

# Sacred Heart Parish

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 4, 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*

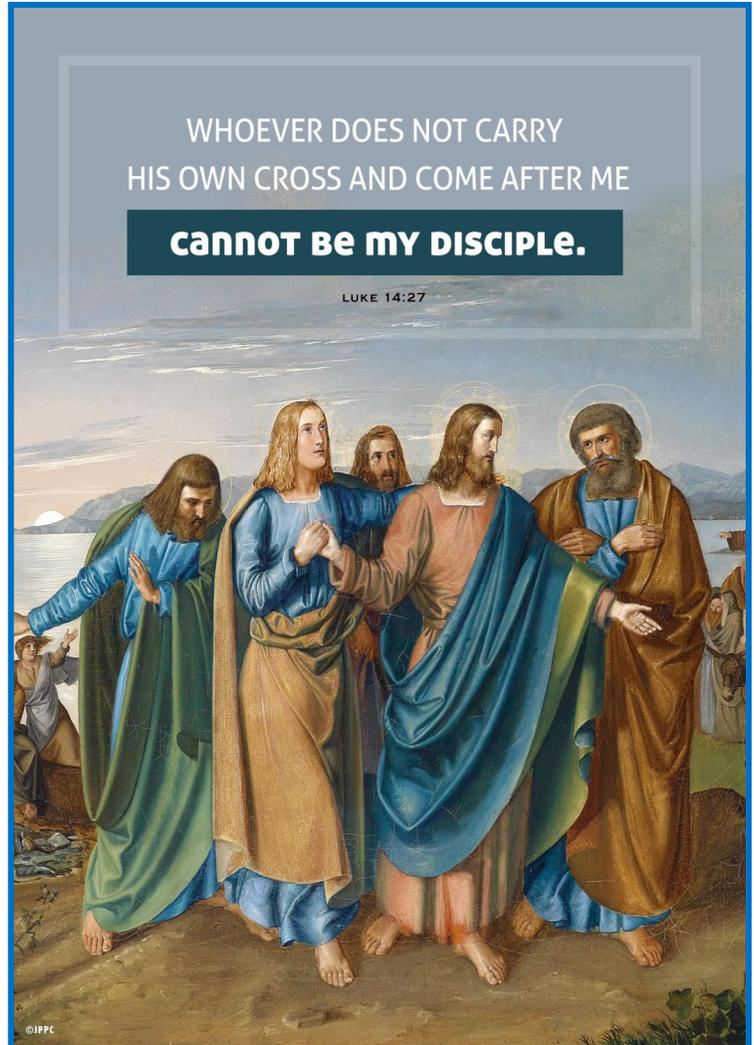
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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30AM to 3:30PM  
*Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*In parish office Tuesday and Thursday*

**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

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

#### Sunday, September 4

7:30AM Thomas & Robin McLoughlin

#### Monday, September 5 Labor Day

9:00AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, September 6

8:30AM Special Intention for Fr. Paul Stenson  
Of Peter Cattalo

#### Wednesday, September 7

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

#### Saturday, September 10

4:00PM (Vigil) Barbara DiGregorio Of Donna  
& Mark

#### Sunday, September 11

7:30AM In Remembrance of 911 and for  
Timothy Soulas

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

#### Sunday, September 4

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

#### Sunday, September 11

9:15AM Stanley & Natalie Zoltak Of Zoltak  
family

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

### Are you being asked to be Sponsor and need a Letter of Sponsorship? Make sure you are an Active Parishioner.

To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish **for at least six months**, be of age, received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist), and if married, be in a valid Roman Catholic Church recognized marriage. The Partnering Parishes of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, and Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, defines an "active/participating parishioner as one who is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular ("weekly") basis; and who supports the parish with their time, talent and treasure.

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### Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 3-4

#### 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



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#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



*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**

**All Mass Intentions are \$10.00**

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

### Candles for the Month of September

#### **Sacred Heart**

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

#### **St. Hedwig**

+ Aleksander & Leokadia Romatowski

**September 8**  
**Nativity of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Kermit the frog was feeling down one day. Most of you know him, through children especially, as the sprightly companion of Miss Piggy. He is usually ready with a quip or two in his conversations with her via the "Sesame Street" program on public TV. Like all of us, Kermit has moods.

So one day he emotes in song titled "It's Not Easy Being Green." He regrets *"having to spend each day the color of the leaves, when I think it could be nicer being red, or yellow or gold or something much more colorful...And people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water."* But before a minute goes by, he reflects further and adds: *"But green can be big like an ocean or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree."* So he concludes *"I'm green and it'll do fine, And I think it's what I want to be."* Listen sometime to the complete song. If you do, you'll feel the power of the simple but symbolic lyrics.

Why did I think of this Muppet melody while pondering today's holy Gospel? Well, for one thing, Jesus' demanding conditions for being a disciple have a "both and" quality to them that fits with the dilemma in Kermit's song. Being a Catholic Christian can be challenging sometimes, bringing your mood downward, but exhilarating at others, uplifting you with confidence.

Obviously as true Christians we must never blend in so well with our society that there is no observable difference in either our lifestyle or our outlook on life in general. If we ever do become desperate to blend in, there is something wrong. Either with our self-understanding, or our understanding of the real Christ. And finally, with our prayer life.

This nearly atheistic culture we live in these days demands an alternative. Yet few people, Christian, Jew, Muslim, etc. realize their capacity to supply it. If you will, the "color" of their daily lives is neither attractive nor compelling. Non-believers in Christ ought to be able to observe the difference in us. Unknowingly, we forfeit our role as evangelizers, spreaders of the Gospel. They will simply pass over us without a second glance.

Does that matter? Well, for one thing we as Catholics who know, or *should* know, that's our role as members of the Church. Spreading the Gospel is our mission. It "colors" us "Christian."

As we think about it, we begin to see that our discipleship is not all that burdensome. In fact, it brings us a quiet but deep peace. That happens, for example, right after we have made a phone call of support to a sick friend. Or prayed for a person in pain who asked us to do so.

Just as Kermit rethinks the matter of being green makes him "like a mountain or tall tree," being active friends of God uplifts us. After all, the Bible tells us that we are actually the sons and daughters of a loving Divine Father. Therefore, we are the friends of His only Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are endowed with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

No negative attitude of our culture ever has a lock on our thinking because we are free to believe in the most free Person who ever walked on this planet. That means we can and will resist temptation to sin as best we can, with a trademark smile on our faces while doing it.

The Book of Wisdom reminds us today that even though our Baptism has made us part of God's family, we must never overlook our weaknesses in this matter of being Christ's disciples. No matter what walk of life we take, there are always alluring detours along the way. But we can make it. We have the good example of many saints who were just as human as we are; just as tempted; just as prone to default. They tell us "it's not easy being holy", something like Kermit's problem being green.

You are certainly correct in thinking we are not called to live on Sesame Street in the sense of being disconnected from the real world. We face our adult reality, ever striving but always hopeful of reaching that place which St. Paul described as something "no eye has seen, no ear has heard." (I Cor. 2:9)

Here is a borrowed thought about heaven: *"Some people talk about heaven as being so far away. Actually, it is within speaking distance of those who belong there."* Think about it.

### PLEASE JOIN US

#### **Archdiocese Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Parishioners of Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill & Surrounding Parishes...**

A bus will be leaving from Drexel Hill as part of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. on **Saturday, October 15**. This special day honors our Blessed Mother Mary and includes recitation of the Holy Rosary, Confessions, exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a procession and crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and concludes with the celebration of Holy Mass.

In addition to a full day at the Shrine, pilgrims will have a light breakfast on the bus, a boxed lunch to enjoy on the grounds and a stop for dinner on the way home. For more information and to register, please call Tina Angelo at 610-513-8731 or visit [www.sacredheartcliftonheights.net](http://www.sacredheartcliftonheights.net) or [www.scbd.org](http://www.scbd.org) for an informational flyer and a registration form. Cost of the trip is \$50.00

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

### Sacred Heart– August 28, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	37	\$1,185.00
Loose		115.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,300.00</b>
Mission Cooperative		10.00
Kentucky Free Will		1,056.00

### St. Hedwig - August 28, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	20	\$535.00
Kentucky Free Will		209.00

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.

## Religious Education Program Registration For the 2022 – 2023 Catechetical Year (Sacred Heart, St. Charles, and St. Andrew Parish)

### Standard Registration Fees:

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

**Mondays, 6:30—7:50pm at St. Charles Borromeo  
September 19- May 15**

Registration forms can be found on the parish websites and brought to the Parish Office at St. Charles Borromeo or St. Andrew the Apostle. *Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.* Please call or email Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, pvmi with any questions: (610)623-3800, cell: (215)983-9462, or srtheresam@scbdh.org

### NEW PROGRAM

**Young Disciples Program Grades 8-9  
Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm at St Charles Borromeo  
Registration Fee: \$10.00**

Questions Call: Sr. Debra Marie, pvmi 610-623-3800 or  
E-mail srtheresam@scbdh.net

Our Young Disciples will learn how to live more fully the graces received in Confirmation through:

- ▣ Presentations on Topics of Faith
- ▣ Group Discussions & Fellowship
- ▣ Community Projects
- ▣ Activities with the PREP students

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## 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 offices will be closed on  
Monday, September 5th*



### Say The Word...

Our Catechists are eager to welcome our students back to PREP this fall! A few weeks ago they participated in a special all-day Catechist Retreat at St. Charles Borromeo and now they are filled with the desire to pass on all that the Holy Spirit poured into their hearts. We look forward to see all of you on September 19<sup>th</sup>!

**PREP Prayer:** Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of our catechists. We ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon them that they may draw your children to You and make them aware of Your great love for them. Amen.

### BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

**Starting Thursdays September 8th at 7PM in Rectory Basement** St. Joseph Church, Collingdale Join Father Gabin as we journey through St. Luke's Gospel – a great way to better understand our Catholic faith, enliven our Christian love and draw closer to Our Lord.

### Hope Blooms: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma Oct 7-8, 2022

Are you or someone you know suffering the trauma of betrayal? This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma, that is, discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction. Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-healing-retreats> or email De: [de@youaremadenew.com](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).

Dear Church Family,

I hope you are all well. I am grateful for your prayers and well-wishes for my recovery from my surgery in June for a total right knee replacement. Although I have been back on the weekend Mass schedule in August, I am still going to outpatient therapy.

### **P.R.E.P. –Parish Religious Education Program**

I am grateful to Sister Debra Marie, of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate for taking the helm of our PREP while Sister Theresa Marie Moore is still away in Ireland, giving retreats. Sister Theresa Marie will be returning to us in early October.

In this interim, Sister Debra Marie has been doing good work in helping our Catechists and Assistants to grow in their faith and knowledge as they prepare for all our children returning to Religious Education Classes, Monday, September 19, 2022.

I encourage parents of catechetical age children (6 years old and up) to register your children for a new PREP year. Parents can register with Sister Debra Marie directly or online through our parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute. Early registration helps make sure we are all ready with catechists, textbooks and materials to begin a new year of learning the beauty and truths of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith for their eternal good.

### **2022 Catholic Charities Appeal**

I recently received a letter from Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, as we enter the second half of the appeal. He is well aware of the current economic climate marked by uncertainty and rising costs due to inflation that are effecting all of us. He writes that it impacts our efforts through the Catholic Charities Appeal to assist our brothers and sisters in need and at risk of suffering. **The Archbishop asks all of us to consider an additional in-pew weekend on September 17-18 to support and promote this great work of charity. He is confident that we can reach our parish goals for this year.**

**To date, Sacred Heart Parish has raised 89% of its goal of \$ 8, 611 for the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.**

Archbishop Perez stated, “As a former pastor, I know you and your parishioners face many requests, but this one is critical. I need your help to ensure that we can continue providing for hundreds of thousands of our neighbors. Without us, people will not be able to feed their families, clothe their children, receive medical care and so much more.

Please prayerfully consider a donation so that we can help those most in need. For what you do for the least of your brothers and sisters, you do for the Lord.

### **Hospitality Sundays**

One of the many things that was missing during the pandemic was being together for Holy Mass and enjoying extended fellowship after Masses with Hospitality Sundays. I want us to host Hospitality Sundays again—hopefully soon! However, I invite all parish organizations, societies and clubs, as well as other parishioners of our Partnering Parishes to consider how we can enhance and improve these gatherings. The benefit of these Sundays is to strengthen and grow relationships among parishioners and guests who worship with us. But these gatherings can only work if we see them as an opportunity to bring people together to make our churches even stronger and more vibrant through welcome, hospitality and friendship. Please email Lori Farrell ([lfarrell@scbdh.org](mailto:lfarrell@scbdh.org)) at St. Charles Rectory if you are interested in bringing these Sundays back in a new and improved way.

May God bless us with His mercy,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros