

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 7, 2023

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

Rev. Paul Stenson,
Retired Priest in Residence

Deacon John H. Farrell
Permanent Deacon

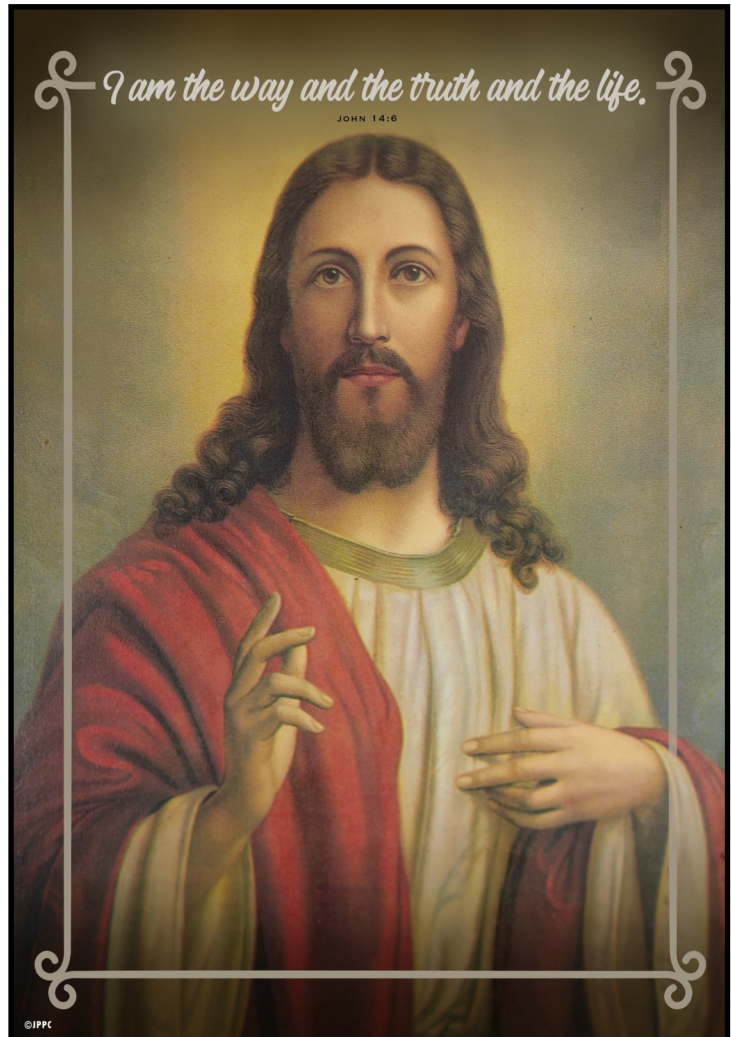
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Jesus D. Vitug Of Heverling, Leoncio & Macapagal families

Sunday, May 7

7:30AM Domenic, Vincent & Mary Natale Of Mary Lou Strunk

Monday, May 8

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, May 9

8:30AM Special Intention for Dr. John Huyette Of Jadwiga Szanc

Wednesday, May 10

8:30AM Robert Schick Of mom, Kathy Schick

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14 Mothers Day

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

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, May 7

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Sunday, May 14 Mothers Day

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

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be open Monday through Friday 9:00A.M to 12:00 Noon

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Intentions for 2023 \$10.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if interested.



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

Open Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

June 6, 13, 27. July 11, 12, 18, 25, 30

Open Mass Intentions — St. Hedwig

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 6-7

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Keane

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Sperger

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Bishop Deliman

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 13-14

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

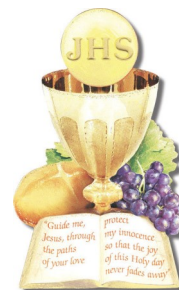
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St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Sperger



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



Mother's Day Novena Masses

Saturday, Sunday & Monday
May 13, 14, 15

Paul Stenson's Homilies

If you would like to receive a copy of Fr. Stenson's weekly homilies Email: P_Stenson@yahoo.com

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

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St. Hedwig - April 30, 2023

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

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Your Weekly Collection Envelopes

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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!

Exercise Your Missionary Disciple Skills: Become a Cathedral Ambassador

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica throughout the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. Cathedral Ambassadors are assigned 4-hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a Cathedral Ambassador, please contact Martha Ortiz, the coordinator of the Cathedral Ambassadors, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

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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 pray 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.

## **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.

## **HOPE IN CHRIST: SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS**

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need.

