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*Seventh Sunday of Easter*



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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 AT ST. CHARLES

8:30AM—Mass

3:00PM—Prayers at the Hour of Mercy and the Chaplet

7:00-8:00PM—Holy Hour of Reparation

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 Partnering Parishioners:

In this sacred Easter Season of deepening our faith in the mystery of Christ risen from the dead, I ask you to consider how best you can serve the Lord and His Church here in our Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart, Clifton Heights, and St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill.

Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a more active role with me in the leadership of our Parishes by becoming a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or the Parish Financial Councils.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

There is one Parish Pastoral Council for our Partnering Parishes. Parish members serve on this Council to advise the pastor and foster the full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the parish and universal church. Their responsibilities include informing the pastor of needs and concerns, recommending policies and procedures, and reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of existing parish programs, the development and implementation of a parish pastoral plan, and reflecting on Archdiocesan pastoral priorities and recommending how they can be implemented in the parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council is made up of the Pastor, Ex-Officio members, 3 members from each parish elected by the parishioners or appointed by the Pastor. Usually appointed members serve a 3 year term and may be reappointed by the Pastor at his discretion. Elected members serve a 3 year term and the terms rotate so each year 2 positions come up for election.

Parish Pastoral Council meetings are convened by the Pastor at least six times a year. Extraordinary meetings can be held at the request of the Pastor. All meetings require a quorum of members consisting of the simple majority of members.

### **The Parish Financial Council**

There are two separate Parish Financial Councils for each separate parish, with one Pastor and one Parish Business Manager. These councils assist and advise the pastor in overseeing and managing the financial affairs of each parish.

Please prayerfully consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve in either capacity. Then, let's meet and talk how best you can serve the Lord.

May God, who has begun the good work in you bring it to completion.



**Saint Dymphna is the patron saint of mental health, anxiety, and depression.** She is quickly increasing in popularity as the world has become more and more aware of mental health and its drastic effects on our day to day lives.

According to a scientific study, the COVID-19 pandemic drastically increased the presence of anxiety symptoms changing from 8.9% to an alarming 22.6%.<sup>[1]</sup> It makes sense that St

### ***Prayer to Saint Dymphna***

Lord, we pray for those who have a mental illness.  
Help us to understand that the way that we talk about people with a mental illness affects the people themselves and how we treat the illness.

So often people who have a mental illness are known as their illness; people say that "she is bipolar" or "he is schizophrenic"; when we talk about mental illness we should not use that phrase.

People who have cancer are not cancer;  
those with heart disease are not heart disease.  
Let us always remember that people with mental illness are not the illness--  
they are beautiful creations of God.

There is so much fear, ignorance and hurtful attitudes that the people who suffer from mental illness needlessly

suffer further.  
Help us to support and be compassionate to those with a mental illness,  
every bit as much as we support those who suffer from any other illness.

Grant courage to those for whom we pray and fill them with hope.  
If it is according to Your Divine Will,  
grant them the recovery and cure they desire.  
Help them to remember You love them; they are never alone.

***Saint Dymphna, Patron of those with a Mental Illness, pray for us***

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, May 20 —Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Living & Deceased Mothers of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

5:30PM—Reverend Dennis Boyle (50th Anniversary of his First Mass)

## Sunday, May 21— Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00AM— Catherine Schwakoff

4:00PM—Joseph Flanigan

## Thursday, May 25—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Owen F. Nerney

## Friday, May 26—Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:30AM— Rocco Rinaldi, Sr. (20th Anniversary)

## Saturday, May 27—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Living & Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

5:30PM— Mary and Edward Boyle

## Sunday, May 28— Pentecost Sunday

10:00AM— Rheanna English Mc Glensey

4:00PM— Valerie May George



Through the intercession of Saint Rita of Cascia, experience what's possible with God! You're invited to join the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in South Philadelphia for the Solemn Novena and Feast Day of Saint Rita: Saturday, May 13, 2023 through

Monday, May 22, 2023. For more information, visit: [www.SaintRitaShrine.org/feast-day](http://www.SaintRitaShrine.org/feast-day)

This information can also be found on the St. Charles Borromeo website: [www.scbdh.org](http://www.scbdh.org)

Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 20-May 21, 2023  
(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 —Fr. Sperger

4:00PM—Fr. Anderson

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM —Fr. Stenson

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

May 22—May 28

Church

Steve

Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~ Joseph Gabriel DiBella



## Does your child know Jesus?

Sacred Heart, St. Charles, and St. Andrew

Parish Religious Education Program

**Early Registration**



### **Early Registration with Reduced Fees:**

Registration form due by June 1, 2023 with a \$10 deposit, balance due by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

1 Child: \$115 (save \$25),

2 Children: \$160 (save \$40),

3 or more children: \$200 (save \$50)

Registration forms are on the parish websites and may be brought to the Parish Office.

Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Please call or email Sr. Theresa Marie with any questions: (215)983-9462 or [srtheresam@scbdh.org](mailto:srtheresam@scbdh.org)

If there is a financial need, please contact the PREP Office.

**Registration fees can also be paid through our SCRIIP fundraising program.**

Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 27-May 28, 2023  
(Subject to Change)

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil Mass—Fr. Anderson

7:30AM—Msgr. Majoros

### St. Charles Borromeo

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*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

No matter what effort we may make to soften it, “good byes” are never easy. This is especially so either for people for whom our love goes way back in time, or for those people we have learned to love more recently.” Any depiction of farewells in books, plays or movies can turn on the tears despite our best attempt to be stoic about it.

St. Luke lets us in on such a scene involving Our Lord Jesus and His Apostles in today’s Gospel reading. The closeness generated over the past three years has not been easy, but it has solidified enough to make the separation painful.

But for Jesus it is also a process. His first step is to pray aloud in their company what we have come to call “His great prayer.” He asks His heavenly Father to keep “His side of the bargain,” if you will. Jesus has indeed been obedient, having humbly joined the human family through life in a woman’s womb; followed by a simple birth in a Bethlehem stable. Later He submitted to hatred and torture, winding up hanging on a Roman cross atop the hill of Calvary.

That tragedy turned out to include a triumph, unique in the annals of human history, with His glorious resurrection “on the Third Day.” It was proof positive that all His lofty claims about Himself were true. He reviews them now for His listeners with the conviction that “now is the time”. He calls it “His Hour.” Yet He makes it the occasion to make a promise of His prayers for His faithful followers. That includes us.

Obviously we do not have the privileges of His Apostles and disciples. We do not know what Jesus looked like, although efforts have been made by artists, some basing their portraits on the Shroud of Turin. We certainly do not know the sound of His voice as He prayed that bittersweet day. We trust that will all be taken care of on the other side of death’s door.

Meanwhile, we do see Him with the eyes of faith present completely in the Holy Eucharist. We have His holy Presence among us under the appearances of bread and wine. That means we have the same post-Pentecostal privilege of the Apostles. Like them, we now have the obligation to be Christ’s missionary spokespersons, each in our own way. How we do it all depends on humility and faith.

I began this piece thinking about goodbyes. But sometimes human pride steps in, and we can miss the chance to make our goodbyes teachable moments. Consider this story.

*It seems a priest, a Boy Scout and a computer expert were the only passengers on a small plane. The pilot came back to the cabin and said that the plane was going down but there were only three parachutes and four people. The pilot added, “I should have one of the parachutes because I have a wife and three small children.” So he took one and jumped.*

*The computer whiz said “I should have one of the parachutes because I am the smartest man in the world and everyone needs me.” So he took one and jumped.*

*The priest turned to the Boy Scout and with a sad smile said “You are young and I have lived a rich full life, so you take the remaining parachute, and I’ll go down with the plane.” The Boy Scout replied, “Relax, Father, the smartest man in the world just picked up my knapsack and jumped out!”*

**Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14**

Having witnessed Jesus’ Ascension, the remaining Apostles, now minus Judas, gather for support and prayer in the Upper Room, anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Reading II: I Peter 4: 13-16**

Facing persecution realistically, the author urges the Christian community to be proud of any suffering they endure for Christ.

**The Gospel: John 17: 1-11a**

In His great prayer, Jesus acknowledges that His work has been completed, and now “the hour has come” for Him to return to His Father.

