

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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,
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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 Borromeo 10:00AM, 4:00PM

Weekdays Masses 8:30AM

Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Wed
St. Charles Borromeo 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 Borromeo (Vigil) 4:00PM, 8:30AM
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Confession Schedule Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Charles Borromeo
Thursday before First Friday 6:30-7:30PM
Saturday following the 8:30AM Mass 9:30-10:30AM

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Msgr. Francis Barszczewski Of The Crawford Family

Sunday, February 9

7:30AM Ann & Bill Stuhlman Of Dolores McLoughin

Monday, February 10

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, February 11

8:30AM Vincent Salute Of Family

Wednesday, February 12

8:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio, & Karen Flower Of D'Orazio family

Saturday, February 15

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, February 16

7:30AM Sacred Heart Memorial Fund

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

Special Note to Parishioners and Visitors

If you are not feeling well, we ask that you please reconsider attending Mass until you are completely well again. The many viruses being passed around are extremely dangerous. Your fellow parishioners, our clergy and the staff thank you for being so considerate during this time of year.



Candles for the Month of January
Ernesto & Antonietta Lellii & Tina Mori
Frank Rizzo, Jr.
Thomas McGehrin Jim Nielsen



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 8-9

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



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7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Weekday & Weekend OPEN Mass Intentions

February 18 March 19

April 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, 29

May 20, 27, 28, 29, (Noon), 31

Registration for Quo Vadis 2025 is now open!

Join us ~ June 23 - June 26.

Quo Vadis is a 4-day, 3-night camp for high school men filled with great talks and activities, lots of fun and many prayer opportunities and takes place from June 23 - June 26. Held at BlackRock Retreat Center, this camp is facilitated by the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians. **The registration deadline is May 23, 2025.**
Visit: Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis

Memorial Fund Masses for 2025

Sunday, February 16 at 7:30 AM

Saturday, May 24 at 4:00PM

Sunday, August 17 at 7:30AM

Saturday, November 1 at 4:00PM (AMMI)

(Annual Memorial Mass and Induction Ceremony)

Saturday, November 15 at 4:00PM

10th National Eucharistic Congress ~ June 2024-June 2025

This third year of the Revival will be marked by historic initiatives that will propel our nation into a new chapter of faith and mission.

www.eucharisticcongress.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart—February 2, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	42	\$1,918.00
Loose		358.00
Total		2,276.00
Care of Aging Priests		401.00
Block		50.00
Loose		122.00

Thank you for your weekly donations. However we are struggling to pay our monthly bills, and meet payroll for parish employees. **In this new year, I am introducing a "Save Our Parish" envelope to replace the "Parish Maintenance." envelope. I respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider using this NEW monthly envelope for your extra sacrificial giving to help our Parish. Every increase in donations is greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly!**

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 15, 2025

St. Patty's Social 6-9PM in St. Charles Hall

Come To a Tea To Benefit Camilla Hall

The IHM Office of Mission Advancement invites mothers, **daughters, sisters and friends** to join them for tea to benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Sunday, March 9**, from 2:30 - 4:15PM. Meehan Center, SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester, PA For more information and registration go to ihmimmaculata.org/

Brothers Of Borromeo Vocation Camp Refuge & Shield

Registration deadline: February 28, 2025
Saturday, March 22, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
(1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002)

We are excited to once again welcome young men in grades 6-8 from around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the campus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for another great year of **Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)** including fun activities, talks, prayer, and fellowship!

To register, download and fill out the registration form above & email back to Grace Murphy (gmurphy@archphila.org) by Friday, February 28, 2025.

