITED. For more information about Eileen, visit www.EileenGeorge.org. Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA More Info: Questions? Contact Jeanmarie Lorello at 610- 547-7308 (phone or text).

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Please Join Us

At St. Charles Borromeo Rectory For The Search

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Monday: January 29 / February 5, 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/>

Mary Mother of Captives is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison. The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. This month's meeting will be on Thursday, February 8th . For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Attendees remain confidential.

Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal

In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Thank you very much and God bless you.

Join us on 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).

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)

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat April 12 – 14 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.

Save The Date!!!!

St. Charles Borromeo will be having a St. Patrick's Day Social in the church hall on Saturday, March 16th.

We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to organize this event. Please call the St. Charles Borromeo rectory office at 610-623-3800 if you can help plan this fun event.

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church
3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA, 19026
Held in the Parish Hall

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00: PM - 6:00: PM

Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.



The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program! Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment to give blood.

The Catholic Charities Appeal needs you to be an instrument of Hope. Even in these most strained economic times, the CCA humbly asks for your support. When you make a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you provide hope to those most in need. Each donation, big or small, makes a tremendous impact. Your gift matters. If you have any questions or need any further information about the Catholic Charities Appeal, visit: <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate>

Cardinal O'Hara High School is planning a **50th Reunion for the Class of 1974**. The reunion is October 19, 2024 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanico56@gmail.com or 610.633.0783.

Don't Forget To Bring Your Old Palm To The Church Vestibule.

The Month of February is Dedicated to
The Holy Family

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In this 6 part video series, Chris Stefanick sits down with priest and exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger. In these episodes, they discuss everything exorcisms, spiritual warfare, the psychology of the demonic, and much more.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **February 16 - 18, 2024** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766- 3944 or 800-470 -2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

One-day Lenten Retreat Daylesford Abbey Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

One-day Lenten Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for a one-day Lenten retreat geared for individuals and families who have faced crises and adversities of all kinds. The day will feature talks and reflections, prayer time, Confessions, and the Sunday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. All are welcome! Place: Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301. Parking: Free onsite parking at the Abbey. Speakers: Father Carl Braschoss, O.Praem and Anne De-Santis, Executive Director of the SRNF. Cost: \$50 includes lunch and snacks.

Register at this link: <https://www.nonnatus.org/lentenretreat.html> or send a check to: St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, P.O. Box 951, Skippack, PA 19474-0951. Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Does your bank advertise itself on TV? If not, it may go to other outlets to make sure you know its ultimate message: "You can trust us." In doing so, the hope is that you will soon open an account with them. In this time of so much thievery going on, either by a masked and hooded thug approaching a victim at gunpoint across a store counter, or by the clever and callous online hacking that uses deceit as a method, pointing out the guaranteed trustworthiness of any institution is a surefire way to promote hope. In this inflationary context, do we not need to trust any entity that manages our money?

If we move over to consider our spiritual lives, which involve both a relationship with God and with our neighbor, we can easily see that we need hope, which is to trust God. That trust, which on His part neither falters nor fails, demands that we do our part to reciprocate. Our major threat is from the devil. The devil you say. Hasn't he been put on the back shelf? Out of place in our technological sophistication? Ah, but never forget that his chief strategy is to convince us that he doesn't exist. Our Lord Himself had no such doubt. He referenced Satan over thirty times in the New Testament.

God knows we see the devil's handiwork all over the place. Look how well he has done with the widespread use of pornography. The ease with which pro-abortion devotees have made the murder of children in the womb into a "women's health issue."

As we read or hear about the miraculous healings Jesus performs, both among His inner circle of friends and with anyone in need, we know He can meet any need we may have of healing. Do not be lulled into doubt by the fact that these stories took place over 2,000 years ago. That kind of thinking only damages our trust. For God a thousand years are like a day. And the Bible tells us that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." If doubt starts to damage your trust, remember that the word "gospel" means "good news." That's such a matter of fact that pardon the pun-you can "bank on it."

Once upon a time two young girls were talking and one said that she had ten pennies. The other girl looked at her hand and only saw five. She said, "You only have five pennies, silly." Then the first girl replied "I have five and my father told me he would give me five more tonight. So I have ten." She understood that her father's promise was as good as done.

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"What is one big thing God the Father is known for?" the catechist asked the Level One students. "He created everything!" "That's right. How about God the Son. What is Jesus known for?" The answer came back quickly, "Helping people." "That's right. What is one special way that He helped us?" They thought a little bit, and then, "He died on the cross for us." "Excellent!"

"Do you know what a sacrifice is?" I asked an older student. "Not really," he responded. "It's when some does something for the good of someone else, even if they don't like doing it. For example, when I was your age and my little sister wanted to play dolls, but I wanted to read my book or watch tv. It was a sacrifice to stop doing what I wanted and do something that was good for her. Now, can you think of something Jesus did that was good for us, but was difficult for Him?" "He died on the cross for us." "Excellent!"

From Level One to Level Seven, Jesus' death on the cross, His sacrifice, is central to the message of our faith. It's also central to our lives as believers. I see sacrifices made every day - elderly spouses supporting each other in times of difficult health situations, mothers sacrificing to bring new life into the world, parents sacrificing career time to bring their children to Mass and Religious Ed, grandparents sacrificing many hours to pray for and nurture their grandchildren. There are countless sacrifices offered daily, and as we approach Lent, it is a good time to think about those sacrifices and make a conscious offering of them to God the Father through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

Prayers for PREP

Heavenly Father, I know You love me and You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to earth for me. He died for love of me and out of obedience to You. Please give me the grace to live a sacrificial life of joy. I offer You all I think and do and say, uniting it with Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. I lift up to You all the families in our parishes and ask that we be gathered together again in Heaven, rejoicing and praising you around Your Heavenly Throne. Amen