

*Saint Charles Borromeo Church*  
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*December 8, 2024*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*



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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday -  
9:00AM—4:00PM

Tuesday and Thursday-  
10:00AM-3:00PM

Sunday -10:00AM-12Noon

**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

7:00-8:00PM—Holy Hour of Reparation

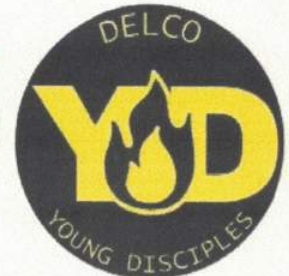
**FIRST SATURDAY AT ST. CHARLES**

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.

# DELCO YOUNG DISCIPLES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 5:30-7:30PM  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH



## Praying With Art & Music

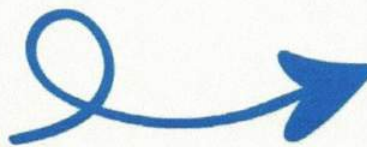


Join us to learn how praying can happen through music and art. Praying using our senses allows us to use our whole body to draw our hearts closer to Jesus. This will be an interactive learning time!

There will also be a Service Opportunity for all our Delco Young Disciples during this session.



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REGISTERED FOR OUR  
2025 SEASON YET?



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024 PROGRAM FOR OUR PARTNERING PARISHES

A Christmas giving tree program is actively supported at St. Charles and Sacred Heart Parishes to help families and individuals in our communities.

Our Giving Trees will be in each church Sanctuary from **November 29, 2024 through December 8, 2024.**

Gift tags on the trees have requests for specific gifts/gift cards for families who are not able to shop for themselves. You are welcome to take one or more than one tag.

Please return all gifts items **unwrapped with the gift tag attached** (this tag helps us match the gift to the family) under the tree by **Sunday, December 8, before 7:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church or the 4:00pm Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church.** Donated gift bags are appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Saint Charles Rectory during office hours at 610-623-3800.

### SCRIP PROGRAM

To help make your Christmas shopping easier, St. Charles sells gift cards as SCRIP. Please call the rectory and they can prepare your Script order for you to pick up. St. Charles rectory hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 12:00 Noon.

**Consider adopting a family** and make your Christmas more joyful! For more information, please leave a message for Eileen Bradley at St Charles Rectory at 610-623-3800 as soon as possible..

*Saint Charles Borromeo will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 22nd following the 10AM Mass in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.*

*Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule of St. Charles Borromeo Church following the 10AM Masses December 7th-December 15th.*

*Tickets can also be purchased at the Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Rectory Offices during regular business hours.*

*Tickets are \$10.00 each (children under 10 are free)*

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**



*Once again we will be holding a Christmas Dinner here in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall on Christmas Day from 3:00-5:00PM. Our guests include those folks who would otherwise spend Christmas Day alone, in shelters or in any other type of unfortunate situation.*

Besides dinner, we always want to send our guests home with a gift bag of much needed items. Some good ideas are: tube socks, hats, gloves, scarves and travel size toiletries. If you would like to donate any of these items there will be a box in the vestibule of church beginning Sunday, December 10th. Items can also be dropped off at the St. Charles Borromeo Rectory Office during office hours.

Help the day of the dinner is always appreciated.  
Donated desserts are also wonderful.

Call Lori Farrell at 610-623-3800 if you would like to be part of this heart warming event.

I will be reaching out to our volunteers from last year in the very near future.

## *Mass Intentions*

### Saturday, December 7— St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM-Larry Mc Hugh

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil Mass) - Robert Adcock

### Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

10AM—Gertrude Erdlen

4:00PM –Milan Cihan

### Monday, December 9— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12Noon—Sean Gallagher, Sr.

6:00PM—The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

### Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30AM—Regina J. Waltz

### Friday, December 13-St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 AM– Kathleen Ryan

### Saturday, December 14—St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM—Marie Di Pasquale and The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)-Richard Smith

### Sunday, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

10AM—Helen Keichline and The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

4:00PM—Lisa Shillingford and Alby Blagbrough

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the USA, normally held on December 8<sup>th</sup> is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Our schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is as follows:

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

**Sacred Heart Church: 8:30A.M.**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church: 12Noon and 6:00 P.M**

**Mass Celebrants for December 7 and December 8, 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-Msgr. Majoros

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

December 8 ~December 14

Church

The Deceased Members of the Boyle Family



Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~ Joseph Gabriel DiBella

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

### Sunday, December 1, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$6,459.00

E-Giving—\$1,081.64

**Total: \$7,540.64**

**Monthly on Sundays, Dec 15, Jan 12 (with Bishop Chylinski), Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 15, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 from 2-3 PM**

### **Event: Eileen George Prayer Group**

Join us for the Prayer Group in the spirit of Eileen George and her Meet the Father Ministry. We meet on a monthly basis to pray for specific intentions through Eileen's intercession, to study and reflect on her teachings, and to pray for her beatification & canonization. There will be Adoration, Confession and Benediction. Social to follow. For more information about Eileen, visit [www.EileenGeorge.org](http://www.EileenGeorge.org).

