

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 17, 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

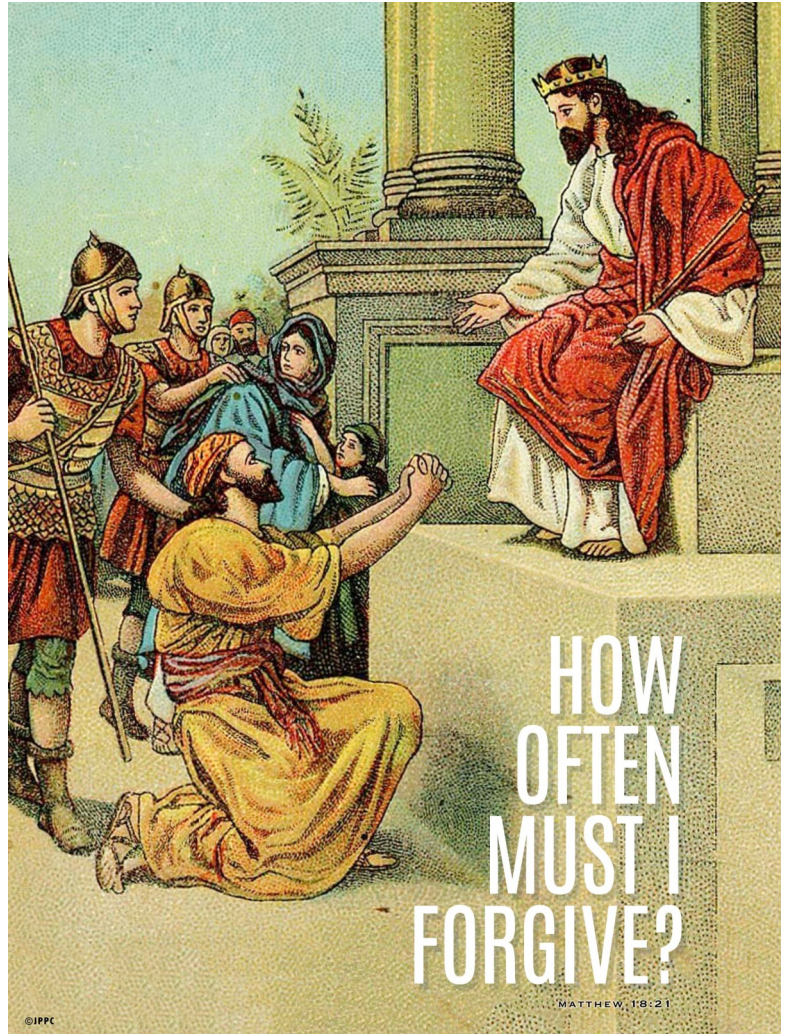
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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 Anne Pontarelli Of Greg & Michelle Hartel

Sunday, September 17

7:30AM Mildred Salute Of Family

Monday, September 18

8:30AM Lois Purvis Of Friend

Tuesday, September 19

8:30AM Romeo D'Orazio Of D'Orazio family

Wednesday, September 20

8:30AM John Barlow Of Family

Saturday, September 23

4:00PM Marriane Pyfer Of Tom & Stella Pyfer & family

Sunday, September 24

7:30AM Gary Schnell Of wife, Patti

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, September 17

9:15AM Andrew Gluszek Of Family

Sunday, September 24

9:15AM Josephine & Peter Kurek, Sr. Peter Kurek, Jr. & Dennis & Maryann Kurek Of Christine

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 September

Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
Thomas McGehrin

St. Hedwig

Alexander & Leokadia Romatowski

Paul Stenson's Homilies

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



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.

Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 16-17

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 23-24

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Catechetical Sunday

"Come to me all who labor and are burdened" is the theme for the 2023 Catechetical Sunday observed **this weekend**. All parishes in the United States will recognize the Ministry of the Word and those who have dedicated themselves to passing on the faith.

Pray with the Little Flower, St. Therese



Fellowship is necessary for our climbing Mount Zion. The Communion of Saints witness the path to heaven. Introduce others to the power of intercession, and invite them to join us for a **Triduum of St. Therese of Lisieux**.

