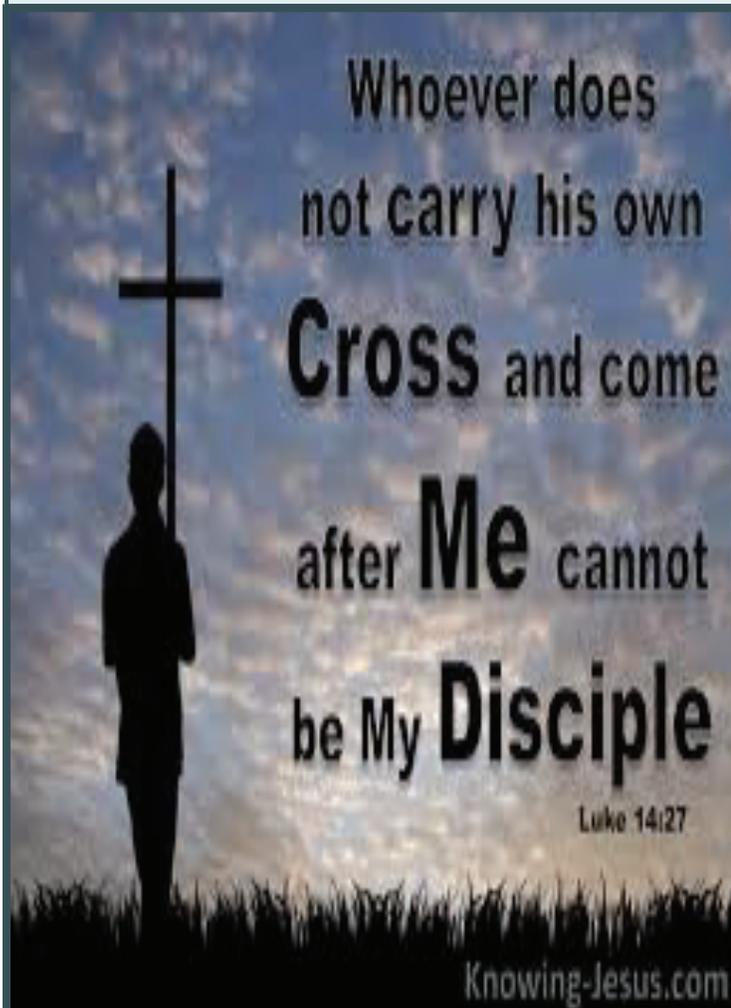


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September 4, 2022
Twenty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARTNERING PARISHES OF SACRED HEART AND ST.
CHARLES BORROMEIO MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART

4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass - 7:30 AM Mass

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass - 10:00 AM Mass - 4:00 PM Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

SACRED HEART

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

8:30 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

7:00 PM Vigil Mass

8:30 AM Morning Mass

SACRED HEART

12:00 Noon Mass

7:00 PM Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRED HEART

3:00—3:45 PM—Before Saturday Vigil Mass

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

4:30-5:15 PM—Before Saturday Vigil Mass

6:30—7:30 PM—Thursday before First Friday

9:15-10:00— On First Saturday (barring a funeral)

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

3:00 PM—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00-8:00 PM—Holy Hour

FIRST SATURDAY AT ST. CHARLES

8:30AM Morning Mass

Exposition, Devotions, Confession and Benediction

Flame of Love Holy Hour - Join us on Thursday evenings 6:30
-7:30 in Saint Charles Borromeo Church as we pray for
the Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

To date, St. Charles Borromeo Parish has raised 71% of its goal of \$ 27, 000 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) 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

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time— **September 4, 2022**

“None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (610) 667-5778 or email fr.dfriel@archphila.org

Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne’s Chapel candles are burning the week of:



September 4—September 10

Church

Rev. Dennis P. Boyle & Mary and Edward Boyle

Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~ Joseph Gabriel DiBella

Seats Filling Quickly: Please Register Soon to Join Us.... Pilgrimage to National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

A bus will leave from Drexel Hill as part of the Philadelphia 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 a 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 light breakfast on the bus, a boxed lunch to enjoy on the grounds and stop for dinner on the way home. For more information and to register, please call Tina Angelo (610-513-8731) or email tangelo212@yahoo.com. The cost of the trip is \$50. Registration deadline is September 15.

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You no longer need a password.



Welcome to Opening the Word, videos and guides offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Each reflection is lead by one of our experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Scott Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. John Riley, Dr. Ben Akers, and Martha Fernandez. Opening the Word is designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting, especially in RCIA.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

BEGINS: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

TIME: 7:30pm – 9:00pm for 8 weeks

**WHERE: St. Bernadette Church Lot
Wright Center (1st floor)
Harper Avenue Parking Lot**

**For more information contact
George Salloom @ 610-306-022 or
email georgesalloom@hotmail.com**

OR

**Helen Kraus @ 610-789-7676 ext. 101 or
email helenk@stbl.org**



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 19th!

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church—First Saturday

8:30AM—Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish
5:30PM—Thomas Bisignani

Sunday, September 4—Twenty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM—Helen Mc Kelvey
4:00PM—Genevieve and Myron Blankley

Thursday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM—Gail Rollins

Friday, September 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30AM—Lawrence and Felicia Kozak

Saturday, September 10—Weekday

8:30AM—Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish
5:30PM—Mary Jenkins

Sunday, September 11—Twenty—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM—The Cappelli and Bini Families
4:00PM—Special Intention of the Mullen Family

Casseroles, toiletries and other items for St. John's Hospice will be collected this Sunday, September 4th from 8:30AM-10:30AM. Casserole pans and recipes can be found in the vestibule of the church.