**Location:** Annunciation BVM Church, 401

Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA

**More Info:** Questions? Contact Jeanmarie Lollo at 610-547-7308 (phone or text)

**Mass Celebrants for December 14 and December 15, 2024**  
(Subject to Change)

**Sacred Heart**

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Anderson

7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

**St. Charles Borromeo**

5:30PM Vigil-Fr. Stenson

10:00AM –Msgr. Majoros

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**INDECISION AND EMBARRASSMENT**—There are times when indecision and embarrassment seem just a major part of married life. I might venture to surmise that husbands in particular are never really sure, no matter how many years they've been married, exactly how to respond to things their wives say to them. Various comments found only in men's locker room conversations add such observations as a husband might be listening to his wife speaking and she stops talking. No husband can be sure of whether the correct response is to nod your head, offer agreement, or just wait to see if she's taking a breath before continuing. Sometimes a husband's indecision is based on not knowing whether he is expected to respond with words, actions or he is just supposed to remember what the wife said. These are treacherous waters to navigate. A false step, the wrong response could be very problematic. So, husbands, as a group, are often left in a state of indecision.

Also, husbands must learn to interpret their wives "looks." These looks can range from "This is an order: get to it" or "Don't even think of doing that." If we misinterpret the "look" there will follow a more intense "look" that will try to impress upon us what was so obviously missed in the first "look." As a veteran of the state of matrimony, I have concluded that when it comes to expected actions in any social situation, husbands are at a severe disadvantage. To overcome this disadvantage, a seasoned husband has learned to wait for specific directions on what to do or say because we really can't be left on our own to do or say the right thing. When a wife looks to her husband to say something she is expecting an immediate, "Yes, dear," as a response.

An upside to this Pavlovian answer is that years of marriage makes a husband less prone to being embarrassed when his wife corrects, directs or "looks" at him. When it comes right down to it, indecisions and embarrassments in most relationships we have in life are not restricted to errant husbands. Anyone can be indecisive and feel embarrassed by a faux pax they may make in any social situation. We can daily face moments of indecision, confusion and anxiety about how to navigate a problem, a difficulty or social setting with others and it can easily lead to mild social humiliation. It can be as simple as whether to take that last donut sitting in a box in the coffee room, or who goes first through a door when you're with a group or people or how to introduce someone whose first or last name you've completely forgotten. Indecision will produce anxiety which will bring embarrassment.

Perhaps, though, a well-groomed husband has the advantage when it comes to navigating social pitfalls and cliffs. Such an experienced husband has long ago accepted his social inabilities and can more readily skim over indecisions, mistakes and social embarrassments with a simple "that's life." A thick skin has grown due to his many past mistakes.

This scenario of indecision and embarrassment is not restricted to social situations. We Catholics can allow ourselves to be confused, indecisive and embarrassed when we go to confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is part of most Catholic's upbringing since grade school. Years of experience though may not have blunted our emotional reactions of in-

decision and embarrassment. This is especially true when we don't take the time to do an examination of conscience.

An examination of conscience involves taking the time (something we too often would prefer to skip) to remember and reflect on our thoughts, our actions and our lack of actions that might have harmed others and ourselves. In another word: sin. Nowadays, sin is looked on more like a gaffe, a blooper, a lapse in our character. This may be true for some minor sins such as you lied to your wife that you put that load of laundry in the dryer. (You do it as soon as you get home, but before she does) But let's return to the classic Catholic definition: **Sin is a deliberate act, word, or desire that goes against God's law, truth, reason and your conscience.** Some examples of serious sin is gossiping and lying about someone because of petty jealousy or hatred towards that person. Your lie might also have a secret motive like lying about a co-worker in order get a promotion over that person. Or, you steal \$50.00 from the cash register at work when no one is looking. Or you deliberately, without hesitation curse using God's name as frequently as breathing in air. An examination of conscience involves looking at the Ten Commandments and asking yourself did I break any of them? If you do any of these things, knowing that what you are doing is wrong, and you go ahead anyway, that fits the classic definition of a sin. These sins are matters to bring to the confessional. If you take the time to truly examine your conscience, you probably can see the difference between the minor and more serious sins.

The embarrassment comes when your conscience kicks in and reminds you that you are better than some of your words or actions have been. The more serious sin turns simple embarrassment into shame. Shame can be hard to deal with. But that's the beauty of confession. God's forgiveness can wipe it all away.

Our examination before confession should be bound by thinking that what we have done is to distance ourselves from God. Husbands, confession can't be like listening to your wife and guessing what you should do or remember. Nodding your head or waiting for the priest to ask questions is not a very good plan for a reconciliation with God.

During this Advent season of the Church, during this time of gathering and celebrating the Christmas holidays with family and friends, try to pay closer attention to people in your lives like wives, children, friends and even bosses not with an attitude of indecision but with love and respect. Also, go to confession and relieve yourself of some of the indecisions and embarrassments that might be plaguing you now. You won't have to worry about being embarrassed in the confessional. Any good priest has heard it all many times before and through the priest God is very willing to forgive you and wipe away your indecision and your embarrassment.—  
Deacon John



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**Wednesday**  
**January 29, 2025**  
**9:00 – 11:00 am**

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