

Sacred Heart Parish

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Partnering Parishes Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo (Drexel Hill) and St. Hedwig's Chapel (Chester)



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

"I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

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.

***"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they
follow me."***

John 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 3, 2020

Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros, M.Div., M.S., Pastor

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Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, May 2

+ Richard Terpstra Of sister, Catherine & family

Sunday, May 3

+ Freda Kleinschmidt Baxter Of Mom, Connie

Monday, May 4

+ Intention of the Holy Souls

Tuesday, May 5

+ Armando Santos Of Msgr. George Majoros

Wednesday, May 6

The Living & Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Saturday, May 9

Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Partnering Parishes

Sunday, May 10

Living & Deceased Mothers of Our Partnering Parishes

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, May 3

+ George & Mary Layer Of Dorothy Steyick

Sunday, May 10

+ Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Candles for the Month of May

Sacred Heart

+ *Tina Mori*

+ *Dominic, Vincent & Mary Natale*

St. Hedwig

- *Health of Stasia Hannum*

+ *Aleksander Romatowski & The Sewruk family*

Candles for the month are \$20.00

All Mass Intentions are \$15.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if interested.

Sunday Holy Mass Live Streamed



From
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

For you to view from
your home.

*Celebrants will be
Our Priests*

***Log into your parish
Website***

*Click on the link
that will take you
directly to the Livestream video to see
the date and the starting time.*

*A worship aid for the liturgy can be
found on the parish website near the
link to the live stream.*

MAY CROWNING



***Join us on
Mother's Day
May 10th
at 1:00PM
as we Live Stream
the Crowning of
Our Blessed Mother***

Fourth Sunday of Easter

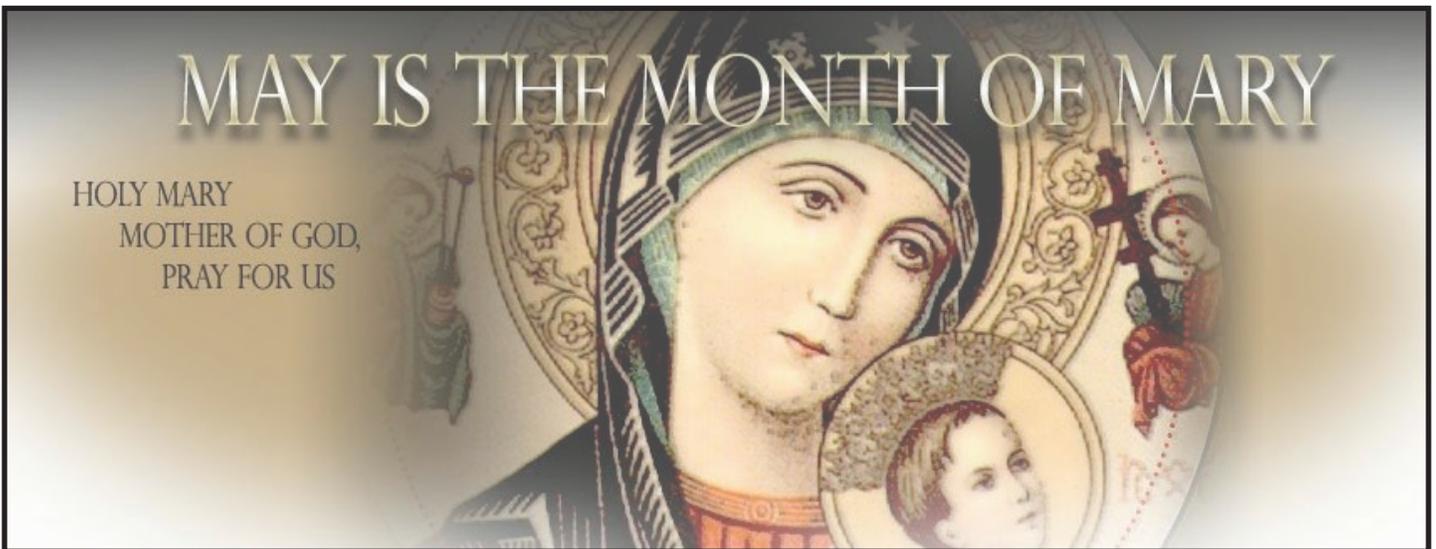
Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most mornings find me driving a fairly busy route to the parish church where I assist with Masses in my working retirement. I get a form of the “morning rush hour” so loved by the TV traffic reporters. Be that as it may, I often wind up riding behind either a driver who favors 43 mph in the legal 50 mph, or in front of another with a keen desire to inhale my exhaust as he/she is doing 60 in the same zone. On one of those recent mornings traveling in South Jersey farmland brought me alongside a scene of grazing sheep “safely grazing” to quote the hymn. Munching contentedly their farm grown breakfast, they were sharp contrast to the human activity.

This “Good Shepherd Sunday” offers us an opportunity to consider that ancient occupation, mostly missing on modern job applications and what it might teach us. Shepherding in Jesus’ time had all the dimensions of a “24/7” task, as we might describe it. The person so designated had to literally live with his herd of dependents around the clock. He or she had to be an outdoor type, sometimes compelled to be the actual “gate” as they stretched out at night across the gap in the stone fence that acted as a pen for the herd. The pay was usually nothing to blow a ram’s horn about. Still it was good work, enough for a person to take care of him/herself and any dependents. And if the shepherd was truly good, there developed a healthy respect for their woolly charges. Such a person was the exact opposite of those wandering strangers seeking only a paycheck, with no interest whatever in the sheep.

