

The Partnering Parishes
Sacred Heart Parish & St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Two Parishes: One faith, One Mission

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Re: Results of the Mass Surveys

Dear Partnering Parishioners:

As promised back in January, your Parish Growth and Formation Committee met with me to review all the Mass surveys from both Parishes. Allow me to provide some background statistics as of our latest Annual Pastoral Report to the Archdiocese submitted January 31, 2017.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish:

Total number of households 1,806

Total number of Individual 4,295

Total number of contributing households 258

Sacred Heart Parish:

Total number of households 331

Total number of Individual 548

Total number of contributing households 160

Now, keeping the above statistics in mind, in early May we asked every individual person, not just families, to take a survey and submit it with comments hoping to have a broad base of opinions and comments. The total number of surveys submitted from both parishes was **163 responses**.

Those dissatisfied with the Mass Schedule numbered **29 responses**. Their comments/reasons can be summarized into three main issues:

- Complained that it was difficult to find parking.
- Current Mass Schedule is inconvenient and having difficulty adjusting.
- Some say that Mass is now too crowded.

Those who were **neutral** about the Mass Schedule were **28 responses**.

Those satisfied with the Mass Schedule numbered **105 responses**. Their comments/reasons can be summarized into three main issues:

- They enjoy the present Mass Schedule and the opportunity to participate more fully and share their faith with other parishioners.
- They recognized the need to consolidate Masses.
- They see a fuller Church and the opportunity it provided for members from both communities to grow together in our one Catholic faith.

Therefore, upon the recommendation of your Parish Growth and Formation Committee, I accept and approve the newly adjusted Weekend Mass Schedule. This schedule has an addition of another Mass—a Vigil Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church at 5:30 P.M. Weekday and Holy Day Mass Schedules will stay the same. We will begin the newly adjusted Mass Schedule on the weekend of July 9, 2017.

Newly Adjusted Mass Schedule of the Partnering Parishes

Saturday Evening

Sacred Heart Church

3:00-3:45 P.M. - Confessions

4:00 P.M. - Vigil Mass

St. Charles Borromeo Church

4:30-5:15 P.M. - Confessions

5:30 P.M. - Vigil Mass

Sunday Morning

Sacred Heart Church

7:30 A.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:00 A.M.

4:00 P.M.

Monsignor Majoros is also responsible for Mass on Sunday morning at St. Hedwig Chapel, Chester at 9:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY DAILY MASSES will stay the same at 8:30 A.M.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church at 8:30 AM

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at St Charles Borromeo Church at 8:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: There may be times when there would be no scheduled weekday Mass on Wednesday and some Saturdays of the Month. This would be announced in the bulletin or announced from the pulpit. Parishioners wanting to participate in daily Mass may choose to go to one of the many neighboring parishes around us.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

7:00 P.M. Vigil Mass at St Charles Borromeo Church

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The Day of the Holy Day

8:30 A.M. at St Charles Borromeo Church

12:00 Noon at Sacred Heart Church

7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

3:00-3:45 P.M. before the Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church; and 4:30-5:15 P.M. before the Vigil Mass at St. Charles.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Thursday evening before First Friday at St. Charles Borromeo Church

9:15 A.M. -10:00 A.M. First Saturday of the Month at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Please note that any future change in priest personnel at either parish may necessitate a change and/or reduction of Masses on the Weekend.

Mass Book for July through December: With the newly adjusted Mass Schedule, the respective Mass Books for St. Charles Borromeo Church and Sacred Heart Church will be open to take Mass Intentions. We kindly ask that you come to the Rectory to make your request in person. We are asking for a donation of \$15.00 for each Mass.

A welcomed addition

On May 20, 2017 Archbishop Chaput assigned Father Joseph S. Zaleski, formerly the Parochial Vicar at St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Philadelphia, to the faculty of Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School. The Clergy Office tries to find a rectory close by for a priest teaching in high school to live. I received a telephone call asking if I would provide housing for Father Zaleski at Sacred Heart Rectory. Having taught in Catholic High School for eleven years, I said, "Yes!". I am happy to share this news with you. Father Joseph S. Zaleski was ordained in May 2015. Father will move into Sacred Heart Rectory on June 19, 2017. Unfortunately, I will be away in Poland until June 27th.

The role and responsibility of a resident priest teaching in an Archdiocesan High School is as follows: Each priest assigned to a parochial residence is expected to be available for Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays at the parish of residence, unless his primary assignment requires the celebration of the Eucharist elsewhere. Any further ministry at the parish of residence is at the discretion of the priest in residence and with the concurrence of the Pastor. Please welcome Father Zaleski to our Partnering Parishes and allow me time, once I return from my trip, to learn about his primary responsibilities and how he will be of assistance here for Weekend Masses.

Blessings to all of you,
Monsignor George A. Majoros