

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 5, 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.

## ***Sacred Heart Memorial Fund Inductees***

***November 4, 2023***

**+ Anne Pontarelli**

**+ Frank J. Rizzo, Jr.**

**+ Jane Terpstra**

**+ Joseph T. Kelly, Jr.**



***May The Souls Of All The Faithful Departed  
Through the Mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen.***

***A complete listing of ALL Memorial  
Fund Inductees can be found on our website  
[www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net)***

## **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 Memorial Mass & Induction Ceremony

#### Sunday, November 5

7:30AM Patricia Anderson Of Leona & Vince Papale

*Mass on Monday & Tuesday  
will be held at St. Charles*

#### Monday, November 6

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, November 7

8:30AM Robert Givens Of Family

#### Wednesday, November 8

8:30AM Joseph Payne Of Family

#### Saturday, November 11

4:00PM Rita Gallo Of Marino family

#### Sunday, November 12

7:30AM Samuel & Catherine McMorland Of daughter, Linda

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

#### Sunday, November 5 Memorial Mass

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski and the Deceased of St. Hedwig's

#### Sunday, November 12

9:15AM Walter Kuchinski Of daughter, Judy

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 November



#### Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori  
Thomas McGehrin

#### St. Hedwig

Sewruk, Romatowski & Szczech Family  
Laura & Walter Babicki, Sr. & Jr,  
& Mary Koszalinski



### 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.*

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### Mass Celebrants Weekend of November 4-5

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



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#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

### Candles for the month are \$20.00

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

### 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.

### Remember to use your Parish Website

[www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net)

### For Parish Information:

Sponsor Information, Funeral Guidelines, Readings & Notices, Schedules, Pierogi, Pictures, FORMED, Current & Past Bulletins, Memorial Fund List Prayers (under For Your Spirituality), Happenings in our Parish and the Archdiocese and Links to many websites.

**St. Charles Borromeo LiveStream Mass**

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

#### Sacred Heart– October 29, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	34	\$1,164.00
Loose		<u>235.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,399.00</b>
Loose		156.00
All Souls		258.00
All Saints		35.00
World Mission		5.00

#### St. Hedwig - October 29, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	25	\$688.00
Loose		<u>124.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>812.00</b>
All Souls		185.00
All Saints		61.00
World Mission		2.00

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

**Do to unforeseen circumstances  
Sacred Heart will NOT  
have the November Pierogi Fundraiser.  
We hope to be back in March.**

### EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

**Sundays: November 19, December 10, 2-3PM**

at Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd.,  
Havertown, PA. Join us on for a 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.

For more info, visit

[www.EileenGeorge.org](http://www.EileenGeorge.org) (<http://www.eileengeorge.org/>).

Questions please call Jeanmarie 610-547-7308

### A Forum on End-of-Life Issues

**Saturday, November 11, 2023 - 10AM to 4PM (lunch provided) St. Peter Parish Celebration Center, 2835 Manor Rd., West Brandywine, PA**

*Featuring:* Joe Zalot, Director of Education & Ethicist of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. *Joined by:* Gerry Woods, Esq. of The Elder Care Law Center & Eileen Curtin, MSN, Hospice & Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

#### Topics Covered

Determining Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Care, Advance Directives (Power of Attorney, Living Will, etc.), Providing Food and Water, Pain Relief, Palliative Care and Hospice, Determining Brain Death and Organ Donation.

Plus Morning and afternoon Q & A Sessions

**Free Registration** is encouraged at [www.lifelovesexuality.com](http://www.lifelovesexuality.com)

Goodwill offerings will be gladly accepted. For more information: Jo Christof at [jochristof@verizon.net](mailto:jochristof@verizon.net) or 610-942-3571

### Christian Initiative Preparation

**"Becoming Catholic"**

**Baptism, Confirmation,**

**First Holy Communion**

For more information contact Sr. Theresa Marie  
[srtheresam@scbdh.org](mailto:srtheresam@scbdh.org) 215-983-9462

### Partnering Parishes Annual Memorial Masses



**St. Charles Memorial Mass**  
**Sunday, November 12 at 10:00AM.**

*You are welcome to bring a picture of your deceased loved one to place in front of the altar.*

### Special Thanks!

To all our kind parishioners who so generously donated new baby clothes, and cash to the Mother's Home in Darby.

**May God bless you!!!**

### Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's



We will be accepting donations  
of non-perishable items for  
our food drive for

**Thanksgiving.**

**Please see Phil or Gina for more  
details.**

### Help Us Ignite the Faith of our Young Parishioners

Join us on **Sunday, November 5 @ 1p.m.** at St. Charles Parish Hall for our **second planning session** focused on creating a vibrant Young Disciples inter-parish Youth Ministry Program for teens, grades 8 through 12. If you were not able to make our first meeting, we would like to hear from you and get your thoughts. We are calling for Parents, Teen-agers, Young Adults, Men & Women of the Parish who want to help our young parishioners grow in their faith. Bring your ideas and passion; we will provide the snacks. Confirmation is just the beginning of a young person's faith journey. We want to do all we can to help them grow in their faith and be involved in our respective parishes. If you have questions, please contact Tina Angelo 610-513-8731 [tagelo212@yahoo.com](mailto:tagelo212@yahoo.com) or Sue Killeen 484-432-5695 [susan.killeen@comcast.net](mailto:susan.killeen@comcast.net)

**Mary Mother of Captives** is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison. The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. This month's meeting will be on Thursday, November 9th. For more information, please contact [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org) or Sue at 610-259-3178. Attendees remain confidential.

### Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal

In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

## ***31st Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

You need a license these days for so many things. That includes one for driving a car, truck, or bus. For hunting game, fishing for fish, or carrying a pistol, and for so many more of life's activities. Attached along with the license are bunches of regulations and penalties for ignoring them. But one doesn't need a license for practicing hypocrisy.

