

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 3, 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

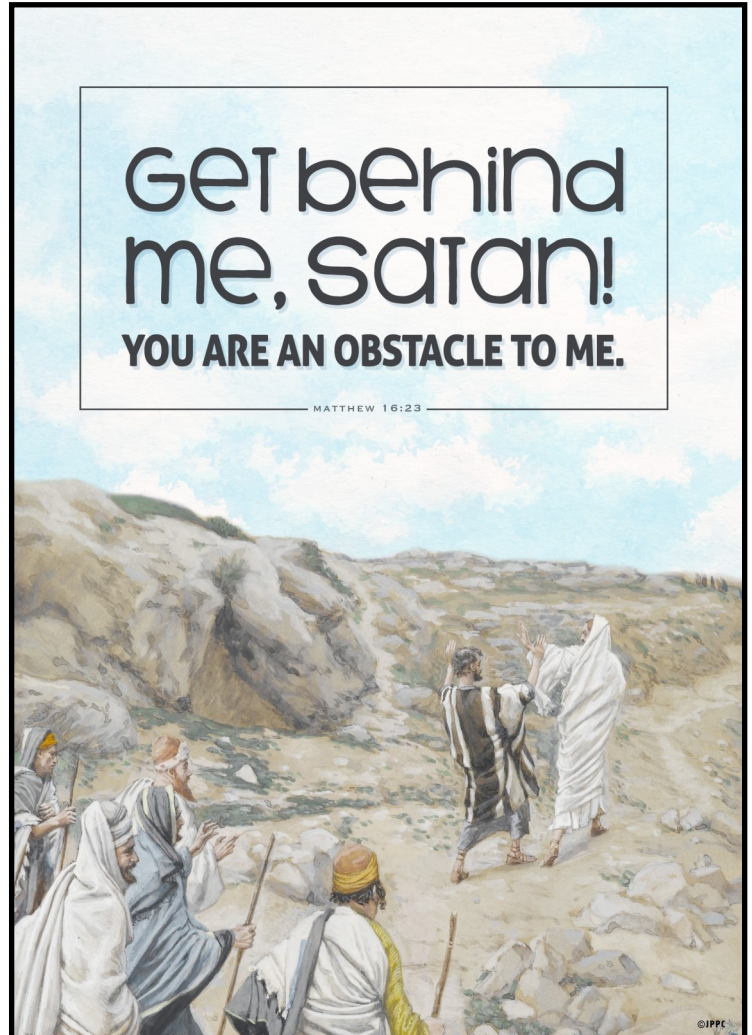
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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 Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, September 3

7:30AM Dominic & Vincent & Mary Natale Of Mary Lou Strunk

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

9:00AM The Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, September 5

8:30AM Ann McFadden Stuhlman Of Dolores McLoughlin

Wednesday, September 6

8:30AM Henry Grassa, Sr. & Frances Kaminska Of Grassa family

Saturday, September 9

4:00PM Vincent & Mildred Salute Of Family

Sunday, September 10

7:30AM Helen & Felix Pincurek Of Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, September 3

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Sunday, September 10

9:15AM Stanley Zoltak Of Zoltak family

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be open Monday through Friday 9:00A.M to 12:00 Noon

Hospitality Sunday

The Legion of Mary of St Charles Borromeo Church is hosting Hospitality Sunday **on Sunday, September 10th** following the 10:00AM Mass in honor of Our Lady's Birthday.

All are invited!.



Candles for the Month of September

Sacred Heart
Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
Thomas McGehrin

St. Hedwig
Alexander & Leokadia Romatowski



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 2-3

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 9-10

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



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 & Tuesday, September 4-5

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

Although the in-person registration is sold out, due to continued interest, the Committee has made it possible for the faithful to participate **VIRTUALLY** in the Eucharistic Congress **via livestream**.