**[www.AddictionCenter.com](http://www.AddictionCenter.com)**



**Holy Cross Church, Springfield** is in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369. We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at **Holy Cross Parish in Springfield**, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, **JESUS LOVES YOU**.

**You are invited on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** St. Mary Magdalen Church 2400 Providence Road Media, 9:00 am – 11:30 am Refreshments following the 8:30 Mass 13th In the Parish Hall. Please come as we share The Flame of Love from Heart to Heart.

**Presenter, Patti Schwartz**, an award winning “Top Model Teacher” and seasoned Flame of Love Educator, will share some creative ideas on how to ignite **THE FLAME OF LOVE in your home**.

#### **Mothers' Home Charity Golf Tournament**

**Monday, May 15, 2023 at Paxon Hollow Country Club**

Noon lunch / 1:00PM Shotgun Start

Please join us for a fun day of lunch, golf, cocktail reception, and outdoor barbeque on Monday, May 15th at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club in support of Mothers' Home in Darby. Mothers' Home's mission is to transform the lives of pregnant women in crisis by providing safe housing and programs that prepare them for motherhood and provide a strong foundation for themselves and their children.

For more information and registration please visit our golf website: [www.mothershomegolf.com](http://www.mothershomegolf.com).

#### **“Fides et Scientia”: 2023 Lecture Series**

Join us for the next event in our 2023 Lecture Series

**Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00pm in St. Andrew's Church.**

Daniel Palmieri of JMJ Missions will discuss “Source & Summit: The Holy Eucharist.” The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, the focal point of our worship and the deepest manner of reaching union with Our Lord. Using Eucharistic miracles, devotions of Saints, and some basic theology behind the Mass, this talk aims to both deepen our understanding of the Blessed Sacrament and increase the fervor with which we receive and adore Him. We hope to see you there!

#### **Marian Summit: hope for families**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, 6 – 8 pm**

Join the *Marian Summit: hope for families* for a three-day free online presentation featuring over 20 Catholic speakers offering catechesis, stories, and teaching on the Blessed Mother. The summit is geared for individuals and families who have faced adversities and challenges and offers hope and healing through talks offered by Catholic presenters.

**Offered by:** The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, Patchwork Heart Ministry, and Fiat Ministry Network. **To Register:**

[www.Nonnatus.org](http://www.Nonnatus.org) homepage

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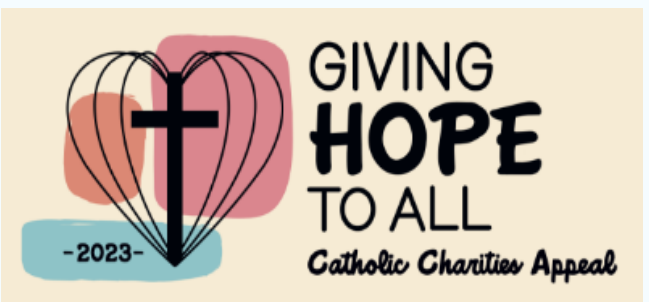
**Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program** High school men (Juniors & Seniors)! Gather for a 10-day faith & formation summer program to explore the relationship between faith & reason. Held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary **July 5-14**, this residential, college-accredited program combines learning with daily prayer and activities. For more information or to apply, visit: [philadelphiacatholicsscholars.org](http://philadelphiacatholicsscholars.org).

#### **ON THE WAY TO CAPE MAY Tuesday August 15, 2023 WITH ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, COLLINGDALE BLESSING OF THE WATERS**

Leave St. Joe's at 9am. Arrive at Lighthouse Park Beach for the Blessing of the Waters. Stay until 2pm. If you wish you can travel to center of Cape May, or if staying at the beach, remember your beach chair and other beach needs. Lunch and shopping on your own. Depart at 4pm and arrive home at 6pm. **Cost is \$60 and includes** bus, snack and drinks. All payments are due on or before August 1st. Contact Mary Carney 610-362-1177, payment to St. Joe's church

**HOLY LAND DISCOVERY TOUR** September 1 – 8, 2023  
Mass in included. The roots of your faith will come to life on this extraordinary journey through Israel. Starting from Tel Aviv, visit some of the main archeological, historical, and biblical sites, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you learn more about His life and ministry. To stand in the very places where history unfolded is a true highlight as you visit important sites of the Gospel, such as Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, the Mount of the Beatitudes, the River Jordan valley, Bethlehem, and last, but not least, Jerusalem. This extraordinary Israel tour is designed for value-minded travelers. Hotels, transportation, guides, historians, 7 breakfasts, 4 dinners are included. Land price starts at \$1979 per person (based on double occupancy). An \$850 deposit per person will hold your space. For info and reservations, call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours: 860-399-1785.

