

Sacred Heart Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 5, 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

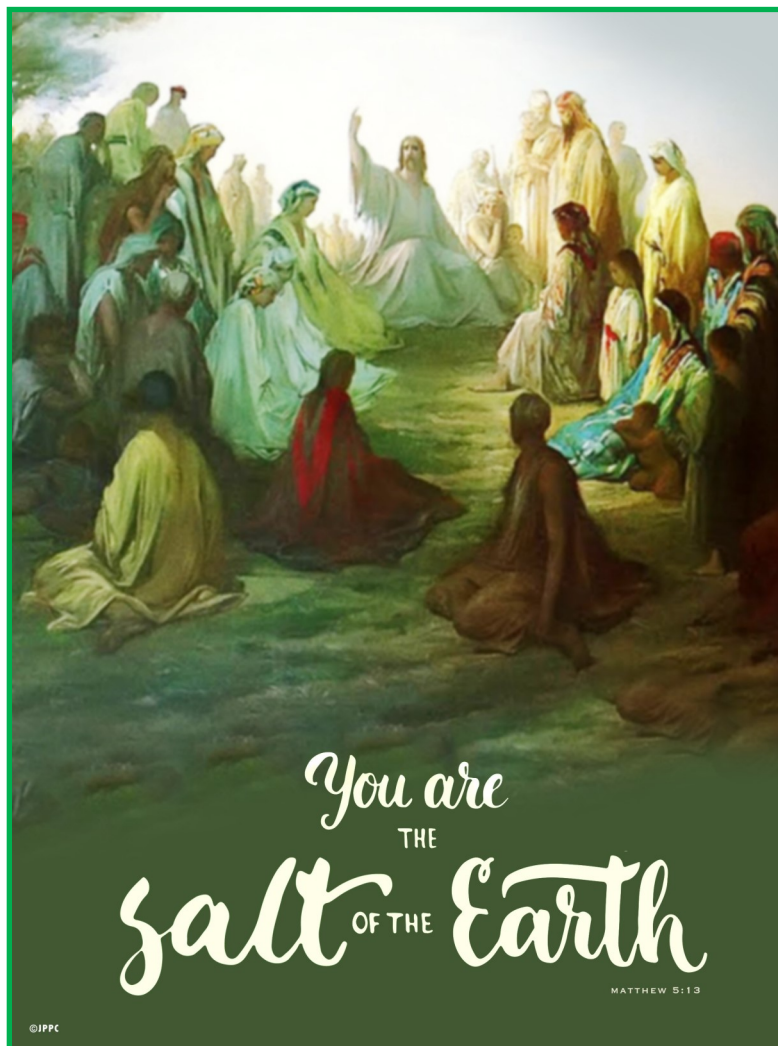
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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) Special Intention for Alyssa Kaupas Of Family

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

8:30AM Adele Maraska Of Susan Killeen

Tuesday, February 7

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, February 8

8:30AM Mr. and Mrs. Baffa

Saturday, February 11

4:00PM (Vigil) Sacred Heart Memorial Fund

Sunday, February 12

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

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, February 5

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Sunday, February 12

9:15AM Richard & Michael Zotak Of Zoltak 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.

Open Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart in March

Weekday: 14, 21, 29

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Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 4-5

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Sperger

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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



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.



Flame of Love Holy Hour
Thursday evenings
6:30-7:30PM
Saint Charles Borromeo
Church

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

May I ask you: "How do you take a compliment? I specify one delivered to you in person, and not electronically via email or text. It may take a minute to fashion a reply because, at least for the majority of us, compliments received are rare.

I remember a conversation I had with a good Church worker back around Christmastime. After recalling an episode or two from his unwritten record, he said, "know Father, people are always ready to complain about something, but never to praise or even thank you for your work." Enough said.

An old-fashioned reaction to praise comes right out of the script of an old Western movie, when a pretty lady compliments the hero. It went something like this: "Aw shucks, ma'am, tweren't nuthin." In other words, denying that whatever we did or said was good and deeply appreciated. It's false humility to deny the truth. A simple but humble "thank you" is always best to respond, unless one wants to add praise to God.

In today's Gospel passage, coming early in St. Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus complimenting His hearers. Using references to two well-known entities of the time, He told them they were both "salt and light." An explanation of terms is needed here.

First, regarding salt. In those ancient days, long before refrigeration was even an idea, salt was a principal preservative for foods. It still is these days. Note the sodium percentage on the labels. Foods are often designated "low salt" for the sake of people with health issues. Certain foods are prized for having "no preservatives." But back in biblical times, salt was precious. So prized that a Roman soldier would receive a portion of his pay in salt. Hence the Latin derivative turned into our modern English word "salary."

In considering "light" as a compliment, think of an ordinary one room Palestinian home in those days. It existed in a world "lit only by fire." A burning oil lamp made ordinary life possible after dark. So, to be called a "light" in such a world was indeed a high compliment. Of course, Our Lord was referring to spiritual darkness above all. How to shed that kind of light is clearly offered in today's passage from Isaiah, which Matthew knew so well. He provides half a dozen ways to do so.

These often dull and dreary February days lend themselves to some healthy introspection. How consistent has our fidelity to Jesus and His Way been? Stripped of excuses, we can honestly take inventory. We can measure our progress on the path to Heaven.