Our Lord was in such good touch with the reality of His day that when He assumed the teacher’s role, He described Himself as the Good Shepherd with all that implied. Is it any wonder that St. Peter’s current successor, Pope Francis, has urged his bishops and priests to acquire “the smell of the sheep?” But that also means that the lay faithful of the Church, the sheep, be far more than “contented grazers” along the highway. Or just be Sunday “pew warmers” when the world is so cold towards Christ every day of the week.

Bud Wilkinson, a famous football coach, was once asked, “What contribution does professional sport make to the physical fitness of Americans?” To no one’s surprise, he answered, “Very little. A professional football game,” he said, “is a happening where fifty thousand spectators, desperately needing exercise, sit in the stands watching twenty-two men on the field, desperately needing rest.” Let that description never fit our Church dear friends. Especially in this unusual time, Our Good Shepherd deserves our best.



During the month of May—the month of Mary—we feel a special protection of Our Lady that extends to all the faithful; we feel a special joy that shines and illuminates our hearts expressing the universal certainty of Catholics that the indispensable patronage of our heavenly mother becomes even more tender, more loving and more full of visible mercy and exorable condescendence during her month of May.

Even after the month of May passes, a remnant of this remains if we have profited from those thirty-one days especially consecrated to Our Lady. We are left with an increased devotion, a keener confidence and, so to speak, such an increased intimacy with Our Lady that in all the vicissitudes of life we will know how to petition her with respectful insistence, hope in her with invincible confidence and thank her with humble tenderness for all the good she does us.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– April 26, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	18	\$920.00
Loose		<u>150.00</u>
Total		1,070.00
Maintenance		7.00
Home Missions		40.00
Mothers Day		110.00

St. Hedwig - April 26, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	13	\$420.00
Maintenance		40.00
Home Missions		10.00
Mothers Day		70.00

Weekly Offering

As we struggle to make ends meet, please prayer 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. If you have questions about electronic giving or have no online access, please call the Rectory Office so we can provide an answer to your questions or help you set it up for yourself.

The Lord is our Shepherd, leading and guiding us. Let's pray for one another, trusting in the Lord's mercy and strength. And through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints, may we have their help and protection.

Sincerely yours, Monsignor George A. Majoros
Pastor

To All Parishioners Sacred Heart/St. Hedwig

We are updating our databases.

If you would like to add an **EMERGENCY CONTACT** phone number, please put it in an envelope with **YOUR NAME** and the phone number of a family member, neighbor or friend we could reach in case of emergency. You may place it in the collection

Basket, email, or call the rectory at 610-623-0409.

We feel this is important to have especially if we don't see you in church and are unable to reach you.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

In Sympathy

Please remember the souls of the late, **Frances Ennis and Rosemarie Salomone**, who passed away to the Lord. May they find happiness with the Lord and their family and friends find consolation in Him, too.

Prayer during a Life Crisis

Loving Savior, I thank You that I'm not walking through this alone, even when the future seems dark and uncertain. As I travel through this life crisis, I know that You are by my side. I don't need to fling myself into nervous irritation and gnawing anxiety. When I feel weak and incapable of dealing with things, help me remember that there is nothing too big or too small to bring to Your attention, and that You will provide wisdom and smooth my path before me. Amen.

If you would like to be included on the Sacred Heart **e-mail chain** for important updates or emergency issues please send your e-mail address to sacredheartchurch@rcn.com or call the rectory at 610-623-0409

Suicide Prevention
Helpline
800-273-8255

57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday, **May 3, 2020**, the universal Catholic Church celebrates the 57th World Day of Prayer. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis' papal message for this year focuses on words chosen to thank priests and support their ministry and are set on the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (*Mt. 14:22-33*). This resonates with the Vocation Office theme of "Jesus I Trust in You". Especially during this time of uncertainty in our world amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we must place all of our trust in Our Lord.

To celebrate this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we invite you to join the seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in praying a Novena for Vocations. The seminarians have **videotaped their daily reflection/prayers** and each day of the Novena the videos will be uploaded to our website at heedthecall.org/novena and our Facebook page at facebook.com/phillypriest.

The Vatican website: www.vatican.va
Archdiocese of Philadelphia website: archphila.org and
Paul with Archbishop Nelson Perez
Ascension Press
CatholicTV.org from Boston
EWTN with Sunday Mass at 8AM, 12Noon and 7PM
each day and various times for the Sacred Triduum
and other devotions.
FORMED.org
Word on Fire
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA--TELEVISION
MASS
Sunday mornings at 5:30AM: WPVI—Channel 6
Sunday Masses Live Streaming
from St. Charles Borromeo Church
For Our Partnering Parishes
Available on our websites.

Prayer Alert

The National Day of Prayer is going viral
on **Thursday, May 7th**

This year's event will take place online.
For more information, please visit
NationalDayOfPrayerDelco.com, or
call 610-416-8336

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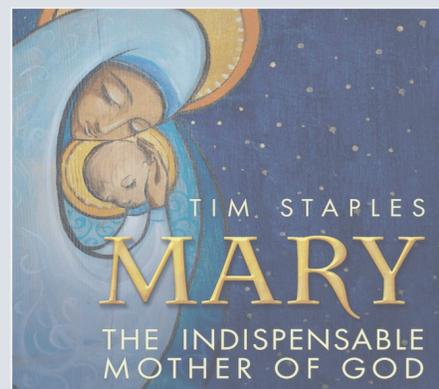
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Faith at Home
School at Home
Pray at Home

TO JOIN:

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.
You no longer need a password.



Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!