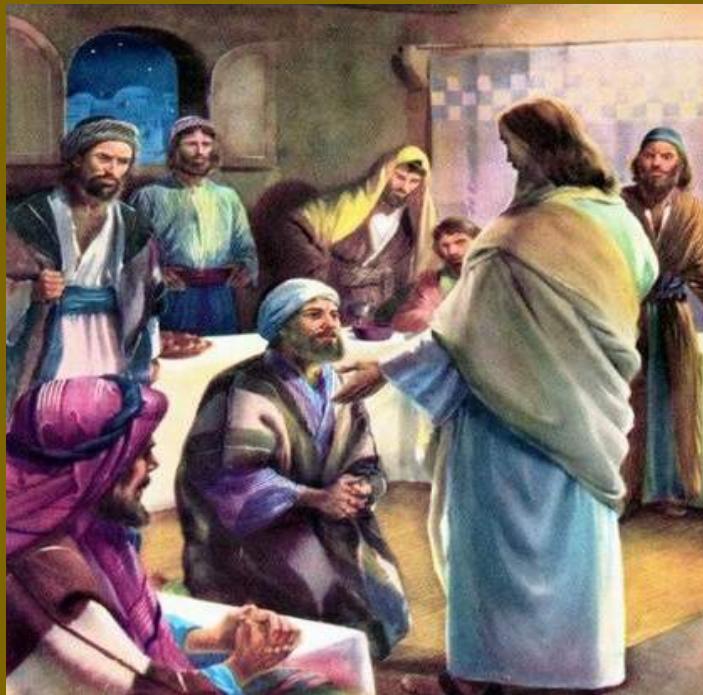


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10:00AM-3:00PM

Sunday -10:00AM-12Noon

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE SACRED HEART

4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass ~ 7:30 AM Mass
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
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 BORROMEO
8:30 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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 BORROMEO

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
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.

Join us in celebration

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

EUCARISTIC PROCESSION

JUNE 2, 2024

- Join us for 12:30pm Mass at St. Andrew with our principal celebrant Archbishop James Patrick Green
- Procession will proceed from St. Andrew down Turner Lane
- Concluding with Benediction and a celebratory gathering at St. Bernadette
- Limited seating trolley transport available

Save the date!

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish
St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
St. Dorothy Parish
St. Laurence Parish

Questions: nverna@standrewdh.org or 610-259-1169

April 20th, 8:30-5:00 PM

Event: Marriage Enrichment Day

Do you want to renew, strengthen and enhance your Marriage? Engaged and Married Couples of all ages are invited for a heart filled day with Dynamic Speakers, Breakfast, Lunch and Mass.

Location: St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

Speakers: Ryan & January Donovan / Peter & Tricia DeMaio
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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.



To Die, Rise & Remain with Christ

Reflections on Jesus Christ's true presence in the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass, Holy Communion, and Adoration

**40
HOURS**
Eucharistic Devotion

April 21
Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament
12:30 pm · Church

Homily & Benediction
by Fr. Taglianetti
6:30 pm

April 22 & 23
Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament
7:00 am · Church

Homily & Benediction
by Fr. Taglianetti
6:30 pm

Fr. August Taglianetti, Director of Campus Ministry at Cardinal O'Hara High School, leads a reflection each evening on how we might better encounter Our Lord Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

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Patterned after classic variety shows like Laurence Welk, Ed Sullivan, and Carol Burnett, The Annie Moses Show brings together a musical family of singers, players, actors, and creators, unified under one mission: to declare the truth, beauty, and goodness of God.

In Episode 1: Eastertide, you'll meet budding singer-songwriter, Ava Mashburn; iconic American pilgrim, Danny Darst; virtuosos Hudson Harris & Micah Galicinski; the talented Chalk & Block Children, and award-winning vocalist, Joshua Carswell! Plus the Genesius Players give us a taste of choral chaos!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—The Living and Deceased Members of St.

Charles Borromeo Parish

5:30PM—Mary and Edward Boyle

Sunday, April 14—The Third Sunday of Easter

10AM—Eleanor Cantalupi

4:00PM—Grace Mc Kenna

Thursday, April 18—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Lawrence Kozak

Friday, April 19—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Sister Eileen Marie Laird, PVMI

Saturday, April 20—Easter Weekday

8:30AM—Lawrence Kozak

5:30PM—Mariana Romero

Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter

10AM—Eleanor Mc Fadden

4:00PM—Michael Garr

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

April 14—April 20

Church

Rev. Dennis Boyle

Mary and Edward Boyle

Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~Joseph Gabriel DiBella



Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3760 or go to: www.archphila.org

Mass Celebrants for April 13 and April 14, 2024 (Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil—Fr. Anderson

7:30AM—Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil—Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM—Fr. Stenson

4:00PM—Fr. Stenson

Say the Word

"What's your favorite Commandment?" the catechist asked the Level 4 students. "Honor your father and mother," one young man replied. "Why should you honor your father and mother?"

"Because they work hard to provide you with food and clothes and a roof over your head, and they love you." His mom beamed. "The first three Commandments are about our relationship with whom?" the Level Three catechist asked. "With God" her students answered. "And what about the last seven Commandments?" "With other people," they replied. It was a PREP Parent Come and See night and the Level Three and Four students were sharing with their parents what they had been learning recently about the Ten Commandments.

