# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME $\sim$ OCTOBER 6, 2024 Sacred Heart Parish

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

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

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

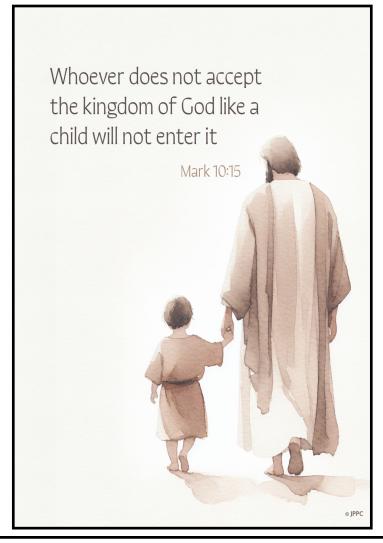
To live and grow as a church in the Roman Catholic tradition by devotion to God in worship, doctrine, ministry, and loving service to each other and to the people entrusted to us.

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 (Vigil) Frank Rizzo, Sr. Of Family Sunday, October 6

7:30AM Michael & Mary McFadden Of Dolores McLoughin

## Monday, October 7

8:30AM The Living & Deceased of Sacred **Heart Parish** 

Tuesday, October 8

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Wednesday, October 9

8:30AM Phillip Kaminksi Of Grassa family

## Saturday, October 12

4:00PM (Vigil) Michael Tumminello Of Tom & Stella Pyfer and Family

## Sunday, October 13

7:30AM Henry J. Grassa, Sr. & Stella R. Grassa Of Grassa family

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 October**

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori Thomas McGehrin Skip Barnes Henry J. Grassa Sr. & Stella R. Grassa



## 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.

## **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. www.heedthecall.org

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#### Mass Celebrants Weekend of October 5-6

## **Sacred Heart**

4:00PM Fr. Anderson 7:30AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson 10:00AM Msgr. Majoros 4:00PM Fr Anderson



## Mass Celebrants Weekend of October 12-13

## **Sacred Heart**

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

## St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. McGowan 10:00AM Archbishop Presz 4:00PM Fr. Stenson



## Celebrants Are Subject To Change



## **Baby Bassinet** at Sacred Heart

September 28 - October 31

"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.

We are collecting only "new" (not used) infants clothing for new born babies.

Please place your donations in the bassinet as soon as you enter the Church.

We are starting Saturday, September 28th and ending Thursday, October 31st.

> These women choose to not have an abortion. Let's support them by help clothe their babies!

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as

your act of praise to God for all HE has given you.

Sacred Heart- September 29, 2024

Sunday Envelopes \$1.658.00 Loose 160.00 Total 1.818.00 St. Vincent de Paul 8.00 Parish Maintenance 100.00 101.00 Loose

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



## Sacred Heart Church at 203 Church Rd, Oxford, PA Sunday, OCTOBER 6 | 6:00pm to 8:00pm

## An evening of Adoration, Music, Reconciliation, Intercessory Prayer as community.

- For youth 8th through 12th grade.
- Youth must be accompanied by a minister or other adult.
- · Parents welcomed.
- Evening ends with a social. Feel free to bring snacks. Arise! is done in collaboration with parishes and Ministers.



## PhillyOMY.org | @PhillyOMY

## Public Square Rosary Saturday, October 12th

12:00 noon in front of Saint Andrew Church in Drexel Hill. We have prayed this Rosary every year since 2007, on the Saturday closest to October 13, to commemorate Our Lady's "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima in 1917. On this day, we will be praying in union with tens of thousands of other concerned Americans for our country and our world. America needs your prayers! All are welcome! For more information, please text or call Raphael at 610-613-7481.

The Saint Augustine Heritage Foundation will host a History Fair on October 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Church. The event will consist of exhibits and displays from local museums, historical societies, historic sites, living-history groups, and libraries, as well as craft and food vendors. This interactive family friendly event aims to promote awareness about local history and historical resources and bring history to life with information, artifacts, reenactments, music, and crafts.

**Admission is free**, and donations to the foundation are greatly appreciated. There will be restrooms, as well as limited parking in the Camitta Bros. Lot at the Northwest Corner of Fourth and Vine.

Event will be held at Carr Hall and the Church Courtyard of St. Augustine Church are located at 250 North Fourth Street in Philadelphia.

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are **October 11-13** and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa. Doylestown. For more information visit: https://www.wwmephilly.org.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION **NOVEMBER 8 - 10**

IHM Spiritual Center, 210 IHM Drive Malvern, PA 19355 Contact our team to register or for guestions: Susan – 610-716-4795, Susiemck@comcast.net Georgeann – 484-955-4278, geemcgarry@gmail.com

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 5 – 8 p.m. St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation Celebration Supper Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for our first annual "Celebration Supper" as we honor the recipient(s) of our "Family Life Award. This special award will be given to an individual or couple from within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who has exhibited virtue in the spirit of our patron, St. Raymond Nonnatus. Join us for great food and fellowship on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Place: Ivy Hall: 6331 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151 Speakers: Fr. Matthew Phelan, O.deM., Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Philadelphia; Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of SRNF; and Mickey Kelly, Board President of SRNF.

Cost: \$75 per person

Registration link: https://www.nonnatus.org/celebrationsupper.html Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world..." -- Our Lady of Fatima "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." -- Pope Saint Pius X

## Canticles in October

Fridays in October join Fr. Paul Stenson as we ponder and pray the Canticles in Scripture. St. Charles Rectory 1:30-2:30. *Absorb your Identity.* 

## Homilies via Email

Fr. Paul Stenson sends out his Homilies from the week. If interested in receiving to reflect upon, drop Fr. Paul Your email. His email is P\_Stenson@yahoo.com



## Save The Date Partnering Parish Social

## A Barn Dance

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**, 6:30pm to 9:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall. Tickets will be available SOON!!!

#### Catholic Women's Conference 2024

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2024 theme is "The Joys of Womanhood, Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful."

Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women are daughters of God with unique gifts that when cultivated will bring joy to ourselves and others. Speakers include: Bishop Christopher Cooke, Father Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, Karla Amezcua, Katie Locus and Sr. Leonie Therese of the Sisters of Life.

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. Early sellout is expected. Register today at: www.catholicwomensconference.org.

## Italy Pilgrimage with the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for an Italy Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Eucharistic Miracles. May 12 -25 2025

The pilgrimage offers the opportunity to explore some of Europe's most magnificent churches and basilicas during the Jubilee in 2025! The pilgrimage is offered through Trinity Tour Travels.

**Hosts:** Father Matthew Phelan, O.deM., Vicar of the Mercedarian Religious Order and Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Philadelphia, and Anne DeSantis, Executive Director for the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation.

To learn more and to register: <a href="https://trinitytourtravels.com/anne-desantis-father-matthew-phelan">https://trinitytourtravels.com/anne-desantis-father-matthew-phelan</a>

Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com



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## Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, Saint Hedwig Parish, and Neighbors:

Re: Disinterment and Reinternment

I wish to inform you of the intention of Sacred Heart Parish, along with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, to disinter the bodies of two former Pastors of Saint Hedwig Parish, Chester.

Reverend Jacob Ploszaj, who died November 7, 1932, known as "The Builder of the Parish," and buried by the Grotto of Our Lady, November 11, 1932; and Reverend Gabriel Kraus, who died April 4, 1938, was also buried at the Grotto of Our Lady at 4th and Hayes Streets, Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

We will reinter their remains at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, located at 1701 Market Street, Linwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 19061.

In our Catholic faith, the care of the human remains of any individual is a Corporal Work of Mercy, and consequently, is carried out as a sacred duty, and in a dignified and respectful manner. Accordingly, we will be guided by our faith to ensure the proper removal, transportation, and reinterment of these two priests who served the people of Saint Hedwig Church faithfully.

If anyone has knowledge and the contact information of the family members of these two priests, please have them contact me as soon as possible

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If I write or say the word "convention" at this time you can't be blamed for conjuring up images of noisy political gatherings two of which we just lived through in this presidential election year. But there is another, less often used version of the word, in the sense of "an established custom. It is something that is generally accepted, something that members of society can agree on. Conventions usually develop because they are useful in some way, but after a time they often become restrictive and oppressive.

Such is the case with religious history. There has been a persistent thread of what we could call "puritanism" throughout. It has had names like "Gnosticism and Dualism." These lead to the idea that the whole purpose in life is to escape from matter, especially sexuality, which ties us down to the material. It is essential for us to know that authentic biblical Christianity, Catholicism for sure, is NOT puritanical.

Bluntly put, there is nothing evil about our bodies, or sex, or sexual longing, or the sexual act. All matter is basically good, because it is created by an all-good God. When Jesus is asked about marriage and divorce, He proposes the context and the ideal for sexual expression in a lifelong union of man and woman. He stresses that this is the divine plan.

That alone is a direct contradiction of what our present-day culture holds as a "convention." Sex and sexual expression are to be indulged in whenever the impulse strikes, with no acknowledgment of a divine plan. It can be engaged in with a same-sex partner as well as one of the opposite sex. It does not require any approval by an outside source, namely the Church and State. Nor is it to be understood as a holy calling endorsed by the Holy Spirit and one of the seven holy sacraments.

Obviously, with such a widespread "convention" accepted by the majority, one will be held in contempt for holding the opposite. As a result, our Christian belief is made a fit subject for mockery.

The ideal of lifelong marital union clashes with the sad reality of divorce. Our Church understands this and works to help those who may be "trapped," as it were, in a certain marital relationship. While bound to Christ's teaching, she may be able to find reasons for such unions not having been sacramental from the start, and she can annul them. But such annulments are not "Catholic divorce."

Meanwhile, it is incumbent on the older married generation to make sure that the younger generation understands the seriousness of preparing to take marriage vows, all the while setting an example of how to keep them over time. That is a very worthwhile "convention."

Admittedly people living the marital vocation must face challenges. That's part of our human condition. But we believers know that we do not face such challenges alone. Christ walks with all of us on our life's journey. He promised as much... In this context, that is a Christian "convention."

Here are two less serious but helpful quotes about marriage to end this reflection:

"Marriage is the union of a person who never remembers anniversaries with one who never forgets them." -Ogden Nash, poet

"Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are." – Will Ferrel, comedian

God love you and give you His peace.