

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 14, 2023

Sacred Heart Parish

Partnering Parishes Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo (Drexel Hill) and St. Hedwig's Chapel (Chester)

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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.



IF YOU LOVE ME,
you will keep my commandments,

JOHN 14:15

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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

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Living & Deceased Mothers of our Partnering Parish

Sunday, May 14

7:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers of our Partnering Parish

Monday, May 15

8:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers of our Partnering Parish

Tuesday, May 16

8:30AM Living & Deceased Of Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday, May 17

8:30AM Michael Garr Of The Stetyick Family

Thursday, May 18 Ascension of the Lord

12:00 Noon Wlodek Mackowiak Of Alexandra Danicki

7:00PM Frank Rizzo, Sr. Of daughter, Betty McGehrin

Saturday, May 20

4:00PM Alexander Oleykowski Of Elizabeth Ziolkowska

Sunday, May 21

7:30AM Intention of the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, May 14

9:15AM Alexander Romatowski & Jan & Aniela Sewruk Of Hanna

Sunday, May 21

9:15AM Henry P. & Regina E. Bienkowski Of Maxine & family

Open Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

June 6, 13 July 11, 12, 18, 25

Open Mass Intentions — St. Hedwig

June 18, 25. July 16. August 13, 27



Candles for the Month of May

Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

Edward Grassa

Thomas McGehrin

Saint Hedwig

Sewruk & Romatowski Family

Health of Stasia Hannum

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Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 13-14

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Sperger



Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 20-21

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

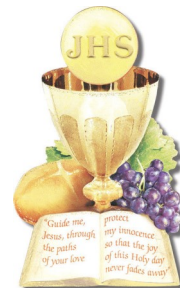
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St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change



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.

You can still subscribe to receive texts from Archbishop Perez weekly for the rest of the year! Text **goforth** to 84576 or go to www.phillydisciples.org/goforth

There's
nothing like
a Mother's
love!



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– April 30, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	41	\$1,259.00
Loose		167.00
Total		1,426.00
Loose		159.00
Easter		120.00
Mothers Day		243.00

St. Hedwig - April 30, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	19	\$855.00
Loose		11.00
Total		866.00
Easter		25.00
Mothers Day		140.00
Maintenance		5.00

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

THIS BULLETIN WENT TO PRINT EARLY

Your Weekly Collection Envelopes

HELP US BY.....

Putting the **amount** on your collection envelope

Not taping or stapling your envelope. If it will not seal please put the flap in.

Using only **ONE** envelope and one amount if you have several **"weekly"** envelopes.

Not combining any 2nd collection donation with your weekly donations. They should be separate checks.

OUR COUNTERS THANK YOU!

Bassinet clothes drive for Mother's Home

We are collecting only "new" (not used) infants clothing for new born babies. Please place your donations in the bassinet in the back of church near the confessionals. We are starting **Sunday, May 14** and ending **Sunday, May 28**.

"Mothers' Home was founded in 1991 as a shelter for homeless, pregnant women in need of a safe and stable environment to prepare for childbirth. Fortunately, the empty convent on the Blessed Virgin Mary campus in Darby was available. During the time the BVM site was being renovated, the young women lived in a large home in Lansdowne. The convent was ready for occupation in 1993, and since that time has housed over 1,000 homeless pregnant women". To read more about Mothers' Home, go to www.mothershome.org.

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The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent

and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

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### An Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin,  
I choose thee this day for my queen,  
patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve  
and purpose never to abandon thee,  
never to say or do anything against thee,  
nor to permit that aught be done by others  
to dishonor thee. Receive me, then,  
I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant;  
assist me in all my actions, and do not  
abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.

— St. John Berchmans



## A Blessing for Mothers

Almighty God has brought you  
the joy of motherhood:  
May he now bless you.

Through the mercy of God  
and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may you and your children one day  
come to share in the unending joys of  
heaven.



# Sixth Sunday Of Easter

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Sounds like a plan." We say it when we have mutual agreement on some future action. Implied is our trust in the "other" to honor the idea with more than words. So two reputations are at stake, yours and theirs. Trust is on the line. Of course, that trust is in jeopardy if one or the other party reneges. There comes trouble.

Through our Baptism, you and I lay claim to love Jesus Christ as Our Lord and God, specifically in this Easter season as our risen Lord and Redeemer. Today we hear Him tell His closest devotees that He will soon be leaving them. But He will not leave them to their own resources. He will send them an Advocate, whom we know as the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. He will provide an action plan.

To preclude any breaking of the bond that they have forged between them over the past three years, Jesus tells His Apostles and disciples of His love for them. So a question arises: How will this love be manifest? How will they retain what He gives them? The answer is a plan: by their observance of His commandments. Implied here is not only the ancient Ten, but also the more recently proclaimed Eight Beatitudes. In other words, a "Christian Plan of Action."

