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The Epiphany of the Lord



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Parish Office Hours

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 fu-
neral)

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 Bene-
diction

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

Dear Church Family,

Today, Pope Francis opens the final Holy Door of this Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025 at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. Across the world, bishops opened their respective Cathedrals in their archdiocese, diocese, and eparchies on Sunday, December 29, 2024 to join with Pope Francis in inviting all Catholics and people of good will to cross the threshold of these Churches and encounter Jesus Christ, the door to the love of the Father, as Pilgrims of Hope!

On this day, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. We as Church pray: O God, who on this day revealed Your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in Your mercy that we, who know You already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of Your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

On this Solemn day, the **Epiphany proclamation** is given. The Proclamation is a summary of liturgical dates announced (sometimes sung) annually by a priest, deacon, or another minister as we gather for the **Epiphany**, the celebration of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the nations. The proclamation dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Here is the text of The Epiphany Proclamation for 2025- Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters), that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the **fifth** day of **March** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the **twentieth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **twenty-ninth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **eighth** day of **June**, the feast of Pentecost. On the **twenty-second** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the **thirtieth** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

In some countries the custom of exchanging gifts occurs on the Solemnity of the Epiphany derived from the gifts offered to Jesus by the three kings (cf. Mt 2,11) and more radically from the gift made to mankind by God in the birth of Emmanuel amongst us (cf. Is 7, 14; 9, 16; Mt 1, 23). Also, the custom of the blessing of homes takes place on this solemn day. The Priest, Deacon or head of the household inscribes on the lintels of the front door the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes; —#118 *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

The Christmas Season is coming to an end

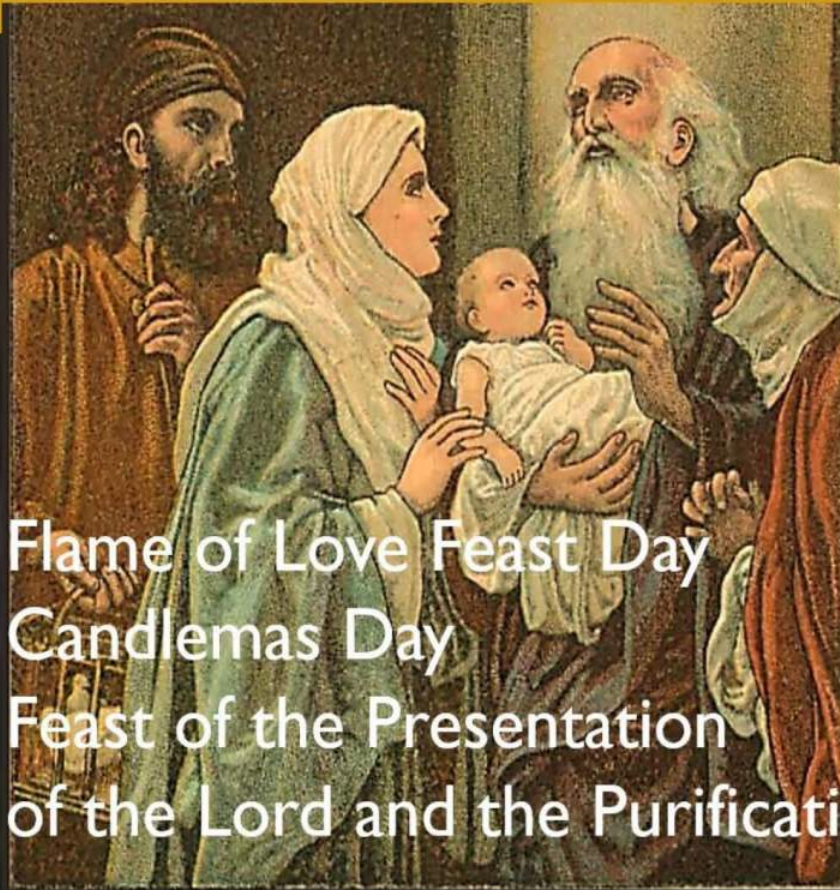
The festive season of Christmas will conclude next week with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12th. The Baptism of Jesus is a significant moment in His public ministry. As we celebrate this feast we recall the day when we received new life from God who is love. Plan on coming to Holy Mass and renew your baptismal commitment to love God and neighbor, reject Satan and sin and strive to share the Good News of your love for Jesus Christ and His Church.

During this Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, we are encouraged to visit the Church of our Baptism. Christian hope is rooted in the saving work of Christ and our participation in that work through the Sacrament of Baptism. For as Pope Francis indicated in the Papal Bull announcing the Jubilee Year, he stated, “The death and resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope” (no 20). In this light, the Jubilee Year is an opportunity for the Christian faithful to appreciate the gift of Baptism more deeply and the Holy Father proposes the baptismal font as an object of further reflection. In particular, he states, “Baptism is the dawn of the ‘eighth day’, the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage” (no 20).

