# Sacred Heart Parísh second sunday in ordinary time ~ January 15, 2023

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

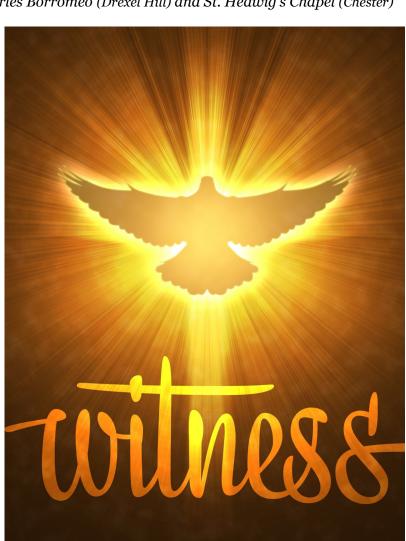
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Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 3:30PM Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

#### **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

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# Masses For The Week

### Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family Sunday, January 15

7:30AM Ann McFadden Stuhlman Of Dolores McLoughlin

### Monday, January 16

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart <u>Tuesday, January 17</u>
8:30AM The Holy Souls <u>Wednesday, January 18</u>
8:30AM Brooke Cronin Of Fr. Paul Stenson

## Saturday, January 21 113th Anniversary

4:00PM (Vigil) Living & Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish (113th Anniv) <u>Sunday, January 22</u>

7:30AM Elizabeth & Leo Crawford Of Leona & Vince Papale

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

<u>Sunday, January 15</u> 9:15AM Phyllis Herman Of Classmates

Sunday, January 22

9:15AM Open Intention

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 January Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori Health for Kristin Curry Thomas McGehrin



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.

Open Mass Intentions Sacred Heart February 19, 21, 26,28

Open Mass Intentions St. Hedwig in January January 22, 29

#### Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 14-15

Sacred Heart 4:00PM Fr. Stenson 7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel 9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo5:30PMMsgr. Majoros10:00AMMsgr. Majoros4:00PMFr. Anderson



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#### Celebrants Are Subject To Change

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether by accident or overuse, the Toys of Christmas may be broken now or forgotten by children moving on to other distractions. But the Joys of Christmas remain for us as God's children. Yes, we a must move on liturgically and spiritually. Today to begin our gospel journey in earnest with Christ and His adult ministry as it enfolds in a new calendar year.

To start, we come to what is now known also as the "First Mystery of Light" of the Holy Rosary as designated by Pope Saint John Paul II, namely "The Baptism of Jesus." What a marvelous event it is on many levels of perception!

First of all, we have the changeless and supreme Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, now en-fleshed as a mature Man, submitting Himself to a ceremony of cleansing that least applies to Him as divine. But He accepts this as one of the ways He can identify Himself with us. As saintly writers have described the effects, it was not the Jordan water that made Him holy, but He who made the water holy.

Secondly, we have this evidence that God's decision to create us involves His unique and deep love, with His concomitant desire to support us in our adventure of earthly life. Yes, God will reward the just and punish the unjust, but here at His baptism He definitely teaches that He will be involved in our struggles. He will not be an aloof Person dwelling among the pristine beauty of the stars. He will step into the soft river bottom of the Jordan and let His worthy cousin John the Baptist immerse Him in the water to begin His mission.

But there is for me an intriguing comment the Baptist makes about his observation of this scene. He says to the presumed crowd assembled on the riverbank that day: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon Him." Remain. That is, to abide. To "take root." To enable one to act according to the accepted rules. For Jesus, already a member of the Blessed Trinity, such abiding is of His nature.

But what does it mean—to abide—for us who are also baptized in the Holy Spirit? For one thing, it means that we have a given relationship with God's wisdom. His insight. His "take" on what exists around us. We have an internal "guidance system", if you will, that comes to us long before there was Google.

Above all, the One who abides is a Person, capable of love, so that we can trust the directions He gives us to be the very best, the straightest line between the two points of earthly life and eternal life. "To abide" implies permanence, so that the only way such goodness would be gone from us would be some reckless decision on our part to sin. The Bible has spoken. It is dangerously unhealthy to "toy around" with evil and lose the joy of knowing we are in partnership with our God.

Wilson Johnson, the founder of Holiday Inn motels, once said, "When I was forty years old I worked in a sawmill. One morning the boss told me I was fired. Depressed and discouraged, I felt like the world had caved in. When I told my wife what had happened, she asked me what I was going to do. I replied, 'I'm going to mortgage our little home and go into the building business.' My first venture was the construction of two small buildings. Within five years I was a multimillionaire! At the time it happened, I didn't understand why I was fired. Later, I saw that it was God's unerring and wondrous plan to get me into the way of His choosing."

#### Say the Word

"Think of a time when You really, really wanted something, but then when you got it, it didn't turn out how you expected," the catechist told the Level Four students. One young lady started writing her answer right away. When she finished, she showed me her paragraph about an iPad she had wanted, but when it came, it turned out to be much smaller than she had expected. Another student shared that he had really wanted to go to school and to have homework, but now that he had it, he didn't like it. Have you had a similar experience?

Things don't always turn out how we expect them, but if we keep our eyes on Heaven, we know that we won't be disappointed. Don't let the temptations of the world distract you from this ultimate goal. This is one of the lessons of Ordinary Time, when we pay attention to the whole mystery of Jesus' life on earth. Everything He did was so that we could be with Him one day in Heaven. Even the disappointments of this life can help us turn to Christ.