In addition to casseroles, toiletries and any usable MENS clothing will be collected. As always, thanks for your continued support helping others.

Are you being asked to be a 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 16 years 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 in their time, talent and treasure.

St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle - Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket! The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets and will be broken down as follows: 1st Prize- \$5,000; 2nd Prize- \$2,000; 3rd Prize- \$1,000 and Four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. Raffle proceeds support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assisting with the ongoing restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, PA. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at St. Mary Hall. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy at 610-630-0861 or email smpas@stmarypolish.org.

Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 3-September 4, 2022
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil Mass—Msgr. Majoros
7:30AM—Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM—Vigil Mass—Fr. Stenson
10:00AM—Msgr. Majoros
4:00PM—Fr. Anderson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM—Fr. Stenson

Mass Celebrants Weekend of September 10-September 11, 2022
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil Mass—Fr. Stenson
7:30AM—Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM—Vigil Mass—Msgr. Majoros
10:00AM—Fr. Sperger
4:00PM—Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM—Fr. Stenson

THE ROADS WE TAKE—The concept of “road” is very much a part of our thinking and an often used idiom. Usually, “road” is not used to indicate a surfaced area of macadam or concrete. We use it to describe situations, circumstances, or conditions. There are a lot of songs with the word “Road” in them. Ray Charles had a big hit back some decades ago with his song, “Hit the road, Jack,” where Jack is being told to pack his bag and leave the house. You might remember the Beatles song, “The Long and Winding Road.” The lyrics are a nostalgic look back at the joy and fun Paul McCartney had in the early years of the Beatles success and how problems had developed. Then there’s Roger Miller’s “King of the Road,” and John Denver’s “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” and many others.

Besides musical pieces, the word “Road” pops up to mean many different things in our lives. People work hard to get on the “road to success.” When we are trying to accomplish something and are going nowhere, we might describe it as “a dead-end road” or “a road to nowhere.” Sometimes our aims have a high purpose but things get turned around and soon we find ourselves going in the opposite direction despite our original goals. We have a phrase for that: “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.” There are many kinds of roads that we get to choose from in life. We often hear of people following the “straight and narrow road” meaning a life of truth, hard work, spirituality and fairness. There are those who are always looking for the short cut road—highlighted by lies, stealing, and misrepresentations. There are roads where people are taken in by the billboards of glamour, money, success, and popularity and find themselves going in the wrong direction.

Whatever road we are on, we find obstacles, barriers, and problems ahead of us or behind us. If we find ourselves bogged down with unexpected problems, if the road does not lead us where we always anticipated it to take us, if we get lost on our chosen road, we might want to blame everything that happens on the road, on other people or on bad luck. These choices for blame might not be a true reality check for us. A person who travels down a road for revenge believes he is justified in order to “get even.” “It’s the way of the world,” he might claim. A man who divorces his wife because he didn’t feel loved enough and is attracted to another woman he works with, feels justified by his romantic notions of love. A person who works to avoid responsibility on a job or in a family might be surprised when he runs into a brick wall on his road. We may come up with all kinds of excuses and shifting of blame to the “road,” to the problems, to other people, But as O. Henry, the early 20th century short story writer wrote, “It ain’t the roads we take, it’s what’s inside of us that makes us turn out the way we do.”

The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan can exemplify this. As Luke begins this parable, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. Now this road, despite the presence of Roman troops in the area, seems to have been a dangerous road because of the existence of robbers. The man must have known this, but he took his chances of traveling on this road. We might remember when Jesus was 12 and went to Jerusalem with his family for a religious festival. The family traveled in a large group of friends and relatives. This man in the parable risked traveling this road alone. Then he was attacked, robbed, beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. As you know, a priest and a Levi, two religious men of ancient Judah, saw the half dead man lying in the road and chose to walk around him on the other side. You can just imagine them hurrying past and looking from side to side hoping that robbers would not jump out at them. Then, Jesus explains in the parable, a Samaritan came upon the scene. We might assume that he was well acquainted with the road for he had a donkey and probably a walking stick. He had some supplies on the donkey and therefore we might guess that he was some sort of merchant traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. He, too, might have been apprehensive like the two religious leaders who had just passed by, but instead of leaving the man, the Samaritan took pity on him and stopped to help him. In other words, despite the same thoughts of danger that the road presented and the robbers that might be lurking nearby, the Samaritan chose to help. So it was not the road, the dangers or any other motive that might have turned him away from helping, it was what was inside him, his moral compass, his compassion, that ruled his actions and his choice. He bandaged the man and took him to an inn where he cared for him.

No matter which road you are on, you need to follow the best road map—the Gospels and the best guide—the Holy Spirit. The Gospels and the Holy Spirit calls us to be the best version of ourselves. We are called to choose the right road that will allow us to grow, mature and be that best version. That best version requires something from you.

Taking this one step beyond O. Henry’s wise observation, E.E. Cummings tells us what type of walking stick we need on any road we travel: “It takes courage...” and with courage we can be the person God calls us to be. Road choices, a good guide and your own walking stick of courage will help to prove that O. Henry was right.

It’s what’s inside of each of us that makes us what we are. Be the person God meant you to be.—Deacon John



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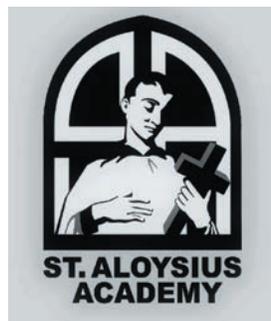
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