

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 14, 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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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. 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 Victoria Rizzo Of Family

Sunday, January 14

7:30AM Donald Odia Of Family

Monday, January 15

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 16

8:30AM Luke Coleman Of Tom & Stella Pyfer and family

Wednesday, January 17

8:30AM Diane & Donald Wadas Of Alexandra Danicki & Helen

Saturday, January 20

4:00PM Mary Ann Swiatlowski Of Theresa Czerwinski

Sunday, January 21

7:30AM Elizabeth & Leo Crawford Of Leona & Vince Papale and the 114th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish

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 January**
Ernesto Lellii & Tina Mori
Thomas McGehrin

Mass Intentions \$10.00
Candles for the month are \$20.00
Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if
interested.

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.*

Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 13-14

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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 20-21

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



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

January 22, 2024

**Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn
throughout the U.S.A.**

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

8:30A.M. Morning Mass, Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 12 Noon followed by Benediction.

Please see the sign-up for Adoration (9am to 12Noon)

Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

3:00P.M. Exposition & Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 7:45P.M. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 P.M. Rosary for Life

7:30P.M. Litany for Life & Benediction

Please see the sign-up for Adoration (3PM to 7:45PM)

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father, You so loved the world that You sent our only Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in Him. I join Him in His prayer for laborers in Your harvest. May Your Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen generous men and women to continue His mission in the World. May this same Spirit make known to me Your will in my regard. Where You lead, I will follow. Let it be done to me according to Your word. I make this prayer through 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 7, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	33	\$1,284.00
Loose		120.00
Total		1,404.00
Maintenance		55.00
Christmas		60.00
Solemnity of Mary		30.00
Loose		113.00

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

Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2024 to Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart chances are \$25.00 each.

Extra forms in the church vestibule!

2024 HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

All are invited to Malvern Retreat Center for the 2024 Holy Spirit Retreat on the weekend of **January 26-28, 2024**. Check-in begins on Friday at 5PM. Retreat concludes on Sunday morning with the celebration of Mass. Retreat director is Fr. Tom Heron. Theme: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15). Please register at www.malvernretreat.com/events/holy-spirit-2024/ The donation amount being asked this year is \$275. If you need help, we are happy to assist you in registering. Contact Carlo Borgia: 610- 544-6369

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 January 20, 2024, January 21, February 10, February 11, March 9, March 10 **Post High School Men** January 26, January 28, 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 in \$60.00 per course. Please visit <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/> for more details and to register.

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Either life is an accident
or a beautiful mystery

As Catholics we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means. The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. Are you ready for The Search?

When: Mondays: January 15, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 4, 11 6:30- 8:00pm
OR Thursdays: January 18- February 29 10:30am - Noon

Please Join Us At St. Charles Borromeo Parish For The Search

*What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"?
Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.*

<https://sites.google.com/view/thesearch-scb/>

Annual Stewardship Appeal (Block Collection) Ends January 31, 2024

Thank you to all those who have already responded to our Stewardship/Block mailing. This Appeal is **most** important for our Parish. Thank you for all the good works you do and for the financial support of your parish.

Please prayerfully consider your donation

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18–25, 2024**

**You shall love the Lord your God...
and your neighbor as yourself.
(cf. Luke 10:27)**

Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, faithfully abiding by the will of Christ, who prayed “that all may be one” (John 17:21) during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In much of the world, this Week of Prayer is commemorated from January 18-25. In other places, it is celebrated during the eight days preceding Pentecost. The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement of Graymoor in Garrison, NY, USA, feel called to invite all Christians to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024.

https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/

**Christian Initiative Preparation
“Becoming Catholic”
Baptism, Confirmation,
First Holy Communion**

For more information contact Sr. Theresa Marie
srtheresam@scbdh.org 215-983-9462

Upper Darby School District has openings for crossing guards and crossing guard substitutes at \$12.75 per hour, with 2-4 hours per shift guaranteed. Applicants must have transportation, and be able to work outside in all types of weather. Please note that posts may not be near Saint Andrew School. For more information and to apply, visit UpperDarbySD.org, or call Supervisor of Street Safety Thomas Nee (610-389- 1543)

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ, has posted its schedule of programs for the winter and spring of 2024. For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m. \$60*

Close up of friends of Jesus: Mary, Martha and Lazarus
presented by Sr. Mary Henrich IHM

Jesus shared a special relationship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He needed and valued their friendship. What can be learned from the close friendship, the intimacy, the sacred bonds? This Lent, explore your friendship with Jesus and others. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. \$60*

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

presented by Sr. Pat McDermott IHM

In a contemplative atmosphere, we will use Scriptural passages as well as other writings for our reflections. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. interfaith prayer service

Sunday, January 14, 2024

3:00PM Prelude – 2:30PM . Hosted by Saint Katharine Drexel
Church 1920 Providence Ave, Chester, PA 19013

Mental Health Workshop Saturday, January 27, 2024

St. Cecilia Parish in Philadelphia, 9:15-2:30pm The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Office for the New Evangelization are hosting a workshop on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at St. Cecilia parish in Philadelphia in which participants will learn tools to support individuals experiencing mental health challenges. Attendees will also receive suicide prevention training. For more information and to register visit <https://archphila.org/support/>.

Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community

Sunday, March 10, 2024 The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Pérez is the principal celebrant and homilist. The liturgical choir will be Holy Innocents Young Adult Choir. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP, visit www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending and any necessary accommodations

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, January 11th . 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 call John or Sue at 610-259-3178. Thank you very much and God bless you.

FORMED Favorites!

Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in between. Visit their website www.littlestsaints.com



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sometimes Church language gives its own meanings to words we already know. For example, you and I recognize that “see” describes either the physical gift of eyesight or the mental ability to get the point of a story or proposal. But in what I’ll label “Church speak,” the word “see” describes a bishop’s territory. So, for example, we have the “See” of Camden or Kalamazoo, or whatever.

Today we confront a particular meaning attached to the word “ordinary” again in Church circles. We generally think of the word as an adjective indicating “the usual” or “expected” way of someone or something.

But move over to the Church lexicon and the same word translates either to a legal description of a Catholic bishop who heads a diocese or to the label of a certain season of the Church year.

Case in point is the designation of this particular Sunday as the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.” What that means is that we are not celebrating a particular great feast and its lead up, such as the Advent-Christmas cycle we just lived through, and the much larger Lent-Easter cycle. Instead, we are invited to dwell in depth on other events in Our Lord’s earthly life, or perhaps one of His immortal sayings.

Today, for example, we have a powerful message set before us by St. Paul, our greatest missionary. It is found in today’s Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a straightforward expression of how we Christians are to regard our bodies. Paul tells us that any aberrations of his teaching would constitute serious mortal sin.

We cannot help but note that this teaching is a direct contradiction of the mindset we’ve been warring against since the sexual revolution occurred in the 1980’s. Suffice it to cite the overused slogan: “It’s my body and I can do what I want with it.”

We’ve been thinking here in terms of the ordinary and its opposite, which leads to this vignette:

There once was a prosperous farmer named Harry who decided to go to Mass one Sunday. After Mass, he approached the pastor with great enthusiasm: “Father, that was a damned good homily—damned good!” The priest shook his head, saying, “I’m delighted you were pleased with it, Harry, but it would be nice if you didn’t use those terms expressing yourself.”

“Can’t help it, Father,” Harry shrugged, “but I still think it was a damned good homily—and I put \$500 in the collection basket.” The priest gulped: “The hell you did!”

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"On Epiphany we ask God to bless our homes and we write 20+C+M+B+24 over the door because we want people who visit us to find Jesus in our home, just like the Magi found Jesus in Bethlehem. Where do you think people will find Jesus in our home or in this room?" I asked the cafeteria full of PREP students. They thought about it. One girl pointed to the Nativity Scene we had set up at the front of the cafeteria - "Well, he's there?" but she had a question in her voice, like she knew it wasn't the answer I was looking for. Even the Level 1 students didn't raise their hands (they usually raise their hands whether they know the answer or not:). "Where can people find Jesus here in this room?" I asked again. They looked around at each other. I saw one Level Five student pointing at his head, but not saying anything. "Tony," I called out, "what were you pointing at?" "My head!" he responded. "That's right. People can find Jesus in us! When we live how God wants us to live, then people can see Jesus in us, as the Magi saw Jesus in Bethlehem."

As we return to Ordinary Time, let us listen to the Gospel readings at Mass about how Jesus lived while He was here on earth and then think about how I can imitate Him in my own life. This Sunday's Gospel tells us about John the Baptist pointing at Jesus and telling his disciples, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Two of those disciples followed Jesus and became Apostles. One of them, Andrew, invited his brother, Peter, who became the leader among the Apostles and was commissioned by Jesus to lead His Church after He returned to Heaven. Who is God asking you to invite? to share your faith with? Let's pray about it.

Prayers for PREP

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world and call us to new life. You call each person to know, love, and serve You here on earth, so to be happy with You in Heaven. Thank you for calling me. Please show me who you are asking me to invite to know You, so that they may be happy in Heaven. May this person see You living in me, and may I have the courage to speak the words of invitation. St. John the Baptist, pray for us. St. Andrew the Apostle, pray for us. Sts. Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, pray for us. Amen.