Visit: heedthecall.org

Mass For Persons with Disabilities

The annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the gifts of persons with disabilities, the Deaf community, family, friends and caregivers will be held on **March 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM.** A small reception will follow the Mass. You can RSVP at <https://opdarchphilly.org/> or call 215-587-3530

Cardinal Dougherty High School Class of 1975

50 Year Reunion **Saturday, April 5, 2025** 6-10 PM
Heroes Ballroom at FOP Lodge # 5 11630 Caroline Road Philadelphia, PA \$75 per person
Venmo Jim Gallagher1 975CDREUNION
Or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion c/o John Lennon 861 Beverly Road Rydal, PA 19046 Additional questions email: 1975cdreunion@gmail.com

JOIN ARCHBISHOP PEREZ ON PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Malvern Retreat House has been allotted 50 of the 200 available spaces at this time. Dates: **APRIL 23 - 29, 2025** Price: From \$3171 pp + Airfare Please consider joining Archbishop Nelson J. Perez on a pilgrimage to Italy for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis this spring! This pilgrimage has been facilitated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Malvern Retreat House in partnership with Virginia-based ProRome Tours. The dates of the trip are April 23 - 29, 2025, with an optional extension to Assisi from April 29 - May 1, 2025. With luxury accommodations at the five-star Westin Excelsior in Rome, the trip features a flexible touring program in order to accommodate all. As this is a large group (up to 200 max), the daily program will be organized to run as smoothly as possible. Mass and dinner will be group events, whereas part of the day will be optional (with much included in the price). Highlights include the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas and Holy Doors, the Catacombs, the Pantheon and so much more. For more information or to register please visit www.prometours.com/adop (password "carlo") or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 964 6352 or by email at office@prometours.com.

Young Adult Women's Conference that will take place on **June 7, 2025** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Come to enter a community of young adult women in their 20's and 30's, receive spiritual nourishment, and grow deeper in your walk with Christ.

BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975 50TH JOINT CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 1, 2025 4-8 PM Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Cooper Richey at (610)804-6920 or email debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com

Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Event: Retreat-The Paschal Mystery and Everyday Life

Please enter into the **Easter Triduum** in a deeply personal way as we prayerfully meditate on the parallels between the days of Holy Week and our everyday lives. This retreat will offer personal prayer time and sharing with other retreatants. The retreat costs \$55 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Location: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center (3501 Solly Avenue, Phila, PA 19136)

Speaker: Stephanie McCarthy, a Catholic wife, mother, spiritual director, and companion on the journey.

More info: Here is the [flyer](#). Register [online](#). Any questions, or to register by phone, please call 267-350-1830. Theresa Leonetti-O'Connor, Assistant Director Mother Boniface Spirituality Center

St. Francis Over 50 Club Irish Celebration

Join the Over 50 Club the "Shore Club in Springton Lake, NJ for an "Irish Celebration" on **March 6, 2025**.

Cost \$130.00 per person

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, Luncheon, 1 Hour Open Bar & Entertainment.

Please make checks payable to:

"St. Francis Over 50 Club"

and mail to Cathy Randazzo at 329 Harwicke Road, Springfield, Pa 19064 or call Cathy at 610-389-5225

Pre-Cana at St Gabriel's Parish in Norwood PA.

The second Friday of each month . Next class **February 21, 2025**, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

Pre-Lenten Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey

For Individuals or Families experiencing crises or trauma

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Presented by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith The day will feature prayer time, talks, reflections, Confessions and Mass at 4 p.m. Vespers will be offered after Mass as optional. 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031

Registration: <https://www.nonnatus.org/pre-lenten-retreat.html>

Speakers: Dr. Anne DeSantis, ThD, and Father Joseph Serano, O.Praem.. **Cost:** \$65 and includes lunch.

Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a profound numbness—or not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. But you are not alone. . Our retreats also help fathers or grandparents of an aborted child transform pain into hope. Experience healing and hope.

2025 Trenton, NJ, Weekend Retreats: March 28 -30 and November 14-16 For more information, contact Judy Warkeniewicz at (732) 536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. Hedwig Church:

Since Sunday, December 31, 2023, Sacred Heart Parish Priests no longer provide a Mass at Saint Hedwig Church in Chester. The Blessed Sacrament is not reserved there, as Masses are only held on the two minimum occasions required by Canon Law. In the 2024 December 8 Church bulletin, I informed you that after a long process of consultation with our own Parish Councils, Financial and Pastoral Council, as well as with Regional Dean, the Regional Bishop, the Office for Parish Service and Support, and following archdiocesan procedures, the sale of the parcel of property of St. Hedwig Church –the former Rectory, Old School, Convent, and garages at the corner of W 4th Street and Hayes Street, Chester, was approved and the settlement was made on January 16, 2025.