Here is the link to register for virtual participation:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>

(link can also be found on the parish website)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart— August 27, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	35	\$1,042.00
Loose		351.00
Total		1,393.00
Loose		174.00
Mission Cooperative		25.00
Maintenance		10.00

St. Hedwig - August 27, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	23	\$614.00
Loose		17.00
Total		631.00
Assumption		5.00
Energy		10.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Beginning Thursday September 14, 2023 @ 7PM

in the rectory basement of St. Joseph Church

500 Woodlawn Ave, Collingdale PA 610.583.4530

What do we really believe as Catholics? Will Knowledge of my faith help me in my daily life? Does better understanding of my faith lead to more peace and joy in life? Will the truth of my Catholic faith strengthen me in all the challenges of my life? These and other questions may be answered as you come and explore the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" with Father Gabin. No books are needed for this free discussion. Come and enjoy the splendor of our precious Catholic faith.

AbbeyFest

The AbbeyFest returns to Daylesford Abbey in Paoli on Saturday, **September 16, 2023** featuring headliner Matthew West! Tickets and sponsorships, a schedule for the day, and more information are available at TheAbbeyFest.com.

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.

Catholic Grandparents Ministry September 2023 to May 2024

Grandparents, You have a great influence for evangelizing the family. Please join the Catholic Grandparents Ministry to support other Grandparents and to pray for our children and grandchildren. You can help build a vibrant Grandparents ministry and become equipped to pass on the faith. This is a zoom meeting. Meetings are held the first **Tuesday of each month at 7PM** by zoom. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 5.** If you need more information, want to be added to our email list and get the zoom link, please contact Lidia Manieri 610-350-7232 or email idia@mmanieri.com.

September 11th—Remembrance Service 22nd Anniversary

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 and February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Six moments of silence mark the times when each of the World Trade Center towers was 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.

Come and pray as we gather together with neighbors and friends asking God to light a new hope in our hearts in an
**Inter-faith Prayer Service of Remembrance, Hope,
and New Life**

**Monday, September 11, 2023 at St. Charles Borromeo
Church, 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026
7:00p.m.**

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. R.S.V.P. sacredheartchurch@rcn.com rectory@scbdh.org

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with the Lord?
Can your prayer life use a booster?
Consider taking part in

**A Prayer Group for Women based on the
spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola**

A trained facilitator leads a small faith sharing group for 1-2 hours once a week for 12 weeks in a confidential setting. Participants are introduced to the methods of the Ignatian style of prayer, meditation and contemplation, as well as the Daily Examen. **Come and learn more about how Lord, Teach Me To Pray works at an information night on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7PM**

**Sacred Heart Rectory
316 E Broadway Avenue
Clifton Heights, PA 19018**

Please RSVP by email to Mary Powers

marykenneypowers@gmail.com

Rectory - sacredheartchurch@rcn.com

**Part 1—Praying Christian Virtues For Women begins
Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Sacred Heart Rectory,
Clifton Heights at 7:00PM**

The 57th Annual Polish American Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, located at 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA, takes place during Labor Day Weekend, **Sunday, September 3rd**, and Labor Day **Monday, September 4th** from 12 Noon to 8 P.M. each day.

Fall Bereavement Support Group

St. Bernadette Parish will host an eight-week Bereavement Support Group beginning Tuesday, **September 5** from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Wright Center, accessible from the Harper Avenue parking lot. For more information and to register, please contact George Salloom 610- 306-0252 or georgesalloom@hotmail.com

Bonner & Prendie 70th Anniversary

On September 9, from 12-4, Bonner & Prendie will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the opening on the schools with an Open House at the campus. Tour the school, learn about what is happening at the school today and enjoy music and catching up with old friends. Food, drinks and Bonner & Prendie apparel will be available for sale.

The day will conclude with a mass at 4:00, celebrated by Fr. Mostardi. For more info, visit www.bonnerprendie.com

Eileen George Prayer Group 2-3pm on September 10

Will be led by BISHOP PEPE at Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown. We will pray for Eileen's Intercession as well as have a teaching from her service (s). For information about Eileen go to www.EileenGeorge.org and find out about Meet the Father Ministry. For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello (phone or text) her at 610-547-7308



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.



PREP REGISTRATION

Would you like your child(ren)...

- to have the best Friend ever?
- to serve those in need?
- to pray with other children?
- to be strengthened in faith?
- to be confident in who they are?