As I reflected on the Ten Commandments, I could see that the fourth Commandment is a kind of bridge between the first three and the last seven. Our image of God, especially during our childhood, is largely based on our relationship with our parents. Loving, caring parents teach us that God is loving and caring. Strict, demanding parents color our image of God as strict and demanding. Abusive parents can lead us to not trust or believe in a good God at all. It is good to look at my own image of God and see if some human attributes have colored my image of God - and if I have contributed to someone else's misperception of God. Then look at how my actions and relationships with others (Commandments four through ten) have been affected.

Prayers for PREP

I know in my head, Lord, that You are a good, loving, Father, worthy of my trust, but sometimes my heart questions. Please help me to remember the good You have done in my life and help me to trust You. Show me also where I have failed to image Your love to my family members and friends. Heal any wounds or divisions. Amen.

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7:30AM—Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil—Msgr. Majoros

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THE SECRET TO PEACE WITH GOD IN A WORLD GONE MAD—An Apple streaming service series called “Masters of the Air” concerning B-17 crews fighting over Germany in World War II, recently finished airing. It was a very powerful, dramatic, and chilling program that left its viewers somewhat stunned by the sacrifices endured by those young pilots and crewmen in fighting against the Nazis.

I watched the series with a good friend and was able to add some historical commentary because I knew a B-17 tail gunner many years ago who had shared with me his stories and insights into what it was like to fight in that terrible war. One insight I remember my long-ago friend relating to me was the overall strategy of the Allied high command. The B-17s and their crews were used as bait. The commanders kept sending the B-17s off on missions against Germany to lure the German Luftwaffe up to fight. The goal was to destroy the Luftwaffe and thereby ensure the safety of the Allied invasion of France. The cost was tremendous. 80% of the B-17 crews were killed, wounded or captured.

The Apple series also had two poignant lines spoken by the people in the story that are worthwhile remembering. The first was when one bombardier expressed to an English woman, his feeling guilty over the death of a fellow bombardier who had gone on a mission he was supposed to be on. The woman set him straight. “The guilt lies with Hitler and his gang of thugs who started this war, not you.”

Tying into this sentiment of guilt was a second bit of dialogue worth remembering. One pilot was mulling over the death and destruction his bombs were causing and the hatred he felt for the enemy. Another pilot quoted Fredrich Nietzsche, “Beware that, when fighting monsters, you yourself do not become a monster...for when you gaze long into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.” Many people who fought in World War II had to face their own demons of hatred for the enemy. Nietzsche warning was all too profound for these people.

Perhaps it might have helped them and help us today in dealing with the wars, the hatred, the senseless terrorism that strikes at our world, to seek the wisdom of the Bible on how to avoid overwhelming hatred and becoming what we need to fight against. The book of Ecclesiastes might be a good starting point. The writer is called Qoheleth, which is Hebrew for “preacher” or “teacher.” Most scholars attribute the writings to Solomon. The lines of Ecclesiastes we are all most familiar with were popularized by the sixties band “The Byrds” in their song “Turn, Turn, Turn.” The lyrics were taken from Chapter 3 verses 1-8 and are often heard at funerals. “There is a time for everything. And a season for every activity under heaven.” And the verses contin-

ue with some examples “A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot; a time to kill and a time to heal.” Solomon’s point in this section is for us to recognize and accept God’s plan. There are things we can control and there are things we cannot control. There are times we must make choices and there are times when choices are beyond our ability to make. Emotions, problems, injustices, wickedness, and the rise and fall of evil, are all part of the cycles of life.

These things may at times contradict our understanding of God’s plan. Ecclesiastes counsels a steadiness in believing and trusting in God even when these cycles, especially cycles of evil, seem to be overwhelming. We are often faced with emotional turmoil in how to deal with such cycles of insane evil as we see in the world today. At times we must act to stop them and fight against them such as the World War II soldiers, sailors and marines had to do. Hatred in response is a natural emotion we can feel and accept. But what should we hate? We can hate such people’s actions, their thoughts, and their words. But the people themselves, we are called as Christians not to hate. Our Christian faith teaches us to love our enemies and forgive them. Yet, hatred on our part is a natural emotion for what we see in the actions, words and behavior of others.

In all the stories my old friend told of the war, the loss of his plane and crew, his being tortured and mistreated by the guards in his POW camp, the murder he witnessed of a large group of his friends, he never mentioned hatred. By the time he related these stories 25 years later, he had come to a wisdom of acceptance and trust in God even in the memories of all he had been through and witnessed. Solomon hinted in his writings that the secret to peace with God is to discover, accept and appreciate God’s perfect timing. In other words, trusting in God in all that happens in life: the things we can control, the things we can’t control. The hatred and anger and unreasonable violence that we see as part of the world, usually leave us shaking our heads in doubt. God confronts such evil with His weavings, His sowing, His gleaning, His gathering, and His plan. How we come to grip with these doubts, how we come to accept God’s weavings, sowing and gleaning in the world and in our lives, often comes down to our individual choices of faith and trust in God.

My friend, in his own way, in his deep faith that got him through the war and its hell, managed to stay close to and trust in God and carried that through the rest of his life. He always impressed me as having a wisdom and peace that I very much envied. The wisdom of Solomon, is one of the many building blocks given us by God to help us find peace in our lives in a world gone mad. —Deacon John



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