

Sacred Heart Parish

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 9, 2022

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

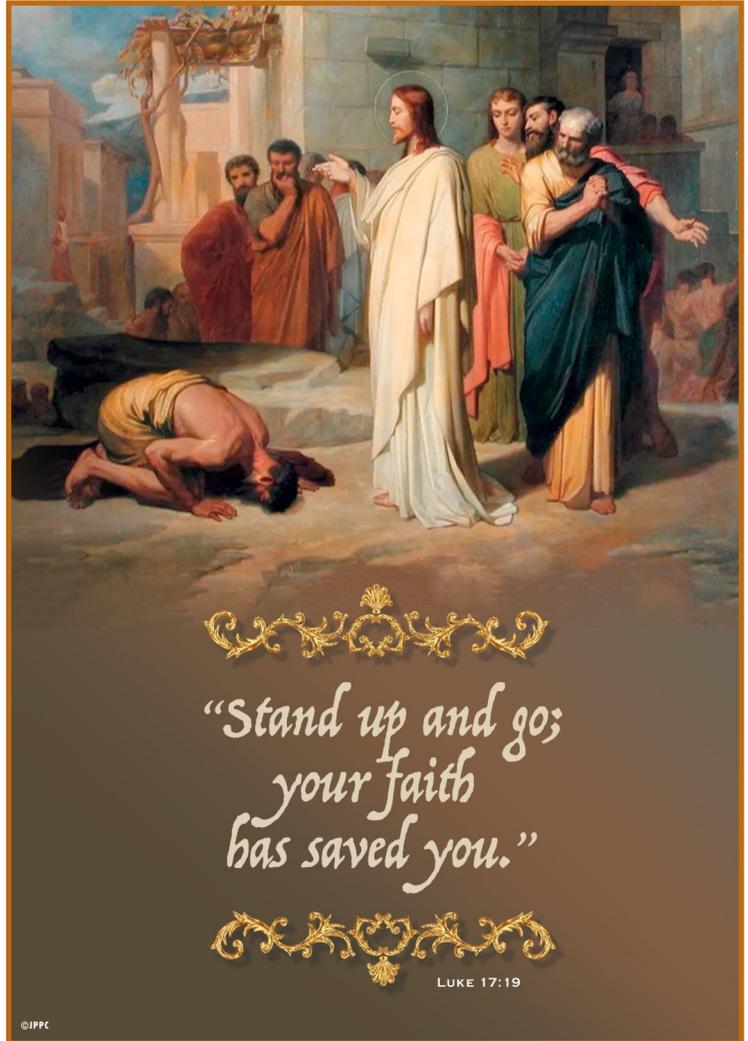
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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

Saturday, October 8

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Wife

Sunday, October 9

7:30AM Ludwig Danicki

Monday, October 10

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, October 11

8:30AM The Holy Souls & Joanne Stringer Of Marie Ross

Wednesday, October 12

8:30AM Marie Didzearkis Of sisters

Saturday, October 15

4:00PM (Vigil) Stephen Pyfer Of Mom & Dad

Sunday, October 16

7:30AM Henry J. & Stella Grassa Of Henry Grassa & family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, October 9

9:15AM Special Intention for the St. Hedwig Class of 1960

Sunday, October 16

9:15AM Joseph Sewruk Of Hanna

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



Forty Hours Devotions at Sacred Heart

Adoration Following Morning Mass Evening Prayer & Benediction

October 16, 17, 18 at 7:00PM

Homilist: Fr. Paul Stenson
Priest in Residence, Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo

"Can you not watch with me?"

Please sign up in the church vestibule for Adoration during the Forty Hour Devotions.

Mass Celebrants Weekend of October 8-9

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of October 15-16

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

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. Sperger



Celebrants Are Subject To Change



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.

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Book full for 2022

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

Candles for the Month of October

Sacred Heart

+Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
+ Thomas McGehrin + Helen Pincurek
-Kristin Curry

St. Hedwig

+ Jerzy Ratajczk & Magdalena Romatowski

In Sympathy

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Want to make a person's spine shiver? Just mention either one of these words: "Covid 19" or "Monkey pox." The actual victims cannot be blamed for being scared. Viruses have compassionate feelings. So we too can be apprehensive about our own good health and the dire consequences of an attack. For instance, the period of forced isolation. The uncertainty of being done with the fight.

The equivalent of our current pandemic in biblical days was leprosy. Today that condition is more softly described as "Hansen's disease", but the affliction is still the same as ever. Modern medicine helps. But even with an array of cosmetics existing, leprosy is a major challenge to hide from the world.