Easy enough to understand. Tough as nails to keep. And oh how we know that to be true! Especially when we leave Sunday Mass, only to tackle a whole new week of daily life out there in the so-called "real world," beginning with the parking lot.

But listen again, everybody, to the encouragement we receive from the God Man who became like us in all things but sin: *"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me. And whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."*

Of course, keeping our promise takes perseverance. Who best to remind us of that than Mary our heavenly Mother, and the woman we all honor on this Mother's Day?

They might even tell us this story about perseverance and a certain frog:

*Two frogs fell into a can of cream, or so I've heard it told.*

*The sides of the can were shiny and steep. The cream was deep and cold.*

*"Oh, what's the use?" croaked number one. "Tis fate, no help's around.*

*Good-bye, my friend! Good-bye sad world!" And weeping still, he drowned.*

*But frog number two, of sterner stuff, dog-paddled in surprise,*

*The while he wiped his creamy face and dried his creamy eyes.*

*"I'll swim a while, at least," he said. Or so I've heard he said.*

*"It really wouldn't help the world if one more frog were dead."*

*An hour or two he kicked and swam. Not once he stopped to mutter,*

*But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked. Then hopped out by way of butter!*

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

### Say the Word

"Do you know what that says?" the young lady asked as she walked out the Convent door. "Not really," I said, "because it's in Latin, but I know it is a St. Benedict medal, and St. Benedict is especially powerful in protecting us from the devil, so we hung it on our door. Would you like one?" "Sure. Thanks!" she said with a big smile. Many people don't believe that there is a devil, a fallen angel, who is trying to push us away from God. That is one of the devil's tactics to trick us into choosing evil. As Catholics we have so many helps available to protect us from the attacks of the evil one.

Recently our Young Disciples (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade) learned about how to put on the armor of God. They had a good time, even dressing up in mock armor. They also learned about the protection of the St. Benedict medal, the power of the Sacraments, the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, the Rosary, etc. and how they can employ these in their daily lives. Do you know a young person who could benefit from such a lesson? Invite them to join our Young Disciples!

### Prayers for PREP

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principal-

ities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Amen. (Ephesians 6:10-17)



## Dear Partnering Parish Family

### THIS WEEKEND, LET US HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER

As we pause to honor our mothers, both living and deceased, thanking God for their nurturing love, we honor Our Blessed Mother and rededicate ourselves to her as her children at all the Masses **TODAY**.

All parishioners and their families are invited to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession and help as we offer prayers, hymns and an Act of Personal Consecration to her. You are most welcome to bring floral tributes to honor our Heavenly Mother throughout the month of May.

May Mary's prayer for us, the gift of a mother's love, be for us, a joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw God's Holy Spirit to rest on us,



her children. Amen.

### Ascension Thursday

**Thursday, May 18, 2023** - is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics to go to the Mass. Masses will be celebrated:

#### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Vigil Mass at 4pm at St. Charles Borromeo

Vigil Mass at 7pm at St. Charles Borromeo

#### Ascension Thursday, May 18, 2023

8:30am Morning Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

12Noon Mass at Sacred Heart

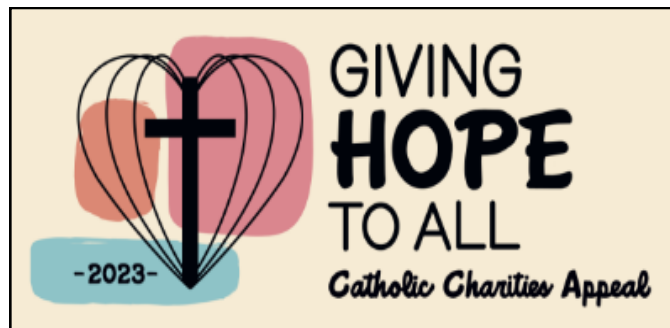
7pm Mass at Sacred Heart

### Novena in Honor of the Holy Spirit



**Friday, May 19, 2023** begins the 9 day novena in honor of the Holy Spirit. Booklets will be available in Church for your use. During this novena, we ask the Holy Spirit to renew within us and our whole Church the gifts we received: **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge,**

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Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to hundreds of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

*If you have not done so already, please consider a donation, whatever the amount may be, to help this special Appeal.*

**Envelopes can be found in the church pews this weekend.**

### Does your child know Jesus?

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

#### Early Registration

#### Early Registration with Reduced Fees:

Registration form due by June 1, 2023 with a \$10 deposit, balance due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

1 Child: \$115 (save \$25),

2 Children: \$160 (save \$40),

3 or more children: \$200 (save \$50)

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

Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Please call or email Sr. Theresa Marie with any questions: (215)983-9462 or [srtheresam@scbdh.org](mailto:srtheresam@scbdh.org)

If there is a financial need, please contact us.

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