FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 28, 2024 Sacred Heart Parísh

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*

Deacon John H. Farrell Permanent Deacon

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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

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Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Agnes DiCola (12th Anniv) Of Family Sunday, January 28 7:30AM Romeo D'Orazio Of D'Orazio family

Monday, January 29 8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Tuesday, January 30 8:30AM Donna Shuler Of Theresa Czerwinski Wednesday, January 31 8:30AM Stephen Rinaldi Of Parents, Fran & Rocco

<u>Saturday, February 3</u> 4:00PM Rosa & Herminio Leoncio Of Family <u>Sunday, February 4</u> 7:30AM Intention of The Sacred Heart Memorial Fund

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 Lelii & Tina Mori 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 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



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



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 For Healing

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your healing Hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others; touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as your act of praise to God for all HE has given you.		
Sacred Heart– January 21, 2024		
Sunday Envelopes 37 \$2,767.00		•
Loose		103.00
Total		2,870.00
Maintenance		70.00
Catholic Relief		125.00
Loose		113.00
Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet .		
Winter Heating Bills for December		ills for December
Sacred Heart Gas/Electric		
	Rectory \$1,164.17	
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 (<u>fr.dfriel@archphila.org</u>):

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 <u>https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/</u> <u>catechetical-institute/</u> for more details and to register.

Eileen George Prayer Group

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).

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/

St. Jude Relic Pilgrimage Schedule

Wednesday, January 31 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm Saints Simon and Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester PA 19382 (Chester County) Friday, February 2, 1:00pm – 10:00pm St. Jude Church and Shrine, 321 West Butler Ave, Chalfont, PA (Bucks County) For more detailed information see the parish website.

> St. Joseph Church 500 Woodlawn Ave., Collingdale PA 19023 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, 2024 in Doylestown, PA, at the

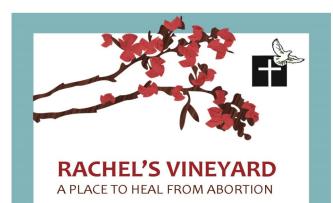
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. This retreat will also be offered in the Polish language the same weekend. Please call 201-754-8201 or email kontakt@winnicaracheli.org to register. www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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.

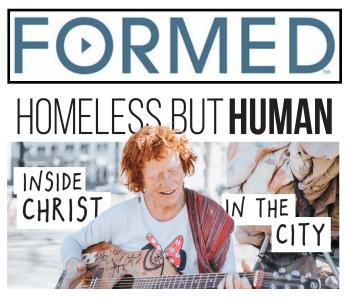




DATES: MARCH 8 – 10, 2024 Location: IHM Spirituality Center 210 IHM Drive Malvern, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan – 610-716-4795 Georgeann – 484-955-4278



Homeless But Human | Christ in the City

This powerful documentary captures the transformation of individuals living on the streets that the Christ in the City missionaries encounter and showcases a new approach to the rising crisis of homelessness.

The film's videographer spent a year with the missionaries, providing a rare opportunity to see the incredible impact they have on the lives of those they serve. Through their unique relational approach, Christ in the City is changing lives and offering hope to those who have lost everything. This film is a must-see for anyone who wants to understand the root causes of homelessness and witness the power of human connection in addressing this critical issue.

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!

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Even if you must endure loud movie trailers to learn it, all of the so-called "Superheroes" in the movie world use flash and bang against their enemies. This comes after all the spoken warnings to behave better are ignored. So, we see bolts of lightning and hear ear-piercing noise as the evil figures are either vaporized or otherwise dismissed from the scene. Of course, we innocent viewers know that all this ammunition lends authority to the "good guys" when they speak. It's that authority I choose to focus on in another context.

Twenty plus centuries ago, we Christians believed that a Person with truly omnipotent ability strode this earth with the name "Jesus of Nazareth." He never exercised His power in a noisy burst of electricity. Instead, as when He calmed the raging sea in a wicked storm, or when He gave an evil spirit the order to leave a possessed person, He simply spoke a simple command. Naturally His voice would be raised over the roiling waters so that the frightened fishermen in the boat would hear Him. But usually, He used a calm command.

These two examples, among many others recounted in the Bible, were the bases for His authority when He taught. As we are told, He "amazed" everybody. So much so that they asked each other" "What is this? A new teaching with **authority**?

Right at this junction a penetrating question for our confused times arises: "Do we dare question Christ's authority?" "Doubt His teaching on any number of subjects just because they are not fashionable right now?" "Ignore the interpretation given to them by the Church He founded and which He promised to abide by?" Those questions we must ask ourselves because all around us are people whom we might otherwise consider "nice" but who have decided to answer "Yes." Two thousand plus years ago people called "pagans" couldn't or wouldn't agree with Jesus. Today's contemporary atheists make the same response.

It is a good and healthy exercise for our spiritual well-being to reflect on today's Gospel passage to note how quickly evil spirits had to flee in obedience to Christ's command. This is our solace when temptations of all kinds come to haunt us.

Meanwhile, we can add in how Christ works His authoritative message into our world. St. Teresa of Avila gives us the answer:

"Christ has no body on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which He is to look out Christ's compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; Yours the hands with which He is to bless now."

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"We have six signed up. Our goal is twelve." This was a week before the kick-off for the Delco Young Disciples. Halfway through the week came the update, "We're up to twelve! Thanks for spreading the message!" And they kept signing up...and signing up...and more showed up. The final count for those who came and participated was 37! And they enjoyed it - the icebreaker game; the generous servings of ziti, salad, bread, and desert; Father Albanese's talk on fellowship and the call to conversion; the breakout groups; and especially the sharing on service by a faithful parishioner and the opportunity to package up the remaining food from the feast to share with the homeless.

When I am brought low by a friend's sickness, by hearing about a family suffering multiple setbacks in health and finances, or simply by the lack of sunshine this time of year, I sing the song How Great Thou Art. This song about the amazingness of God gets me thinking about the wonderful things He is doing now, both far away and here in our own little corner of Delco. The Delco Young Disciples kickoff was one of those wonderful things, and we thank you all for your prayers.

Prayers for PREP

We thank You Lord for the awe and wonder You stir in our hearts in the midst of the darkness of our culture of death, and we sing Your praises despite the turmoil in our world. We thank You for all those who have been preparing in action, word, and prayer for this outpouring of grace for our youth. May many hearts be touched by Your Holy Spirit through this effort and may it flow out into our parishes and wider community. Amen.