Friday, September 29, Holy Hour 7:00pm ~ Her Poetry

Saturday, September 30th, Holy Hour 7:00pm ~
Her Act of Oblation

Sunday, October 1st, Holy Hour 7:00pm ~
Favorite Quotations

**St. Charles Borromeo Church,
3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA.**

Presented by: Fr. Paul Stenson

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– September 3, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	46	\$1,984.00
Loose		<u>212.00</u>
Total		2,196.00
Loose		98.00
Mission Cooperative		200.00
Black & Indian		252.00

St. Hedwig - September 3, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	23	\$1,332.00
Loose		<u>80.00</u>
Total		1,412.00
Black & Indian		105.00

Sacred Heart– September 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	42	\$1,515.00
Loose		<u>145.00</u>
Total		1,660.00
Loose		71.00
Catholic Education		222.00
Black & Indian		10.00

St. Hedwig - September 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	22	\$925.00
Loose		<u>25.00</u>
Total		950.00
Catholic Education		47.00

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

HELP US HELP OTHERS



Next Sunday's 2nd collection will be to support the St Vincent de Paul Society of our partnering parishes. Please be generous. 100% of your donations go to help the needy right here in our own back yard, and the need is real! We're also accepting

donations of non-perishable foods. You can leave those in the back of the churches..

You can't buy your way into heaven but your generosity can take you to the gates.

JOIN THE FATHER BILL ATKINSON PILGRIMAGE

The second annual Father Bill Atkinson Pilgrimage will take place on **Thursday, September 21, 2023**. The Pilgrimage is a journey of faith and friendship seeking the intercession of S.O.G. Father Bill Atkinson. We will begin at St. Thomas of Villanova Church on Villanova's Campus at 3:30pm with a prayer service led by Father Rob Hagan. We will then begin a 4-mile accessible walk to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Wayne. Please register today and find more information on our website: www.friendsoffatherbill.org.



To join as a **new user** go to formed.org

Select **sign up** and then choose **I belong to a parish or organization** then type in St. Charles Borromeo OR 19026 and follow the easy instructions. If you are **already a member** of formed all you need to do is type in your email address and you are automatically signed in.

Is the Catechism True?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Edmund Mitchell, co-founder of the catechetical series Real + True, to discuss the exciting new program on the catechism called Real + True available on FORMED. This catechetical series created by Our Sunday Visitor walks through the Catechism of the Catholic Church with animation, story-telling, and podcast episodes.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD A PLACE TO HEAL

FROM ABORTION DATES:

NOVEMBER 3 – 5, 2023

LOCATION: IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER 210 IHM DRIVE
MALVERN, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan 610-716-4795, Georgeann – 484-955-4278

Go, Make Disciples

A Mini-Course in Missionary Discipleship

9:00 am-12:00 pm Saturdays, October 14, November 18 and December 9, 2023

(Participants attend all 3 sessions)

St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Narberth \$25.00* includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guidebook. To register: phillyevang.org/events **See Flyer on Parish Website.**

Save the Date for Holy Cross Events

October 7, 2023 Holy Cross All Class ~ All Parish Reunion Beef & Beer,

November 4, 2023 Annual Craft Fair

Don't Miss Out ~ Participate Virtually
Eucharistic Congress "The Gift of Finest Wheat:
This is My Body Given Up for You
Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM 2023
Here is the link to register for virtual participation:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>
(link can also be found on the parish website)

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage
October 6-8, 2023 at the Malvern Retreat House
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Upcoming programs will be held **October 6-8, 2023** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. **To register**, call 215- 766-3944. **or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org**

50 Year Reunion Bonner Prendie Class of '73
The Bonner-Prendie Class of 1973 will be celebrating our 50 Year Reunion September 21 to 23, 2023 For information go to www.bonnerprendie.com and search Class of '73 Reunion

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend MARRIED COUPLES "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experiences are **Nov. 10-12** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wmephillly.org/>.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

Don't Miss Out

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 2023 theme is "Created for Love: Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother".**

Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women can enter more deeply into these five primary ways of relating to God and others and so experience deeper fulfillment and bring greater joy to others. Speakers include: Sr. Mary Madeline Todd of the Nashville Dominicans, Sarah Swafford, Claudine Noel, Mallory Smyth and the Sisters of Life.

Saturday, October 28, 2023, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English and Spanish. Early sellout is expected.