Would you like your family...

- to be part of a community?
- to celebrate the sacraments and serve the needy together?
- to talk about the most important things in life?

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

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

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

Registration forms can be found on the parish websites (scbdh.org, standrewdh.org, sacredheart-cliftonheights.net) or in the Churches and may be turned in to the Parish Offices. **Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.**

Please contact Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, pvmi with any questions: (215)983-9462, or srtheresam@scbdh.org

If there is a financial need, please contact the PREP Office. **Registration fees can be paid through our SCRIP fundraising program.**

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The comedian Jim Gaffigan is a funny man; a family man; and the father of five. So, when he takes on Disney World as a kind of tortuous experience for both parents and grandparents, he knows of what he speaks, even if he exaggerates a little. Being the escort of five youngsters through the glorified amusement park has all the thrills of babysitting in crowded spaces.

None of that disappointment with any divine promise. Even when what God promises might be something we would never choose. Matthew's gospel presents a special moment in Jesus' life, in which He predicts His coming Passion, death and resurrection. Ever ready with an impulsive reaction, the future St. Peter blurts out a rebuke, only to be called by Jesus as "Satan." The big fisherman had yet to learn about what a divine perspective brings to everything.

Our Lord follows up on His prediction with His qualification for true discipleship: we are to willingly forfeit our own egos and plans. Then comes the real "kicker": our ultimate judgment will depend on our conduct. "Ouch!" you may be thinking.

But we gather at our weekend Eucharist as optimists. We know that our main task is always the same: to know, love and serve God. Our conduct will meet any obstacle if we just keep on trying to do this every day and rely on the Holy Eucharist and the example of the saints for perseverance.

Our American Labor Day holiday was set up not to end the summer and reopen schools, but to honor workers as part of the American organized labor movement. The repair of the I-95 collapse this past Spring was a tribute to the workers who accomplished the job in record time.

But there is a spiritual labor we can do together as a Church to repair any collapse of society's relationship to God, as well as our own, even if both take time and patience. We believe that God has loved each of us into existence as part of His "works," His choice demands that love to be requited. We will only know for sure how well we have done so when a smiling Lord greets us at Heaven's gate.

Meanwhile, other people can mar our good works, or misinterpret them for the flimsiest of reasons. Case in point: a certain priest gave an inspiring homily at Mass one weekend morning. Afterwards, an excited teenage girl greeted Father in the vestibule, and searching for words to express her gratitude she blurted out "Father, I thought your sermon was just superfluous!"

Smiling the priest overlooked the verbal gaffe and simply replied: "Thank you, young lady. You may be interested to know that I hope to have all my homilies published posthumously." "That would be wonderful, the teenager said. "The sooner the better."

Say the Word

"Who are you? What is your identity?" If asked these questions, many children would answer with their name and their grade (i.e. "I'm Tom and I'm in third grade at XYZ school.") or with a family identity, (i.e. "I'm Sarah's sister.") or maybe describe themselves (i.e. "I'm Angela and I love sleeping in, eating pizza and singing in the choir.") If we change the question to, "As a baptized Christian, what is your deepest identity?" would children know to answer, as our catechists did recently, "I'm created in the image and likeness of God" or "I'm a child of God." This is what we want to share with our parish families through our PREP program.

A child's deepest identity doesn't come from his or her grades in school (or job) or family and friends or from what he or she enjoys doing. Each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God, created in His image and likeness. We are part of the Church, and we belong to God's family. Children need to know that they belong, and even if a child flunks out of school or fights with a family member or stops liking pizza and choir, he or she is still a beloved son or daughter of God and belongs to God's family, the Church. And so do you.

Prayers for PREP

Loving Father, at the beginning of Jesus's public ministry, when St. John baptized Him in the Jordan River, You spoke from Heaven and said, "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." He had not yet cured anyone or walked on water or preached a single sermon when You said that. You love Him because He is Your Son and You love me and all Your sons and daughters in Christ because we are Your sons and daughters. Please help all our parish children and families know that You love us and that we belong to Your family. We don't have to look for approval and belonging outside of You. Amen.