# twelfth sunday in ordinary time ~ June 25, 2023 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.

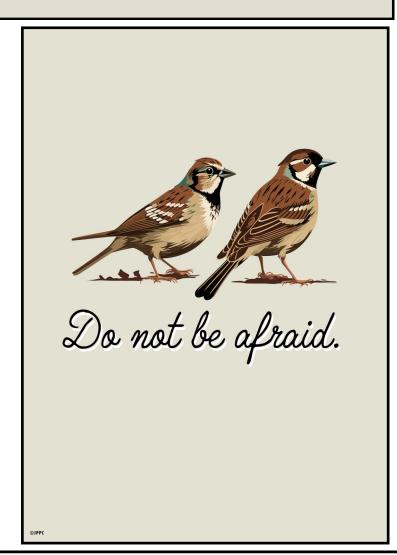
## Sunday Schedule Of Masses

Sacred Heart (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM St. 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

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# Masses For The Week

# Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Alexander Oleykowski Of Margie Johnson <u>Sunday, June 25</u>

7:30AM Anne Pontarelli Of Jill & Al Urso

Monday, June 26 8:30AM The Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Tuesday, June 27 8:30AM The Holy Souls Wednesday, June 28 8:30AM Stella R. Grassa Of Grassa family

<u>Saturday, July 1</u> 4:00PM Anne Pontarelli Of Tom & Helene Barrett & family <u>Sunday, July 2</u> 7:30AM Nate Hartel Of Family

# St. Hedwig's Chapel

<u>Sunday, June 25</u> 9:15AM Alexander & John Panfile Of Mom and Christine <u>Sunday, July 2</u> 9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

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 June Sacred Heart Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori Thomas McGehrin

Open Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart August 2, 8, 22, 29 The St. Hedwig 2023 Mass book is filled



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.

# Mass Celebrants Weekend of June 24-25

Sacred Heart 4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel 9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo5:30PMFr. Stenson10:00AMMsgr. Majoros4:00PMMsgr. Majoros



Mass Celebrants Weekend of July 1-2

Sacred Heart 4:00PM Msgr. Majoros 7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

<u>St. Hedwig's Chapel</u> 9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo5:30PMFr. McGowan10:00AMFr. McGowan4:00PMFr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

# **Sacramental Sponsors and Godparents**

Godparent and Sponsor are more than honorary titles. We remind our parishioners that a Letter of Eligibility to be a sacramental sponsor or Godparent certifies that the person is someone who:

• is at least 16 years of age;

 has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church;

• is a registered parishioner of the parish for at least 6 months

 attends Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;

• receives the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation often;

• lives in conformity with the teachings of our Catholic faith; and

• if married, has been married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church

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

#### Sacred Heart- June 18, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$1,485.00
Loose		<u>151.00</u>
Total		1,636.00
Loose		103.00
Maintenance		20.00
Peters Pence		425.00

#### St. Hedwig - June 18, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	19	630.00
Loose		<u>41.00</u>
Total		671.00
Maintenance		7.00
Fathers Day		10.00
Peters Pence		137.00

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

#### ONGOING SCAM ALERT! Continue to be aware

Thieves and scammers continue to be aware Thieves and scammers continue to send e-mails and text messages claiming to be from the pastor or parish staff asking for gift cards because of an emergency or needing to speak to you right away.

Msgr. Majoros would never send anything like this.

#### Go, Make Disciples A Mini-Course in Missionary Discipleship 9:00 am-12:00 pm Saturdays, October 14, November 18 and December 9, 2023 (Participants attend all 3 sessions)

Join us for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship. This course will help you deepen your personal friendship with Jesus and acquire relational skills to encounter and accompany others into Christ's love.

#### Facilitators:

Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization with co-facilitators:, Chris Massaro, Our Lady of the Assumption, Strafford Araminta Brown, St. Raymond, Philadelphia, Msgr. George Majoros, St. Charles Borromeo/ Sacred Heart, Drexel Hill

#### Location:

St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Narberth \$25.00\* includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guidebook

Visit <u>phillyevang.org/events</u> to register. See Flyer on Parish Website.

#### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The well-loved former movie star dies in her Beverly Hills mansion surrounded by her two sons, her publicist and a secretary of 20 years. Emails and texts pour in full of encomiums and sympathy. But it doesn't take long before the typical American-as-apple-pie question arises: "How much was she worth?"

We Catholic Christians learn today what we are worth in the eyes of the only Person who really matters. Jesus tells His listeners (and us) that we are worth "more than many sparrows." Not that such little birds rank high as modern mediums of exchange, but they do represent a high estimation of our innate value to God.

We tend not to admit God into the equation when it comes to self-evaluation. Nor do we customarily rank ourselves high in His estimation. We know about the saints, from the Blessed Mother on down, as models of both humility and holiness. By that unruly duo of comparison and contrast always show up to confuse us.

What Our Lord came into our world to tell us was something quite different. He proclaimed repeatedly that God our Father loves us. Not that we always deserve it. But it is there for the taking.

Along with this guarantee, Jesus also told us that God will protect and defend us, as the prophet Jeremiah learned. This despite our fears, great and small, that have a way of stalking us, especially as we age.

It had to be a motivating belief and source of courage for the early martyrs of the Church to know that the only fear they should have is not about those who can kill the body, but "those who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

Rampant crime on our streets may compel us nowadays to buy a gun and keep it handy. So much for bodily fear. But no gun can protect us from the erosion of the soul that comes with what our culture pushes: abortion on demand; a "woke" outlook; and a positive outlook on transgender ism and all that implies. Those can be met only by prayer and fasting, and maybe with some protesting mixed in.

Sometimes we notice that a friend or loved one has strayed into the path of errors like these and others. If they are worth our love, so should they be worth our attention, guidance and help. They need us also to remind them of their worth, especially to God.