As truth itself, Our Lord was rightly repulsed by any instance of this, especially when He found it among religious leaders of His people. Today He offers a withering critique of the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy.

On another occasion, He had called them "blind guides."

Today He urges the people in His audience to observe what they teach, but not how they acted. Why? Because "they preach but they do not practice."

I am at once sorry and ashamed upon pondering those words at the behavior of some of my brother priests who deserve that same rebuke. They brought great harm to many people, especially among the young, by their abuse of them. It remains an ongoing scandal. The late Benedict XVI succinctly described it as "filth" within the Church. It remains one of the devil's most successful efforts to harm the Church.

But today we hear Our Lord speak so powerfully about hypocrisy that could dwell in you and me. His assessment requires introspection on our parts. Have we, in some way or other, "preached" but not practiced? Have we given the young and not-so-young among us the kind of bad example that threatens their respect and love for the teachings of Christ and His Church? I think we do when we neglect our participation at the Mass, or we speak negatively about the pope or our pastor, who are our spiritual leaders. Our choice of TV shows. Our often-crude language. All habits that invite the young to imitate.

Our Lord offers a remedy; be humble. Recognize that true fidelity to God is shown by service of Him, followed by service to other people. Above all, to practice what you "preach" by your lifestyle.

A father once complained about the amount of time his family spent watching television. His children watched cartoons and neglected schoolwork. His wife preferred soap operas to housework. His solution?

"As soon as football season's over, I'm going to pull the plug."

God love you and give you His peace.

#### **Say The Word**

"They talked a lot about the love of the Father for you as His beloved daughter. I just felt very strongly that He loves me in a special way. I already knew that, but it was just so strongly reinforced." "We must let ourselves be loved. The feminine heart has the capacity to be open for total surrender to God. He will then overshadow us and His love will fill us and it will flow from us to others." "One of the speakers talked about the lame man at the pool of Bethesda who had been unable to walk for 38 years. When Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed, he made excuses. She said, 'If Jesus asks you, "Do you want to be healed?" don't make excuses or ask Him to heal someone else. Let yourself be healed.'" "It was encouraging to see the Shrine full of faith-filled women."

These were some of the takeaway messages our catechists received at the Catholic Women's Conference at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine last weekend. It was beautiful how we each heard God speaking to our hearts. This is essential for us to be able to pass on the faith. Our hearts are like a reservoir - we need to be continually filled with the love and presence of God so that we can share that message with others. Are you taking opportunities to receive God's grace in your life?

#### **Prayers for PREP**

Loving Father, I know in my head that you love me, that you delight in all your creation, especially mankind, made in Your image and likeness. Help me to know in my heart that You love me particularly, deeply, with an unquenchable love! Amen.



Dear Parishioners,

### **Call to Holiness**

We entered the month of November celebrating All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup>), and then recalling All the Faithful Departed (2<sup>nd</sup>) whom we commend to God's mercy, so they may rest in His peace.

In these challenging and troubled times, we need to bring our faith into our world. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, "...that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society." The Council goes on to say that "They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (1964 Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, Chapter 5, par 40).

**Pierogi Fundraiser:** Unfortunately, we are not able to have our Pierogi Fundraiser this Fall, our main coordinators, Joanne and Gene Bidoli are experiencing serious health issues at this time. We agreed that it is more important for them to attend to their health. Let's keep them in prayer!

**Vote on Tuesday:** It is our right and duty to elect those men and women who represent us in local, state, and federal government. We need to know the candidates and their platforms, weigh the issues and vote according to our conscience properly formed by the judgement of reason, the Word of God, the divine law, and the teachings of the Church.

**Parents:** Parents and Guardians, please lead and guide your children. Practice your faith, teach and pass it on to them as you shape their hearts for heaven by your good example and witness to love God and neighbor, as we love ourselves.

**Young Disciples:** Our youth still need formation in the Catholic faith and a Christian way of life. We are trying to find ways to help them stay close to their Catholic faith, develop peer relationships, experience the beauty of our Catholic worship, and grow in a contagious joy through Christ-like service to others. There is a meeting on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles Parish Hall at 1pm for anyone who desires to help our youth. Come and volunteer.

**St. Hedwig Church:** The faithful parishioners of St. Hedwig Church (averaging about 25-30 people) coming to the one Mass each Sunday morning are very spirited and dedicated in their very generous support of their Church through the years. They are a small community of believers that enjoys celebrating their Polish heritage and customs. Despite their best efforts, declining attendance, and declining revenues, along with increased costs to maintain the facilities are no longer sustainable for them.

So, having brought these matters before the people of St. Hedwig Church, and having consulted with the Parish Financial Council of Sacred Heart, and the Parish Pastoral Council of the Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo, as well as with Reverend Thomas P. Whittingham, our Dean, and the Office for Parish Service and Support, I have written to Archbishop Nelson J. Perez and recommended that Saint Hedwig Church be officially closed, with the very last Mass taking place on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

As Padre Pio would say, "Pray, hope, and don't worry."  
God be with you,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros

### **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal Kick Off Weekend!**

As the first Catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vibrant narrative. As the 2023-2024 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal begins, please consider joining the next faith-filled chapter of the seminary's story through your generosity. Your support provides for the seminarians and students of today, which helps nourish our hope in the future of our Church.

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**Advent Day of Recollection at  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul  
Saturday, December 10, 2022  
9 AM-3:30 PM**

#### **Speaker:**

Father Matthew Biedrzycki

**Theme** The Incarnation and the Eucharist

**Holy Mass, Lunch, Conference and Holy Hour**

215-587-3795 or RSVP to [sr.gbraccio@archphila.org](mailto:sr.gbraccio@archphila.org)