#### **Prayers for PREP**

Lord Jesus, you chose to come to earth and take on a human nature so that we could become sharers in your divine nature. Help everyone in our parishes, and especially parents, to not get lost in the things of this world. May we grow closer to You during this season of Ordinary Time, as Your disciples grew closer to You by spending time with you every day. Amen.

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

#### Sacred Heart– January 8, 2023

44	\$1,690.00
	<u>256.00</u>
	1,946.00
	47.00
	145.00
	349.00
	30.00
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#### St. Hedwig - January 8, 2023

Sunday Envelopes 29	\$1,598.00
Loose	<u>140.00</u>
Total	1,738.00
Maintenance	280.00
Catholic Relief	30.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

# American Red Cross Give Blood ...help save lives

# **Blood Drive**

St. Charles Roman Catholic Church Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA

Thursday, February 9, 2023 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

#### "PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME www.rachelsvineyard.org.

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-580-6436, www.ababysbreath.org.

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, www.dcpcchester.org

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org .

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#### Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2023 to Ash Wednesday Still Available

Sacred Heart chances are \$25.00 each. You choose a 3-digit number of your liking and watch the evening PA Lottery Drawing to see if you are a winner.

Thank you for supporting all the fundraisers at Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Hedwig's Chapel. It is a great help!



### In Sympathy

Please remember the soul of the late, **Frances Kwapisz** who passed away to the Lord. May she find happiness with the Lord and her family and friends find consolation in Him, too.





We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.

Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

We pray that through Eternal Rest, God may give you greater peace, solace, and perspective.

In addition to watching the film series, please visit

<u>EternalRest.org</u> for practical resources, including 60+ videos of experts answering common questions about end-of-life medical care, funerals, legal documents, grief, and more. Purchase the Eternal Rest study guide on <u>Catholic Market</u>.

## January 20, 2023 Event: March for Life

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.

We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. Location: Washington, DC More info: marchforlife.org/;... To inquire about buses leaving from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, contact the Office for Life and Family, 215-587-0500

#### Retreat for Parents with Children with Disabilities:

A Path of Hope - Do you have a child with a disability? Join us on Saturday, **February 18, 2023**, at Holy Innocents Parish Hall, 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, for a bilingual retreat which will include sessions for adults and activities for youth. Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R will be our guest retreat director. While there is no cost to attend, we ask that you please register your family by February 10th online at www.opdarchphilly.org or call 215-587-0500.

#### Come and See

If you know a young man in high school (junior or senior) or a young adult who is discerning, encourage him to contact me or register for a weekend directly through our website. Remaining dates for Spring 2023 include:

High School Come & See Dates January 28-29, 2023 February 25-26, 2023

**Post High School** Come & See Dates February 10-12, 2023 March 10-12, 2023

For questions and information on registering for a weekend, visit heedthecall.org/comeandsee or contact me in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or fr.dfriel@archahila.org

### Schools of Missionary Discipleship Join us at St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill

for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship.

**Part 1,** the School of Discipleship, will help you grow deeper in personal friendship with Jesus through prayer and personal conversion.

**Part 2,** the School of Mission, will then equip you with the skills you need to go forth as "fishers of men," seeking to win souls with and for Jesus.

A new cohort of the School of Discipleship (Part 1) will be offered on 6 Thursdays beginning on **March 2** from **9:15am-12:15pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill.

# ST. BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WINTER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Starts: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks. St. Bernadette's Parish, The Wright Center, 1st Floor, Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave. More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610-306-0252 or georgesalloom@hotmail.com. George has over 25 years' experience as a bereavement groupfacilitator. Program is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a family.

#### A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Saint Philomena Parish in Lansdowne will host a video based biblical study beginning on Thursday, **January 19th**, called **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**. Did you know that the prayers and readings of the Mass are richly and deeply rooted in the Bible? You'll come to see and hear the Mass in a whole new way. There is a book connected with the series. The cost is \$15.00. If you want a copy, contact us and we will order it for you. You'll get the book and pay for it the first night of the study (Jan 19). Everyone is welcome, especially those who are new to Bible study: please join us. For more information, contact Theresa and Paul Haggerty at <u>haggerty83@msn.com</u> or at 610-504-5558.

#### **Calling all Knitters & Crocheters**

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord using your God given talent? "PROJECT LINUS" is a nationwide project where knitters or crocheters donate their handmade blankets for hospitalized children from Preemies to Teens. For more info, call 610-328-0741.

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHOIR CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Join us for "A Night to Shine On" at Paxon Hollow Country Club **January 27, 2023** -- Open Bar -- Hors d'oeuvres Entertainment including Michael Boyce and Paddy O'Furniture. This adult social brings together alumni, parents and supporters from the past and the present to celebrate CCC and all that it has meant to hundreds of families over the years, while looking ahead to the future. 21 and older – 7:00pm – 10:30pm \$65/ person

Ticket Link: https://ccc.ticketleap.com/shineonatccc/

# Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA

Thursday March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2023 God longs for us to believe that we indeed are who He says we are: His beloved daughters, carefully created, infinitely loved and valued beyond measure. Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the memories, the moments, the circumstances that caused dis-integration within us. With Him, we will untwist distortions, renounce lies, expose the habitual ways we get stuck in anxiety, fear or overwhelm and, most importantly, open to Jesus' Love, which is the true balm for our wounded hearts. Come...and let Him Restore you! <u>https://youaremadenew.com/restore-</u> womens-retreat or email De at <u>de@youaremadenew.com</u>. 092-5