Children have their own scale of values. Once upon a time a little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher repeated that it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked. "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl answered, "Then you ask him."

# Does your child know Jesus?

Sacred Heart, St. Charles, and St. Andrew Parish Religious Education Program

#### Registration

Registration forms are on the parish websites and may be brought to the Parish Office.

Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Please call or email Sr. Theresa Marie with any questions: (215) 983-9462 or <a href="mailto:srtheresam@scbdh.org">srtheresam@scbdh.org</a>

If there is a financial need, please contact the PREP Office.

Registration fees can also be paid through our SCRIP fundraising program.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

"Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2023 in-person experience is **July 7-9** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. www.wwme-philly.org

# A Special Thank You From CRS

Dear Msgr. Majoros and Parishioners,

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude to you and your parish family for making CRS Rice Bowl such and important part of your Lenten journey this year. Rice Bowl is such a blessing to so many, especially families experiencing poverty and hunger around the globe. Your prayer, fasting and giving once again has mad a real difference.

The sacrifices made by the faithful of the Archdiocese will really touch the lives of families and individuals all year long, such as Rony and Reina from Honduras, Raul and Rhodora and d their children from the Philippines and Rebecca and Lotiang from Kenya. What a powerful impact your sacrifices make. Your donations help to put nutritious food on the tables of many who struggle for food globally and locally, as well.

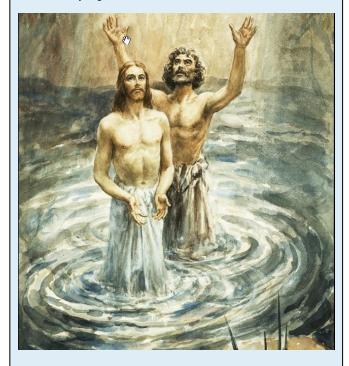
Keep in mind that 25% of your donations remaining right in the Archdiocese and help Nutritional Development service to buy and share a variety of healthy food with 50 area food cupboards and soup kitchens in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Your compassion and generosity bring hope to so many neighbors near and far.

May God continue to bless you ae your parish community faith His finest blessings and help you to continue to live out your call to be people of hope and compassion.

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To join as a **new user** go to **formed.org** Select *sign up* and then choose *I belong to a parish or organization* then type in St. Charles Borromeo OR 19026 and follow the easy instructions. If you are **already a member** of formed all you need to do is type in your email address and you are automatically signed in.



Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

In this episode, they discuss the Nativity of John the Baptist, how the Old Testament illuminates who St. John the Baptist is, and how he prepares for Jesus.

Discussion Question: St. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus Christ. How is God calling you to prepare his way so that those in your life can encounter Jesus?

With gratitude—Anne H. Ayella CRS Diocesan Director

Dear Partnering Parishioners:

## June 25, 2023

June has been a beautiful and busy month so far. We have had several events that have brought us together to celebrate our faith and fellowship as partnering parishioners. I would like to highlight the members of the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Knock Praesidium for providing two Hospitality Sundays this month: the regular First Sunday of the month, and the Farewell gathering this past Sunday.

June 11<sup>th</sup> was the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. I have received many compliments and very positive comments about our Mass that Sunday, the Procession, Benediction at the Grotto and our cookout. Everyone was inspired and had a lovely time together.



I want to give a huge **THANK YOU** to my brother Knights, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Cardinal Dougherty Assembly, for carrying the Canopy during the Procession for our Eucharistic Lord, and my brother Knights from DeSales Council 590 (my own council) for their generous donation and their in-kind support that day—grilling hotdogs, providing refreshments and cleaning up afterwards. I cannot express enough my gratitude to the staff of Saint Charles for all the preparation and readiness, sacristans, serves, extraordinary ministers, music ministry, and of course, all of you, the faithful parishioners of our Partnering Parishes, that made the Mass so prayerful, the Procession and Benediction so inspirational, and our cookout so delicious! Well done everyone. Let's plan for next year's Corpus Christi Mass and Procession for next year!

Many of you have commented on how nice the Mass and farewell party was for Sister MaryAnn Nerney, IHM and for Father Herbert J. Sperger. Father Sperger moved on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to his new assignment as Parochial Vicar with the status of Senior Priest, Saint Patrick Parish, Norristown. His new address is : Reverend Herbert J. Sperger, St. Patrick Rectory, 714 DeKalb Street Norristown, PA 19401-3946. Sister MaryAnn Nerney will complete her time with us on Friday, June 30, 2023. Sister will continue to reside at Our Lady of Fatima Convent and work several days a week at BVM Mission School, Darby. Sister MaryAnn Neary, IHM, Our Lady of Fatima Convent, 5 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018



Please keep Sister and Father, and all Clergy and Religious who have received a new assignment in your thoughts and prayers.

God bless, Monsignor George A. Majoros

# Say the Word – Summer Edition with Servant of God Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, pvmi

"Schools have examinations in the various subjects taught, and the result is shown by the papers. But the only true test of religion is in the life of the person.

"We know how much a person loves God by his own life of devotion. If [a person] hates to go to church and to pray in his free time, he has little religion. The word "religion" means a binding of the soul to God. Love is the link.

"I must learn to love God as a personal friend. Then I shall want to speak to Him and I shall want to receive Him in Holy Communion."

This is a different look at the word 'religion' than we are used to. It can provide an examination of conscience for us on our own lives and in how we share our faith with others.

## **Prayers for PREP**

Do I speak of my friend, God, when I speak to my other friends, or do I only talk of worldly things? Do I help the children in my life to love God as a personal friend and show them that they will grow closer to Him by receiving Him in Holy Communion? Help me, Friend, to live a life of true religion – with my soul bound to You!