

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 21, 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 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

Monday, January 22

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 23

8:30AM Claudette Labroli Of Marge Lagana

Wednesday, January 24

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, January 27

4:00PM Agnes DiCola (12th Anniv) Of Family

Sunday, January 28

7:30AM Romeo D'Orazio Of D'Orazio 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 January**
Ernesto Lelli & 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.*

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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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 27-28

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

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 12Noon 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 14, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	40	\$1,675.00
Loose		132.00
Total		1,807.00
Solemnity of Mary		110.00
Catholic Relief		108.00
Maintenance		337.00
Loose		87.00

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 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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Do you wonder
why happiness
is fleeting?



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.

Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. 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

Place: St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

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<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)

**Begin the Year with Hope and Rest
Catholic Bible Sleep Stories**



In this sleep story compilation from the Amen App, renew your hope in the new year as you listen to stories of God's companionship and healing power. This video, featuring meditations from Exodus, Psalm 23, and the Book of Tobit, can help anyone fall asleep with the comfort of God's Word.




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



February 2, 2024

Flame of Love Feast Day Mass


CANDLEMAS


Hosted by FOL Cenacles @
Saint Anastasia Church
3301 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Contact Info: Clare Flynn 610-355-7798

Schedule : 5:30 pm to 6:30 St. Michael Chaplet and FOL Rosary
6:30 pm Speaker: Dr. Antone Raymundo
7:00 pm Blessing of Candles, Holy Mass, Father Mike Davis

Live Streamed: <http://saintanastasia.net/>
Bring your Candles to be Blessed
Please Visit our Materials Table
Enjoy Light Refreshments





Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In all our popular sports we find “fair play” and “foul play” with referees and umpires necessary to decide. But in good literature we often find something called “word play.” Our natural reaction as readers of such is enjoyment and remembrance. Word play always involves making jokes by using the meanings of words in an amusing and clever way. That’s precisely why the word “play” is part of its title. However, word play can also create more serious observations if it is used deliberately.

Recall G.K. Chesterton’s statement that “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.”

Nestled in today’s Gospel passage from St. Mark’s first chapter is exactly the case of word play made with serious undertone is Jesus’ remark to His early followers: “*Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.*” I happen to love that line. I love proclaiming it to you. Why? Because it captures something special. It is a trait of Our Lord that the gospel writers usually don’t refer to, and that is Jesus’ sense of humor. That helps round out His personality and makes Him attractive. For so He is and always will be.

But here and now, let us focus on those first three words He says, namely “*Come after Me.*” There is no word play here, but a serious call addressed not only to the men on that long ago seaside but also to us. In plain terms, with little “play” present, just what prevents us from doing what Jesus asks? Or pretending we didn’t hear what He said? Coming after Him ultimately means not going after other realities. And we get a little nervous. Why?

If we are honest with ourselves, we usually go after other things. We might say one or the other of the “Big Three,” namely: “Wealth, Honor and Fame.” Sometimes it’s a combination of those. Or a subdivision like greed. Anything but going after Jesus. So here and now, as we begin this third week of a new year, it would be a good “play” to go with Jesus for a welcome change.

Meantime, there are always examples of how word play can take us by surprise. Helena Modjeska (1844-1909) was one of the most popular actresses of her time because of her emotional style and superb ability. Once, to demonstrate the raw power of that ability, she gave a dramatic reading in her native tongue, Polish. No one at the sedate dinner party understood Polish, but all were in tears by the end of her performance. Such was the power of her presentation. Only later was it revealed that the piece that had moved the sophisticated audience to tears was the Polish alphabet!

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"Sister, how do you tie this together?" We were making rosary bracelets as part of our MLK Jr. Day Works of Mercy Service Night, and the beads were on, but the knots weren't holding. I tried double, triple, quadruple knots, square knots, any knot I could think of, but they kept being pretty easy to pull apart. At the end I asked another catechist about the knots and she said that with stretchy line, you have to pull really tight, even use a pliers!

Does it ever seem like you're trying and trying and trying, but things aren't happening? It's then when we need to turn to our Heavenly Father and share with Him all our struggles. Heartfelt prayer like this builds up our relationship with God and often yields the key to make things work (liking learning to pull really tight on the stretchy line knots.) The key may come in an inspiration, in a comment from a friend, or simply in peaceful acceptance of wherever God's Will is leading you.

Prayers for PREP

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to earth to invite us into a deeper relationship with You. Just as Martin Luther King, Jr. was inspired to use non-violent protest to fight against the evils of his time that did not seem likely to change, please inspire me to know Your love and listen to Your guidance when I seem to hit a brick wall or an untie-able knot in my life. May this build up our relationship of trust, so that I can be a witness to Your faithfulness to all our parish families. Amen.