**Honor Flight Philadelphia** is recruiting veterans to join them for a day of honor in Washington, D.C. on **September 9, 2023** where you will have the opportunity to visit the memorials built to honor your service and sacrifice. Transportation, meals, a USO show, memorabilia will be provided at NO COST to the veteran. For more information contact ANDREW SCHIAVELLO 610-662-1812 or [andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org](mailto:andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org)



**In Pew Envelopes Next Weekend**  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>

## Fifth Sunday Of Easter

### *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

"Are there any questions?" A stock query posed by teachers in classrooms everywhere. Depending on the age group, he or she may hear from a nervous child; or a sarcastic adolescent trying to be the class clown; or all the way up to the adult degree pursuer in a serious seminar. The silly ones are quickly dismissed. The sincere ones may set the whole class at ease as a false interpretation of the material could cause confusion. All said, the teacher must often practice patience answering questions about a matter long since explained but forgotten.

That last case exemplifies what Our Lord had to endure when one of His chosen, like Thomas or Phillip seem to be obtuse. I for one am impressed and edified by His patience. He knows He is working with uneducated simple men but who are also destined to be His messengers and saints.

First up is St. Thomas, already nicknamed for his many doubts. But we have to sympathize with him here when he asks the Lord: "How can we know the Way?" It's an understandable question. How Our Lord must have surprised Thomas when He answered "I am." Oh how often we keep looking elsewhere for the right road to eternal life. Not so much for the young among us who don't think much about their eternal future. We elders have to keep them from being duped by the latest pop philosophy. Or the preferred outlook of one of their college professors cleverly presented as the "only true way" at this crucial time of their lives. Or consider the instances where we adults prefer what is truly a form of darkness because it offers a convenient, secret way to contradict Christ, such as watching internet porn.

Next in line comes Phillip, another good soul, whom we have learned has become an appealing spokesperson of Christ to Greek-speaking people. He wants some clarification about this strange Person Jesus insists on calling "the Father." Jesus gives Phillip a clear and basic answer, the gist of which Phillip should have known by now after almost 3 years at Jesus' side. "If you have seen Me you have seen the Father." Again Jesus practices patience with Phillip. The answer he got has provided much food for thought and prayer for theologians and saints down through the centuries.

We must always remember in this context that doubt is not a sin. To question God in respectful prayer can enrich our belief. Those words we pray in the Nicene Creed each Sunday at Mass deserve research. The Bible comes first. But we also have the Catholic Catechism available in book form or online. Our patience with ourselves as explorers coupled with patience with an inquiring person lends credence to the Good News.

We've been seriously considering two important questions, the answers to which enrich our spiritual lives. But there's always room for humor to allow a pause in our research. So I offer this story.

Once upon a time a man went to a fortune teller, hoping that she would be able to look into her crystal ball and make some stock market predictions. "My fee," said the fortune teller, "is one hundred dollars. For that amount you may ask two questions."

The client winced and said, "My, isn't that a lot of money for just two questions?" "Yes," the fortune teller replied. "Now what is your second question?"

God love you and give you His peace.

### **Say the Word**

Sacraments, sacraments, sacraments! First Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation! What a week! This first week in May, providentially, included all three of these Sacraments in our parishes. First Penance and First Holy Communion at St. Andrew the Apostle and Confirmation at St. Charles Borromeo. These milestones in the lives of our parishioners are great fountains of grace for the whole parish. As we wrap up our PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) classes for the academic year on May 15, we pray that these young people will have the opportunity to continue to receive the graces of the Sacraments year round and bring others with them.

Do you know a child (or young adult or adult) who needs Jesus in their life? Do you know a child who is not baptized or has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? How about an adult who is searching for peace or purpose? The sacraments are encounters with Christ and continuing conduits of God's life (grace) in us. Early Registration for PREP is taking place this month, and we are looking for adults interested in Christian Initiation (becoming Catholic and/or receiving the Sacraments.) See the parish websites for more details or contact Sr. Theresa Marie. We desire to walk alongside anyone who is interested in learning more and encountering Christ.

### **Prayers for PREP**

Lord of Life, we turn to You today and thank You for pouring Your Life into the souls of our parishioners through these Sacraments. May the graces abounding this week touch the hearts of others in our local community who have not yet received You in Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Grant me the grace to ask one person if they are interested in learning more about You this week. Amen.