**IN PRAISE AND SUPPORT OF PRAYER-** When it comes to prayer, we need to bring our hearts, our attitudes, and our minds more into harmony with God's loving presence in our day to day lives. I also believe we all need a tune up for our prayer engine from time to time. Let's face it, our daily struggles and busy schedules can often keep us from considering the needs for our personal prayer refurbishing. Things like long stretches of time and highway between our prayers, the diminishing of our willingness to put on the brakes when we feel irritated at others and so instead of a prayer, we say something hurtful towards someone. We too often drive right through our own temperature warning signs, like when we feel our temperament starting to boil over a problem or a person and we know we're ready to yell, scream or act angry. We're about to blow a gasket. All of these signals can point to a needed re-alignment of our attitude, our disposition and a re-fitting of our outlook with some much needed prayers.

A concern I've written about before has a connection to a re-fitting of our prayer life. "The Spirit of Vatican II," which was a call for changes within the Church some five decades ago, did bring about changes that saw the discouragement or just the abandonment of such traditional Catholic practices in our prayer life as retreats, morning and evening prayers, and the regular meetings of prayer groups. These discouragements or abandonments were not really part of the Vatican II teachings but came about by the back door in the Church by people who thought getting rid of such things would bring us more into an alignment with the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the modern world. These changes moved many of us away from some of the important aspects of what our prayers should look like and feel like and what they should bring to us.

Getting back to the basics of prayer for anyone should really begin with habit. Yes, we all say quick prayers of thanks and petitions when we need them. Prayers like "Thank you God for this beautiful day," when things are going right. Or a prayer for help, "God get me through this day," when things are not going right. Beyond simple little prayers, we might want to try to build a prayer "space" into our busy schedule. It can be much like a time you set aside for reading a novel at bedtime or watching a favorite TV program. Some suggested parameters for such a prayer "space" include setting aside a particular time—10 minutes in the early morning or 10 minutes just before bed. Next, you need a quiet place—a room, a back porch, a chapel—where silence can be a welcomed companion. Once you have the time and space you will probably find it hard to tune your thoughts into prayers. Your mind will wander. Worries and anxieties like flashing text messages, will pop up in your head.

Abbott John Eudes Bamberger recommends a path to take to help you focus: Read some scripture passages. Religious have the Liturgy of the Hours prayers to say twice a day. Each section begins with three different paragraphs of Scripture: psalms, or parts of the Epistles. Perhaps peruse the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass or, if you subscribe to the Magnificat booklet, read whatever passage it provides for the day. An old recommendation from my Protestant Mother was to simply open the Bible randomly and read whichever passage you come to. You might be surprised that reading that passage might have a significant meaning for you at the moment or for something you may encounter during your day.

Do you have the Bible close at hand on a bookshelf or on a table? Perhaps, we are a little too spoiled in our country when it comes to the freedom we have to read the Scriptures. I'm reminded of a story of an Orthodox monk traveling in the old Soviet Union in the '1960s. He was being guided around by his communist handlers, but at one point he managed to be on his own for a few minutes. He was approached by an elderly woman who asked if he had a bible, he could give to her. While his handlers' backs were turned he slipped her an extra bible he had with him for just such a possibility. She joyfully took it, hid in her clothing and kissed his hands repeatedly saying "Thank you, thank you." How fortunate we are that we can read the Bible anytime we choose. In your little prayer space, after a short reading of scripture, turn to a set agenda of prayers. Such a list of prayers can be easily found on the internet. First, prayers of thanksgiving for your many blessings. Second, particular petitions for the people in your life who need God's graces and blessings. Third, general petitions for country, government officials, church leaders, priests, fathers, mothers etc.

I recently joined a Wednesday morning prayer group for men at a parish (St. Philip Neri) close to where I live. This group of men have been praying together every Wednesday for years so I'm just a new recruit. It shows when they go through their agenda of prayers so methodically with me guessing at times what page to look on in the prayer book or whose turn it is to lead the prayer or reading. What I have found though, is that these morning prayers to be a deep, joyful, and meaningful prayer space experience for me and a great way to start my day.

Put a prayer space in your day and set up your own set of prayers. It just might be the prayer tune up you need. Next week some good examples of prayers for when you don't know what to say.—Deacon John



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