Register at: www.catholicwomensconference.org

Retrouvaille is a nationwide, three-phase program: A weekend experience, 12 post sessions and monthly meetings for marriage enrichment. **For more information please email HOPE@HelpOurMarriage.org or 1-800-470-2230**

PREP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18TH

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

We meet **Monday evenings** from 6:30pm to 7:50pm



"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 30th** and ending **Saturday, October 29th.**



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CENTER
FOR REHABILITATION & HEALTHCARE

Pastoral Care Department

10400 Roosevelt Boulevard ~ Philadelphia, PA

Dear Faithful Catholics,

As Chaplain of St. John Neumann I am responsible for the spiritual welfare of the residents & employees of St. John Neumann Center. While no longer owned by the Church, SJN maintains regular Mass, sacraments and devotions for the benefit of the residents. Before covid there were many volunteers who helped throughout the building, now there are a handful of devoted volunteers. Typically, Mass is at 11AM Monday to Thursday, and Sunday Mass is usually at 2PM and sometimes earlier. On Friday & Saturday our volunteers lead the Rosary & other devotions at 11AM. All masses are open to the public.

In pastoral care we could use volunteers who are willing to give residents a listening ear, help transport residents to Chapel, bring them Holy Communion and pray with them. If anyone might be interested, please e-mail me at hmckale@stjnrehab.org or leave a message at my SJN 215-698- 5664 .

To volunteer I would need a letter from your pastor attesting that you are a practicing Catholic in good standing.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1Peter 4:10).

May God bless you & Mary keep you.

Fr. Harold McKale

Chaplain, St. John Neumann Center

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

All one must do is experience a heart attack to have new respect for your cardiologist. You not only recognize his medical education, but also the importance of your so-called "ticker" in a way not appreciated before the crisis. I know this personally.

In Our Lord's time, medicine was comparatively primitive. So, people regarded the heart as the seat of invisible realities, and it made you the person you are. People had a spiritual side, but never spoke of something called the "soul." Handicapped by this, when Jesus urged people to obey His controversial mandate about forgiveness, He appealed to their hearts. In our day, He might appeal to our deepest sensitivity, or our spiritual core. Nonetheless, there would still be His demand that there should be no place in us for "holding on to a grudge."

This matter of Christ-like forgiveness has all the difficulty of moving a mountain with a shovel. It also contradicts every natural impulse we have not to forgive. To hold on to a grudge, or devise ways to exact revenge against the offender. That behavior is often the "stuff" of courtroom confrontation. What keeps personal attorneys busy.

Our American psyche has a way of making us hell bent on protecting our rights. Christ is not against us having our rights. But He cannot tolerate our being "hell bent" on anything. He is both all-just and all-merciful.

But do we ever consider God's "rights"? After all, He is our creator. He made us from mere dust. Hasn't He then had the "right, so to speak" to call upon us, His creatures, to choose His way of thinking and acting? True as that is, notice how He "stands back" and grants us the power to disagree with Him! Amazing! But on our part, there lies sin, and every other evil.

Christopher de Vinck, a husband, father and grandfather, and veteran public-school teacher of 40 years, in his book, *The Power of the Powerless*, tells a simple but provocative story. He writes:

One spring afternoon my five-year-old son David and I were planting raspberry bushes along the side of the garage. A neighbor joined us for a few moments. David pointed to the ground. "Look Daddy! What's that?" I stopped talking to my neighbor and looked down. "A beetle." I said. David was impressed and pleased with the discovery of this fancy, colorful creature.

My neighbor lifted his foot and stepped on the insect, giving his shoe an extra twist in the dirt. "That ought to do it," he laughed. David looked up at me, waiting for an explanation, a reason. That night, just before I turned off the light in his bedroom, David whispered "I liked that beetle, Daddy." "I did too," I whispered back.

Deinck concludes his story by writing, "We have the power to choose." God love you and give you the grace to choose wisely.

God love you and help you to choose forgiveness.

Say the Word

"Do you have any questions for Sister?" The young lady hadn't been to Mass very often and had a lot of questions, but the one that came out first was, "What did you get when you went up to the front? Was it a picture of Jesus?" I told her, "No, it was actually Jesus. It looked like a little round piece of flat bread, like a cracker, but after the priest prayed over it, it changed, and it was actually Jesus!" Her amazement was apparent from the look on her face and the way she held her head in her hands.

It is amazing, isn't it? When receiving Holy Communion we don't receive a picture of Jesus, or a symbol of Jesus, but we actually receive Jesus! St. Francis of Assisi said, "Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest." During this Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival, we will strive to pass on this reality to our parish children in our PREP program and to our post-Confirmation young people in Young Disciples.

Prayers for PREP

Lord Jesus, may we be a people of Eucharistic Amazement, sharing our wonder with those in our family and in our parish. As our parish children begin PREP this week, we pray that each Sunday they are brought to the altar at Mass where they can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen.