

Dear Parishioners,

Here in our Partnering Parishes, we are very blessed to have each other, caring and supporting one another in living, celebrating and sharing the faith we treasure! May the Lord continue to be our source of holiness, strength and protection, despite the many challenges we face, as we move forward together!

November 1st

We begin November honoring All Saints and rejoicing in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy presence and place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

First Holy Communion

At the 10AM Mass today, seven of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them and their families. Together with them, may we renew our faith and reverence for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the source and summit of our lives. Please note, a **plenary indulgence** is granted to the faithful who receive Holy Communion for the first time or who devoutly assist at the First Holy Communion of others.

The Annual Eucharistic Devotion of the Forty Hours takes place at St. Charles Borromeo Church **beginning Wednesday, November 4th, Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6, 2020.** The schedule is: Morning Mass at 8:30A.M. followed by Exposition and Adoration throughout the day, and concluding at 7PM with Evening Prayer and Benediction. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on the first two evenings. I encourage you to sign up for Adoration during these special days of grace.

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half-hour; and who participate in the solemn days of Eucharistic Devotion and Benediction. This special time of grace for our parish provides opportunities

To renew our faith and reverence for Our Lord's abiding presence in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. Secondly;

To grow in a deeper and more intimate union with Our Lord;

To make acts of reparation for any sins, outrages, sacrileges, and indifference which offend Our Lord).

We will observe the solemn celebration of the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo (the Sunday closest to his day) on the weekend of November 7th and 8th at all the Masses next weekend.

Opening of Mass Book

I wish to announce that the Mass Books for our Partnering Parishes will open the week of November 2, 2020 at both rectories. The opening of the Mass Book coincides with the month of November, dedicated to all the souls of the faithful departed. Our Catholic faith teaches us to remember our beloved dead in our daily prayers and to have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for their happy repose in God's mercy. In addition, Masses are offered for special intentions and for special occasions. Please consider scheduling Masses for those Intentions you have for your loved ones, living or deceased, trying to limit your initial requests to 5 Intentions.

Normal Mass Offering: With the opening of the new Mass Book, I need to **make a change** in the requested offering in light of the updated guidelines & policies for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In order to be in full compliance with the norms, *the customary offering for each Mass is no more than ten dollars.*

The priest who celebrates or concelebrates a Mass with a definite intention is to receive the offering. The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention contribute to the good of the Church, and by the offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers, and its activities.

It is good for us to know that our Churches offer Masses for "**collective intentions**". A Mass with a collective intention means that intentions for many people are accepted for the same Mass, for example: All Souls' Day, or Mass for the Holy Souls, Mother's Day and Father's Day, and the Living & Deceased of the Parish, to name a few.

Unannounced Mass Intentions: We accept Unannounced Mass Intentions. Although we cannot tell you when these Masses will be offered, we can assure you that they will be given to priests who do not have a regular source of Mass Intentions, e.g., Priests in special ministry who offer Mass in schools and other institutions, our Retired Priests at Villa Saint Joseph, Darby, our Priests at St. Charles Seminary, or sent to Priests in the foreign Missions through the Office for the Propagation of the Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor George A. Majoros