

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 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

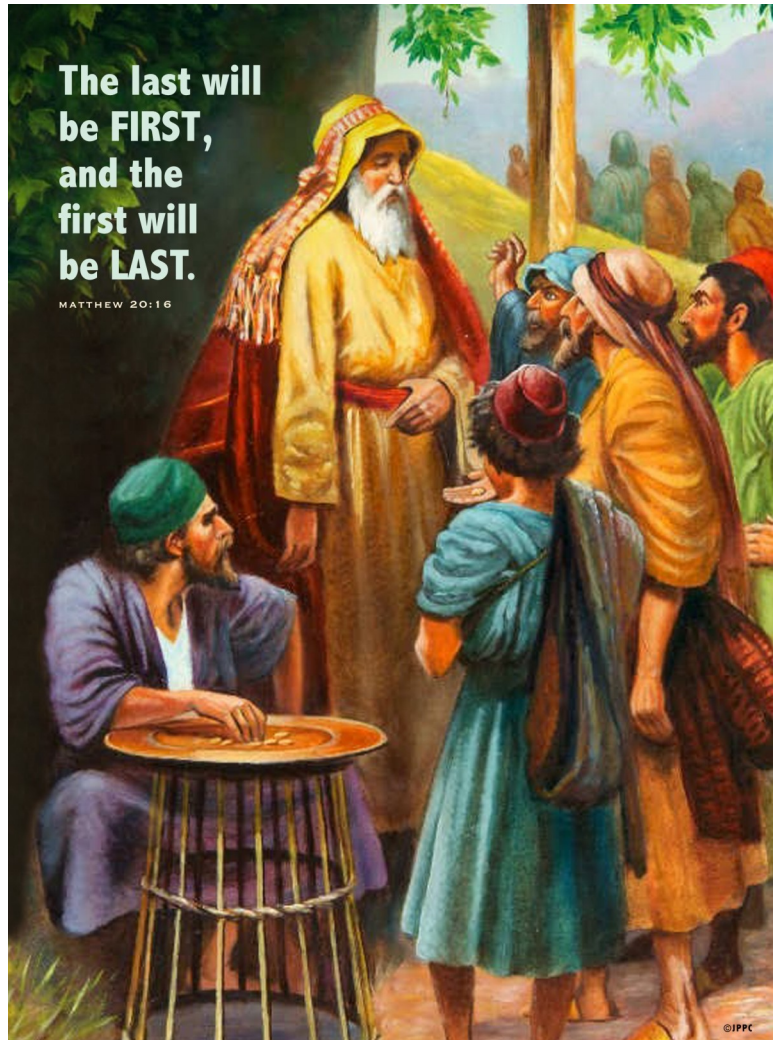
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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 Marriane Pyfer Of Tom & Stella Pyfer & family

Sunday, September 24

7:30AM Gary Schnell Of wife, Patti

Monday, September 25

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, September 26

8:30AM Joseph Kelly Of Jim & Barbara Gawbill & family

Wednesday, September 27

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, September 30

4:00PM Frank Rizzo, Jr. Of Tom & Helene Barrett

Sunday, October 1

7:30AM Debbie Eck Calciano Of Marge Lagana

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, September 24

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

Sunday, October 1

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

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

Date Change ~ Please Note

The Sacred Heart **Annual Memorial Mass and Induction Ceremony** has been moved to **Saturday, November 4, 2023** at our 4:00PM Mass.



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 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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 30– October 1

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

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



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

The Lord, Teach Me To Pray Group continues to meet on **Thursday evenings** through December 14th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Rectory. All are welcome to attend!

SAVE THE DATES ~ Forty Hours Devotion

October 15, 16, 17 at Sacred Heart Church 7:00PM

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 17, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	43	\$1,475.00
Loose		165.00
Total		1,640.00
Loose		150.00
Catholic Education		35.00
Maintenance		20.00

St. Hedwig - September 17, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	20	\$721.00
Loose		71.00
Total		792.00
Catholic Education		40.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously

Please Help The Catholic Charities Appeal

I recently received a letter from Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, which reads: "We've entered the second half of the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal year. With God's grace and through the generosity in our local Church, we hope to meet our goal of raising \$12.5 million. These funds will allow us to bring to hundreds of thousands of people (in our local Church) in need throughout the region. This year, donations to the CCA have been significantly impacted due to rising costs and surging economic inflation. Each day, Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries work tirelessly to provide emergency shelter for the homeless, counsel and support for individuals struggling with addiction, food and nutrition assistance for hungry families, job training, employment support, and much more.

To date, **Sacred Heart Parish has raised 98%** of its goal for the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal. I'm deeply grateful for this generous support from you. Reaching parish goals is more than vital than ever right now. I ask, if you have not already contributed to the CCA, please prayerfully do so. If you have contributed, I ask you to prayerfully consider making an additional contribution to help others in need. Your pastor can help you in this vital matter. Together, one family in Christ, we can make a difference in the lives of all in need. Please be assured of my prayers."

Help Us Ignite the Faith of our Young Parishioners

Please join us on **Sunday, October 1 at 1p.m.** at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory for a discussion/planning session focused on creating a vibrant Young Disciples program for students in 8-10th grades.

We want input from people of every age (Parents, Teenagers, Young Adults, Men & Women of the Parish) who want to help our young parishioners grow in their faith. All we ask is that you bring your ideas and passion. We will provide the snacks and a proposal for an intra-parish Youth Ministry Program for Teens in grades 8, 9 and 10.

Confirmation is just the beginning of a young person's faith journey and we want to do all we can to help them grow in their faith and be involved in our respective parishes.

