

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

# 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,  
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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. 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

# Masses For The Week

## Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Louis Pontarelli Of Joe Kubicky  
**Sunday, September 1**  
7:30AM Dominic, Vincent & Mary Natale Of Strunk family

**Monday, September 2 Labor Day**  
9:00AM The Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish

**Tuesday, September 3**  
8:30AM Louis Pontarelli Of Clara Tamashunas

**Wednesday, September 4**  
8:30AM Henry J. Grassa, Sr. & Frances Kaminski Of Grassa family

**Saturday, September 7**  
4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family  
**Sunday, September 8**  
7:30AM Mildred & Vincent Salute Of Family

*See the Cover of our Bulletin for times for this weeks First Friday and Saturday Devotions at St. Charles Borromeo.*



### Candles for the Month of September

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori  
Thomas McGehrin Frank Rizzo, Jr.  
Andrew DePiero

## Chaplet of Divine Mercy

You can find a virtual Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the Sacred Heart website  
[www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net)



### 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.

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### Mass Celebrants Weekend of August 31-Sept 1

#### Sacred Heart

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

#### St. Charles Borromeo

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



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 7-8

#### Sacred Heart

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

#### St. Charles Borromeo

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



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**



## Prayer For Labor Day

Heavenly Father, thank You for another chance to celebrate our wins this Labor Day weekend. Thank You for bringing together our loved ones as we take this short reprieve to enjoy each other's company and celebrate all the hard work we have accomplished. We wouldn't have been able to come this far if it was not for Your guidance, for all that we do is for You Lord. While we enjoy our Labor Day celebrations, we vow to continue working hard. Everything we do is in Your name, Lord, and may we never forget that. We lift this prayer to You and Your Holy Spirit, Amen.

*Have a Blessed, Safe & Relaxing Labor Day*

**The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 2**

**Please Note:** The Monday, September 2nd Labor Day Sacred Heart Mass is at 9:00AM

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

**Sacred Heart– August 25, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$1,483.00
Loose		<u>488.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,971.00</b>
Mission Co-Op		310.00
Maintenance		45.00
Loose		131.00

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

**175th Anniversary of Saint Charles Borromeo  
October 13, 2024**

Please see all information on the Parish Websites, including:

Your invitation, Menu selections and purchasing of tickets.

### Family Life Award Nomination 2024

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith is seeking nominations for the *Family Life Award 2024* which will be awarded at our Celebration Supper on December 12, 2024, at Ivy Hall in Overbrook, Philadelphia. We are seeking nominations for an individual or couple who exemplifies the virtues of our faith and is an active member of their parish community within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The deadline for nominations for the award is September 24, 2024.

**To nominate a person or couple,**

<https://www.nonnatus.org/award-recipient-form-2024.html>

Watch our YouTube video to learn more:

[https://youtu.be/\\_6on6qXR81k?si=SCba3ZUUH1I3HVT9](https://youtu.be/_6on6qXR81k?si=SCba3ZUUH1I3HVT9)

Questions? Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

### Mass of Healing

*Be prepared to be healed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

Our Lady of Fatima Church on **September 6th**. Prayer and Praise at 6:45pm; Mass at 7:00pm. Music provided by Martha's House. Come and share what God has done in your life! Prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayers.

### Our Lady of Peace Women Retreat

**September 13-15th**. The theme will be "This is a time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Mark 1:15. To register, call 610 644-0400 or go directly to Our Lady Of Peace - 2024 - Malvern  
**Retreat House: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)** 092-3

Dear Partnering Parishioners:

The members of our parish who are of the Indian Community, are planning a special celebration to honor the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Sunday, September 8, 2024**, at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

If your schedule permits, all are welcome to join in this wonderful way to honor our Blessed Mother's birthday.