In the end, I think the greatest compliment we can hope for will hopefully be given us by a smiling Jesus standing at Heaven's Gate. He will call us by name and say "Welcome home!" Meanwhile, here below, it is helpful to believe this closing thought about where else God dwells. *God has two dwelling places: one in heaven and the other in a meek and thankful heart.*"

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"I need your help for the Stations of the Cross. We need readers for each Station and we also need students to color the Station illustrations or draw your own. I have some illustrations left, but I need a lot of readers." One girl said right away that she would color, but as I turned away to get the sheet, she asked, "How much would I have to read? I have a stutter." I showed her what she would have to read, and she agreed to do it. I was so proud of her. That kind of little sacrifice, doing something she was not that comfortable doing, to lead others in prayer, and help me out, is a step towards the big sacrifices that are needed to follow Jesus to Calvary and to the Resurrection.

FYI, in case you're wondering why we are preparing for Stations of the Cross so early, it is because I will be in the Philippines for two weeks, accompanying our General Superior as she visits our Convents there. Please keep our trip in your prayers. PREP will keep going in my absence, but when I get back it will be Lent! It doesn't hurt to start preparing for the sacrifices of Lent, even during this season of Ordinary Time.

Prayers for PREP

Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As we reflect on the path you followed, we see many difficulties and challenges, but also so much beauty and love. Please help your children in our parishes to follow You, in offering sacrifices and in praising God. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– January 29, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	38	\$1,589.00
Loose		<u>191.00</u>
Total		1,780.00
Loose		211.00
Maintenance		20.00
Catholic Relief		20.00

St. Hedwig - January 29, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	18	\$600.00
Loose		<u>46.00</u>
Total		646.00
Maintenance		5.00

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.

American Red Cross
Give Blood ...help save lives

Blood Drive

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church Hall
3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA

Thursday, February 9, 2023
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter Saint Charles
RC Church to schedule an appointment.

St. Hedwig Maintenance Fund
In Memory of *Frances Kwapisz*:
Jerry & Mickey Schad \$50.

Retrouvaille is a nationwide, three-phase program: A week-end experience, 12 post sessions and monthly meetings for marriage enrichment. For more information please email HOPE@HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-800-470-2230

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! **Sale begins February 6th.**

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Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point will take you on an exciting journey to form a personal relationship with Christ and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. Author Lisa Brenninkmeyer designed this Bible study to inspire thoughtful consideration of the fundamental questions of faith—from why and how to pray, to the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to the purpose of suffering. Use the participant guide for each of the six videos that accompany the 22-lesson Bible study to explore the transforming power of God's unconditional love. Most women experience Walking with Purpose Bible studies in small group communities through parish-based programs, virtual groups, or home groups.

Opening Your Heart Bible study guides are available at <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/formed/>.

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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past year Pope Francis offered a series of catecheses on old age during his Wednesday Audiences. The Holy Father said, "With these catecheses, I encourage everyone to invest their thoughts and affections in the gifts old age carries with it and to the other stages of life. Old age is a gift for all stages of life. It is a gift of maturity, of wisdom."

Pope Francis' words about the dignity, value, and wisdom that the elderly contribute to society underscores the gift of our retired and infirmed priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. During their many years of active ministry, they brought the presence of Christ to countless individuals through the celebration of the Sacraments, preaching, teaching, and charitable actions with great devotion.

In retirement, they continue to be a great source of support for our local Church, through their prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass, and their wise council. Today, one-third of our Archdiocesan priests are retired. Many generously continue in active service to our parishes to the extent their health allows. Others, due to advanced age and medical conditions, live quietly and offer prayers for you, the faithful.

The annual Collection for the **Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken in all parishes during the weekend of **February 11-12, 2023**. This initiative provides a meaningful opportunity for you to express gratitude for the many sacrifices made by our retired priests who gave fully of themselves to fulfill the pastoral and temporal needs of those entrusted to their care over the course of many years.

Please remember all our priests, active and retired, in your daily prayers and consider donating generously to the Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priest this year. May the Lord bless you and all those whom you love abundantly. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus, +Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D

**15th Annual Man Up Philly
Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 4, 2023
The Road to Emmaus- Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread**

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, Jim Wahlberg, writer and producer of Mother Teresa - No Greater Love, Deacon James Mahoney, instructor at St Charles Seminary. Mark Houck, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. 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

A SPECIAL RETREAT WEEKEND, March 17-19 at Malvern Retreat House

Malvern Retreat House's Caenaculum weekend Retreat Group have cordially invited all for a weekend retreat March 17-19. This weekend is not just for men. A simultaneous retreat for women is being offered to our wives and daughters. Father Mike Speziale is directing the Caenaculum retreat.

The Women of Hope group will be led by a team of women speakers: Jeannine Peters, Heather Makowicz, Jillian Buhl, and Nicky Verna. Space is limited, so act now to reserve your spot(s) for what promises to be a spirit filled weekend.

For more information, please call 610-644-0400 at Malvern Retreat House.

Adoration for Vocations

You are invited to prayerfully support those discerning their vocation by participating in **Philly Adoration** for Vocations. This new prayer initiative is held *each Thursday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM* in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo **Seminary**. Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and asking Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. To sign up for a day and time to pray, please visit **HeedTheCall.org/PhillyAdores**. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before their scheduled prayer time.