If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Tina Angelo 610-513 8731 tangelo212@yahoo.com or Sue Killeen 484-432-5695 susan.killeen@comcast.net.

FORMED

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.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Little Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

The Jesus Stories

Created to help children apply the lessons found in the parables of Jesus, each 10 minute episode includes a story situation that children today can relate to, a parable, and a thought-provoking way to apply it.

Catholic Heroes of Faith

This series presents true stories of people whose example of service to Christ and his Church have made a lasting impression on others. These heroes lived truly great lives, marked by moral depth, strength of character, outstanding courage, and unswerving commitment. Seeing the struggles they faced, and how they succeeded so gloriously, we are challenged to follow their sample of dedication.

Feast Day ~ Saint Francis of Assisi



Blessing Of Animals

Animals will be blessed **Wednesday, October 4th** at **12:00 Noon** in front of the Church at Sacred Heart and also at **6:45PM** in the Grotto at St. Charles Borromeo.

Please make sure your pets are leashed or in a crate to keep them and others safe.

Come and See Dates 2023-2024

Come & See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. To register for one or more of these events, and see dates contact Fr. Friel, Vocation Director (fr.dfriel@archphila.org):

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**

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.wmephilly.org/>.

**Camilla Hall Oktoberfest & Craft Fair, October 7, 2023
10 AM - 4 PM**

Crafts ~ White Elephant ~ Children's Games ~ Bingo
Food ~ Baked Goods ~ Theme & Sports Baskets ~ Prizes
Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355
Parking Immaculata University, 1145 W. King Road, Immaculata, PA Shuttles will be available from the Immaculata University parking lots to and from Camilla Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

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". 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

Catholic Support for Mental Health Website

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing **mental health struggles** and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the *Be Encouraged* website at archphila.org/support.

Marriage Preparation Courses

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the "Joy-Filled Marriage" Program for engaged couples. All courses are delivered online. To register, please visit

PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com.



"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.**

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)

Public Square Rosary ~ 12:00 Noon

Saturday, October 14th

At the 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. We will ask Our lady to intercede with her son for the end of abortion and the many other evils which plague our country today and threaten to destroy America. Please join us in prayer and song for one hour on that special day on the Church lawn at Foss Avenue and School Lane, Drexel Hill. Bring your rosary and feel free to bring a chair or blanket. Our Lady needs your prayers! America needs your prayers!

All are welcome! For more information, please text or call Raphael at 610-613-7481.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You may recall reading George Orwell's social fiction novel 1984. It chronicles the life of Winston Smith, a low-ranking member of "the Party." Smith is frustrated by the omnipresent spying eyes of the party, and its ominous ruler Big Brother. "Big Brother" controls every aspect of people's lives.

The book featured something called "Newspeak." That was a purposely ambiguous and confusing language with restricted grammar and very limited vocabulary used in Oceania. Orwell states its purpose as something "to diminish the range of thought." For example, the term "plusgood" had replaced the words "better" and "very good." Other examples include "bellyfeel", which was the blind acceptance of an idea, and "blackwhite," meaning "to accept whatever one is told, regardless of the facts."

I thought especially of all this twisted language as I reflected on the parable Jesus tells us in this weekend's passage from St. Matthew's gospel. It includes the way the landowner speaks and acts in the story, so apparently different from what most of us would say or think. You might call it "Godspeak" as the landowner asks his workers: "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Not even a hint here about an oppressive overlord kind of "Big Brother" God to contend with in decision making.

In Our Lord's parable, when landowner asks the more ego- piercing question "Are you envious because I am generous?" We listeners get the point. As a follow-up, God declares the powerful truth that "my thoughts are not your thoughts." And He adds: "so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Our modern-day thinking might scold the landowner's failure to act according to present day labor union rules. But then we would miss the point of the parable. That is to underscore God's generosity. It's a generosity that we very much need when we go to confession. And very much in evidence when we walk up the aisle to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. We will need that same generosity after we die and face His judgment in an appointment ever on our calendars.

To yield to any kind of "newspeak" or "double talk" that we might devise in order to deny these spiritual realities would be the biggest mistake we could make. Even a fatal one. We know this. But we often forget about the busyness of our lives.

We can certainly praise the Lord that we are not living in George Orwell's 1984. Instead "we live and move and have our being" in our good Lord's 2023. Our hope is intact and fixed on eternity. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to remember this truth: *"Some people use language to express thought, some to conceal thought, and others instead of thought."*

God love you, and help you make your thinking more like God's.

Say the Word

I hope my child..."learns more about what our Savior Jesus is like and does good things...improves her relationship with God...has more patience...will continue to grow in her faith as well as flourish in community here...develops a better intimacy with God...doesn't get in trouble...learns to call on the Lord at any time through life...finds some kind of peace about life and learning...grows in maturity...knows that with God he will always have a place." These are some of the hopes shared by our parish parents for their children in PREP.

The theme for PREP this year is "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened." The opening night of PREP included a time for parents to share what their hopes are for their children with each other and then a witness from a parishioner who had come to Jesus in the Church one day and poured out her burdens, asking for the gift of faith. She received an answer to that prayer that kept on giving, and encouraged our PREP parents to come to God with their burdens and joys. This will be something we will focus on sharing throughout the year, with both children and parents.

Prayers for PREP

Jesus, our refuge, we bring to you today all the burdens that weigh us down. We pray for all the families in our parishes that all of us, adults and children, will have the courage to admit we can't live this life on our own. We need you, Lord. Help us. Amen.