**Please see the schedule:**

11:15 am - Gathering near the Grotto of Our Lady

11:30 am - Flower offering to Mother Mary and procession back to Church

12:00 noon - Holy Mass with Guest Celebrant Father Fredrick Clement

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Fellowship lunch and activities at the Parish Hall (Indian vegetarian food)

3:30 pm - Clean up before the 4pm Sunday evening Mass

God bless,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros

### FINAL Eileen George Prayer Group Led by Fr. Paul Stenson

Join us on **Sunday, September 15** - 2 - 3 PM A grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments. We look forward to being with you. Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

**Bishop Neumann and Saint Maria Goretti** classes of 1974 are planning a combined reunion for September 13th, 2024. We are presently gathering address and email information from alumni. Email: [jriccit@aol.com](mailto:jriccit@aol.com) (Janet Ricci Tomasco) or [anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com](mailto:anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com) (Anthony DeFrancesco) at to submit your information.

### Retrouaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **October 4 - 6** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### St. Kevin's Trip to Woodloch Pines Pocono Mountain Family Resort – October 7-11, 2024.

4 Night Accommodations at this scenic award-winning Resort. Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Over 30 activities daily including Haunted Hayride, Day/Night entertainment. Roundtrip motorcoach from St. Kevin's lot. Double Occupancy \$1,140pp For Reservations Contact: Melanie - All Aboard Cruises & Travel 610.957.5031

**Inter-Faith Prayer Service of Remembrance  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:00p.m.  
The 23rd Anniversary**

at

**St. Charles Borromeo Church  
3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
All Friends and Neighbors, Pastors and  
Congregations, are welcome to join us as we pray  
and remember, seeking new hope from God.**

**R.S.V.P. [rectory@scbdh.org](mailto:rectory@scbdh.org) or  
[sacredheartchurch@rcn.com](mailto:sacredheartchurch@rcn.com)**

**We remember** each year our country recalls the anniversary of 9/11, where the families of victims gather for a ceremony on the 9/11 Memorial Plaza to read aloud the names of the 2,983 men, women, and children killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks, as well as the February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Six moments of silence mark the times when each of the World Trade Center towers were struck, when each tower fell, and the times corresponding to the attack at the Pentagon, and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

**We celebrate and believe** in God, who calls us to be His co-creators in this time, builders of a better tomorrow, and collaborators in doing good works with each other for a better world.

**Please share this invitation with family, friends and people of good will so they can join us.**

**9TH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL** at St. Bede the Venerable Parish~ **September 14-15**, located in Holland, PA (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its 9th Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. Visit: [www.padrefestivalhollandpa.com](http://www.padrefestivalhollandpa.com) or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720

**Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 50th reunion** 6- 10 p.m. **Friday, September 27** at Paxon Hollow Country Club. The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices. Class members are asked to send name and email address to [bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com).

**Bonner & Prendie Classes of 1969 Reunion**  
55th High School Reunion for Sunday, **September 29th** from 3 to 7 At the Paxton Hollow Country Club. The ticket price is \$69.00 which includes Food and an Open Bar. There will be a limit of 250 tickets sold. Checks to "MBAP Class of 69 Reunion" to: 403 N Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill PA

**Cardinal O'Hara High School**  
**50th Reunion for the Class of 1974.** The reunion is **October 19, 2024** at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico or 610.633.0783. or [jcaramanico56@gmail.com](mailto:jcaramanico56@gmail.com)

### Say the Word

"Do you want to be a Sister when you grow up?" Sister asked. The five-year old replied, "If God calls me!" We were impressed by this little girl's answer. Of course, when she was asked later, she had a few different answers, such as, "No, I want to be an artist." We were gathered together to celebrate three of our Sisters being consecrated to Our Lord at their Perpetual Profession of Vows. The little girl was the daughter of a friend of one of these Sisters and we reminded her that Sister was both a Sister and an artist. That made her think.

Most of us go back and forth between being happy to go wherever God calls us, and then having some hesitation as we think we will be happier following our own plans. The truth is that God knows us better than we know ourselves and we will always be happier in the long run following His plan, even though it may mean giving up some worldly pleasure in the present moment.