In addition, on December 12 and 14, 2024, the mortal remains of the two former Pastors that were buried by the outdoor Grotto were disinterred and reinterred at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood, PA. I am very grateful to the William Lombardo Funeral Home for performing this sacred duty. In the spring, once the headstones are in place, I will offer prayers at the new graves of these faithful priests.

Now, I wish to inform you that it is time for me to begin the next phase for St. Hedwig Church. Therefore, with the advice and support of our pastoral and financial councils, I am asking Archbishop Perez's permission to begin the process of having Saint Hedwig Church relegated to profane but not sordid use. As used in the Code of Canon Law, relegating to 'profane' use means that the building would no longer serve as a sacred space that is dedicated to Catholic worship. If the Archbishop ultimately agrees to relegate the building, it is possible that it would be sold to a new owner.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process moving forward, please contact me at Sacred Heart Rectory.

Respectfully yours,

Monsignor George A. Majoros

**Philly Catholic Singles 30-45: Upcoming Events
Friday, March 7, 2025**

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45... hope you can join us!

All Comers 30-45 Lenten Holy Hour - St. Bridget's Parish, East Falls, Friday, March 7 Evening time TBD, Presider: Fr. DeLacy (Free) *All-comers event both couples and singles 30-45 are welcome!***

Email PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com to join our email list and get early access to our events. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy. Learn more at www.PhilllyCatholic.Singles

**Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat
April 4-6, 2025**

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend can help – no matter how much time has passed. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who are suffering from shame, guilt, or anger. This is a confidential weekend. Experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If you were to research the notion of "The Peter Principle" you would find it is ultimately just a theory first recognized by a Canadian educator named Dr. Laurence J. Peter. Admittedly light in his proposal, he wrote that in any corporate structure a person tends to be promoted until he or she gets to one rung above his or her level of competence. You can be the judge of whether or not this has happened where you work. I know it happens in the Church.

What I propose is "the St. Peter Principle," It was initiated by the lovable man who became our first pope. Christ's choice of him put Peter where he was most competent, as leader and bulwark against heresy. Yes, he was imperfect, but he always kept intact his beautiful humility. Evidence of this we have in today's Gospel.

With transparent frustration, Peter resists Jesus' command to lower the nets in deep water. "We've been at this all night, Lord!" he says. But out of respect for the carpenter's son, He lowers the nets. When the miracle happens, Peter immediately kneels before Jesus and urges Him to leave sinful company.

Now just freeze the moment and savor it. Note both the power and the beauty. Here a rough and ready fisherman, tired from a hard night's work, still manages to convert to a ready penitent. Please allow me to stretch this tidy conclusion with a more elusive one. Do you recognize the fact that all Peter, can just St. Peter, can be surprised by God? He frequently supplies something positive and wonderful in our lives, and we routinely forget those when we complain to Him about the inevitable negatives. I leave it to you to name them from your life experience so far.

I prefer if you were to list the items you acknowledge on Thanksgiving morning. Things like meeting the person you eventually fall in love with enough to bind your life with theirs. This one is most appropriate to think about on this "World Day of Marriage" in our Church calendar. Or the happy diagnosis given one by the cancer specialist. Or the unexpected raise given you by the boss. Or the return to the faith by a non-practicing family member, to name a few. But note how the "St. Peter Principle" kicks in. It is your humility showing when you compose such a list. It urges you kneel and be grateful that God does not run away from you. Listen to the great Pope Gregory the Great: "God first gathered the unlearned, afterwards philosophers, nor has he taught fishermen by orators, but has subdued orators by fishermen."

God love you and give you His peace.

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. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13th**. For more information, please email marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. or contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178. 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 email marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org or John or Sue at call 610-259-3178. .

17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 8, 2025 *Becoming Pilgrims of Hope*



The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. Speakers include **Ward FitzGerald, CNBC Contributor and Papal Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St Cyprian Parish and our keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF safety..** 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