From a spiritual perspective, we know that leprosy in the Bible can also be a stand-in for sin. That's a different virus. Hidden from microscopes but just as destructive to our souls. Sin fights a positive attitude; hates innocence; acts more controlling than a physical addiction.

The Gospel for today paints a picture of God's power and His desire to heal all who ask for it. In the First Reading, a man from the Gentile country of Syria wants to experience both. When he does, he credits Elisha. But Elisha refuses any tangible gift in order to drive home the point that God is the actual healer. So then Naaman asks if he can take some soil from Israel with him, believing for now the ancient conviction that the gods were territorial.

Centuries later, the Nazarene Prophet we know as Jesus heals another Gentile, this time a man from the despised land of Samaria. Leprosy was, then and now, a neutral germ obviously impartial as to who would contract it. All ten people in the story had been afflicted, but the hated Samaritan is the only one who returns to thank Jesus after he went through the prescribed ritual. Jesus wonders about the ten percent yield of gratitude. The lone returner even shouts out his praise of God and then kneels before Jesus. We learn about our obligation to be a grateful people. That's why this story is often read at Mass on our national Thanksgiving Day.

It's a truism that sin is leprosy of the soul. It disfigures us. It outdoes all the "power" of a cosmetic. Of course the outside world takes no notice of our spiritual state. We look the same as ever. But soon enough the symptoms appear. We start to exhibit a sudden cynicism about everything. Our smiles are rare. Our laughter is hollow. And we don't want to pray. It also comes through with our constant hunt for the distraction provided by drugs of all kinds.

No need to think there's no available cure. It's called in technical lingo "The Sacrament of Reconciliation." I can attest to its effectiveness. I experience a combination of relief and gratitude after I make a good confession. I believe that my soul is no longer repulsive to God.

One caution about a good confession: it must be thorough, and not like a certain college freshman's silly mistake. You see, he went to the dorm laundry with his dirty clothes bundled into an old sweatshirt. But he was so embarrassed by how dirty his clothes were that he never opened the bundle. He merely pushed it into a washing machine. When the machine stopped, he just pushed the bundle into a dryer. Finally, he took the still unopened bundle back to his room. He discovered, of course, that the clothes had gotten wet and then dry, but not clean.

Our loving God says, "Don't keep your sins in a safe little bundle when you come to Me. I want to do a thorough cleansing in your life—all the dirty laundry, that is. Only then will you be completely free, especially from fear."

God love you and give you His peace.

EVERY SUNDAY 5:30 TO 6:30 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia, PA 19103 (Parking is available)

The Cathedral doors are open to people of all Faiths and Traditions as we make a common religious response to the ever increasing violence in our city streets. Each Sunday evening we will gather for intentional prayer for peace in our city with a specific plea before the Lord for an end to gun violence on our streets. Individuals and groups are invited and no previous arrangements are required. All are welcome.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

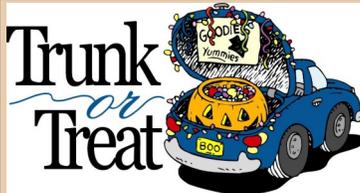
Sacred Heart– October 2, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	36	\$1,219.00
Loose		<u>117.00</u>
Total		1,336.00
Loose		167.00
St. Vincent de Paul		60.00
Forty Hours		25.00

St. Hedwig - October 2, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	22	\$1,285.00
Loose		<u>21.00</u>
Total		1,306.00
St. Vincent de Paul		22.00
Forty Hours		40.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet.



*Saint Charles
Borromeo Church would
like to host a Trunk or
Treat in our parking lot*

Sunday, October 30th from 6:00-8:00PM.

This will provide our children, as well as all of the children in the area, a safe alternative to traditional Trick or Treating.

In order for this to be successful, we would need parishioners who would be willing to bring their cars to our parking lot and distribute treats to the children who are trick or treating.

**It is a great idea to decorate your trunk
(but this is optional).**

If you would like to participate please call Lori Farrell at 610-623-3800 or email her at lfarrell@scbdh.org

Thank You Note to Msgr. Majoros and Parishioners

I am very happy to receive your prayers and the \$2,434 donation to help those affected by the recent devastating flood in Eastern Kentucky. This sign of solidarity from another Catholic parish is a great source of hope and comfort for me and for our parishioners. Thank you for this wonderful gesture. As you probably know, the economic conditions of Eastern Kentucky make it very difficult to recover from such drastic flooding, especially in the 12 most affected counties of our diocese. Our Catholic Charities will be there for the long haul and continue providing aid and support throughout the rebuilding process. Thanks for being part of our efforts.

Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop of Lexington

Rosary Rally For Our Country

On **Saturday, October 15** at Noon, a Public Square Rosary Rally will take place in front of Saint Andrew church, Drexel Hill, to commemorate Our Lady of Fatima's "Miracle of the Sun" which took place on October 13, 1917. We invite you to join us in prayer that day, along with hundreds of thousands of concerned citizens across our country and around the world. We will pray for an end to abortion, and the many other grave sins that are threatening to destroy our nation and our world. For more information, you may visit AmericaNeedsFatima.org or call Raphael(610-6 13-7481). Bring your Rosary (and a chair or blanket if you wish). We hope to see you there!

I.H.M Sisters Oktoberfest and Craft Fair

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary invite you to join them for their annual Oktoberfest and Craft Fair on **Saturday, October 15**, 10 AM – 3 PM on the grounds of Camilla Hall, Malvern. This fun-filled day includes craft tables, food, baked goods, children's games, white elephant flea market and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home.

150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Philadelphia, PA Celebrating the 150th Parish Anniversary with a Mass and dinner on Sunday, **October 16, 2022**. The ticket price is \$75 per person. Please call our rectory at 215-465-4050 or visit our website, for more information

www.sacredheartchurchsp.com .

Catholic Women's Conference

The annual Catholic Women's Conference will take place on **Saturday, October 22, 2022** from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Doylestown, PA). This year's theme is "**Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ.**" The program includes sessions available in English, Spanish and ASL. Full event details, including a listing of this year's speakers, topics, and breakout sessions can be found at

www.catholicwomensconference.org

THE HEALING POWER OF GOD NOVEMBER 4 – 6, 2022

IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER 210 IHM DRIVE MALVERN, PA If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. From **November 4-6**, join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. To register or get information, contact: Susan: 610-716-4795 or Georgeann: 484-955-42781

Cardinal O'Hara class of 1982

40th reunion **November 25, 2022**. Streetlight Café in the Holiday Inn at Drexelbrook . Tickets are \$75 cohs40yearreunion.eventbrite.com. You can make hotel reservations by calling 1-800-HOLIDAY (465-4329) and ask for the O'Hara 40th reunion discount rate. If you have any questions please email Margie Ettore-Harper/Chuck Martino oharaclass1982@gmail.com.

Light Housekeeping Needed

A parishioner from our Partnering Parishes is in need of a little help with light housework. If interested please call Lori at St. Charles 610-623-3800 or Donna at Sacred Heart 610-623-0409 more information.

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Soul of a Champion: The Gil Hodges Story



Gil Hodges is one of the greatest baseball players who is not inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Experience the story of this remarkable man, as told by baseball legends from the Brooklyn Dodgers, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets.

Discovering Christ Curious about the Meaning of you life?

Seek answers at Discovering Christ
7 Thursdays 6:30-8:45PM at the Meehan center @SS Simon and Jude, 8 Cavanaugh Court in West Chester.

Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed, and FREE.

**October 13, 20, 27,
November 3, 5, 10, 17**

See Parish Websites for Topics of each night and more

www.phillyevang.org/christlife/

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



*Bring your donations of
New Baby Clothing the
weekends in October
and place them in the basket
(do NOT wrap)*

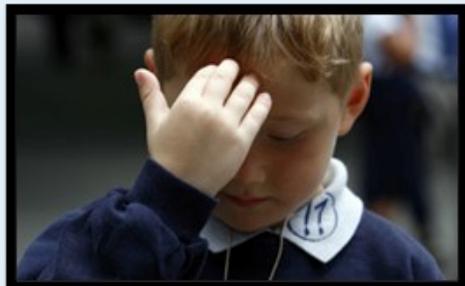
Size 1 to 12 months
For Mother's Home
in Darby

*If you would like to learn more please see the
informational flyer on our website.*

"Say The Word"

This year in PREP our students are learning to enter more fully into the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Each month we are focusing on a different part of the Mass and our students have weekly assignments to help them to put into practice what they are learning. This week we were speaking about preparing ourselves for the Holy Mass and why we make the Sign of the Cross. The children were very attentive and very bright. When I asked why we make the sign of the cross, a level one student responded that we do it "because Jesus died on the cross because He loves us". In asking what we are facing when we genuflect, a student told me "I don't know what it's called but it's where Jesus is."

Our older students are learning not only about the Mass but also how to share their faith with others, so don't be surprised if you're approached by one of our PREP students in the upcoming weeks who wants to share with you what they've learned.



PREP Prayer

"At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and revealed them to little children." (Mt 11:25)