I hope as we celebrate the Laborer this Labor Day weekend, we can recall Jesus' direction to ask the Master of the Harvest to send forth more laborers into the vineyard - that is, to help more men and women, boys and girls to be brought to God through His Church. Please pray about who God is calling you to invite to His Table in Heaven - a friend or neighbor away from the Church, a child (or adult) who is not baptized or has not received First Communion or Confirmation, or a young man or woman you think may be called by God to be a Priest, Sister, or Religious Brother. And then invite them! I'll be praying for you.

### Prayers for PREP

Mary Immaculate, Queen of the Apostles, pray the Lord of the Harvest that He send forth more laborers into His vineyard. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Amen.

### Discover Your Vocation: Permanent Diaconate Information Session

Are you being called to serve? Join us for an informative evening exploring the Permanent Diaconate. Thursday, **September 19, 2024**, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002. This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) aged 29 to 55. Engage with a panel of clergy and learn about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and the School for Diaconal Formation program. **Ready to take the next step? Scan the QR code to register and secure your spot!**



Want to learn more visit  
<https://archphila.org/deacon>  
or  
School of Diaconal Formation website  
<https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>

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

I'm sure that many of you have seen that disconcerting sign posted in many restrooms, especially in restaurants: "Employees must wash their hands before returning to duty." Or words to that effect. Is the possibility so real of restaurant employees not washing before going back to handling food? I suppose so. Just from what I have observed often enough of the non-washing of hands that occurs in men's rooms, I can understand why the sign.

For the observant Jews of Our Lord's time, ritual washing was a hallmark of their culture. As the guardians of that culture, our meticulous friends the Pharisees would justifiably pounce upon any miscreants. This whole matter must have struck people of other cultures as a peculiarity. Of course, back then nobody knew or even imagined the existence of something called "germs."

But the Pharisees mentioned in our gospel episode for today saw a chance to pose a loaded question to Jesus, hoping to label Him and His followers as "unclean." Little did they know with whom they were dealing. It took them a seemingly long time to catch on. In this instance, Our Lord made what for them may have been a somewhat startling observation: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Now none of us were present at this scene, of course. But it doesn't strain our imaginations to picture the look on the Pharisees' faces. It was a combination of anger and resentment for being bested by a young rabbi from Nazareth of all places, with no formal credentials to claim. But this story is included in the gospels by the intent of the Holy Spirit for all of us who hear it in our particular space and time.'

We know all about the occasional presence in us of what has to be called "evil." Dark thoughts about others that manifest in rash judgment of them. Perverted imaginings in the sexual order. Even unexpressed anger against God. Or His Church. Or anything that we know deep down should have no place in our hearts. Especially if we want to be in sync with the Sacred Heart.

Moses had told the people of his time that observance of God's Law would give "evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations (Gentiles)." Our world at the present time needs our Christian evidence of wisdom and intelligence even if it first reacts with mockery and cynicism. When all is said and done, all of us want a fullness of life, free from guilt. We have the key to that life in the bible, especially in the gospels. I

This extended weekend we honor the goodness of work and those who do manual labor for a living. The witness of hands dirty from honest work certainly enhances creation. As does all human work. The cleansing of hands before coming up the aisle to receive the Holy Eucharist is a mark of our respect. But after Mass, it is a "hands on" approach to God's will that we acknowledge in praying the "Our Father" prayer that this civic holiday hints at to be spiritually alert and fully alive.

God love you and give you His peace.

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

We meet Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:50pm for Levels 1-7, from September through May. We provides classes for children of all abilities. Children with cognitive, sensory, physical, or social disabilities are welcome to attend PREP.

**Registration Fees:** 1 Child: \$140, 2 Children: \$200, 3 or more children: \$250

Registration forms can be found on the parish websites ([scbdh.org](http://scbdh.org), [standrewdh.org](http://standrewdh.org), [sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://sacredheart-cliftonheights.net)) or in the Churches and may be turned in at the Parish Offices.

**Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.**

Questions contact Sr. Mylene Rosemarie at [dre@scbdh.org](mailto:dre@scbdh.org) If there is a financial need, please contact the PREP Office.