As Pilgrims of Hope, let us strive to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves each day.

God bless,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025



**Flame of Love Feast Day
Candlemas Day
Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord and the Purification of Mary**



**St. Charles Borromeo Church
3422 Dennison Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026**



Celebrant: Msgr. George A. Majoros M. Div., M.S.



SCHEDULE

*****Flame of Love materials table will be available
***Bring your candles to be blessed!**

**9:30 AM Flame of Love Rosary
10:00 AM Procession and Holy Mass**

Mary: "On the feast of Candlemas, my beloved sons will introduce the Flame of Love of my heart in procession, so that, in such fashion, it becomes a living fire in the hearts, in the souls." pg.39-40 Blue Diary

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30AM-The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

10AM—Rheanna English McGlensey and Eleanor McFadden

4:00PM —Anna Marie Jenks

Thursday, January 9—Christmas Weekday

8:30AM—Sister Carmen, P.V.M.I.

Friday, January 10 -Christmas Weekday

8:30 AM- The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday, January 11—Christmas Weekday

8:30AM—The Deceased Members of the Hauserman Family

Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

10AM—Edward Zamonski and Edward and Mary Boyle

4:00PM—The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo

Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne's Chapel candles are burning the week of January 5 ~January 11

Church

The Deceased Members of the Boyle Family

Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~ Joseph Gabriel DiBella



Casseroles, toiletries and other items for St. John's Hospice will be collected this Sunday, January 5th from 9:30AM-10:30AM.

In addition to casseroles, toiletries and any usable MENS clothing will be collected.



Mass Celebrants for January 4 and January 5, 2024
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Stenson

7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM -Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM-Msgr. Majoros

Monthly on Sundays, 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.

Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA

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

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

Are you being asked to be 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 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 with their time, talent and treasure.

Mass Celebrants for January 11 and January 12, 2024
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM-Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM -Fr. Stenson

4:00PM-Fr. Stenson

PUTTING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE—When visiting my chiropractor last week, I mentioned how outside his office window I had witnessed some angry motorists. It seems one or more cars were trying to butt into a going straight lane at a light from a turning lane thereby avoiding the long line already waiting in the straight lane. This produced angry shouting, honking of horns and flashing lights. All drivers eventually moved on with just a lot of frayed emotions. I commented to my doctor that impatience seems to be much more common these days and he agreed with adding this observation. He felt that we can blame a certain amount of impatience on the Internet, on Amazon and on our cell phones. Why? Because these things have become a major part of living our lives and have given us the capacity to have instant gratification.

Ask anyone under thirty when was the last time they used a pay phone, and they will look at you as if you were from Mars. Yet, I remember very clearly a time when if I wanted to call someone, and I was not at home, I had to hunt all over for a pay phone on a corner or in a store. And, if someone was using it, I had to patiently wait. Also, I needed exact change to operate said pay phone.

It wasn't that long ago when if I wanted information about something I needed to ask a knowledgeable person or go to a library where I would look it up in an encyclopedia or the card catalogue. Something else now in the trash bin of history are folded up printed road maps kept in the glove compartments of cars for guiding us when we had to go someplace. When it came to holiday shopping some 30 years ago, I might wait until the Saturday before Christmas and then do a shopping spree of several hours going to the Granite Run Mall or Springfield Mall and most shopping centers in-between.

Nowadays, if I want to make a phone call, I just take out my PIXEL 5 phone. I don't even have to dial most of the time, just scroll down the list, let my itchy finger tap on a name and the phone automatically dials and makes the connection for me. Any information I'm looking for whether it's about something I just thought of or something somebody mentioned at dinner, I can just open to google on my PIXEL 5 and type in a question and get an immediate answer. And that PIXEL phone has a Maps App that gives me verbal directions to get from one place to another, and if I turn the wrong way, it will re-route me. When it comes to shopping, I can't remember the last time I walked into a store for something other than groceries. Everything else, I purchase online using Amazon.

Comparing the two scenarios separated by about thirty years, you can see the doctor had an interesting point. We used to have to wait, be patient and take more time to do things 30 years ago. Today, we have come to expect instant gratification.

Instant gratification smacks of a certain amount of selfish arrogance when it comes to getting what we want whether it's driving in a car, talking on a phone or buying something. It may be the driving force in our psyche when we want something now or want to get some place fast and it pushes good manners out of the picture. It may quite often turn into

the face of complaining when we don't get it when we immediately want it. This capacity now adays for instant gratification keeps us from practicing patience. The definition of "patience" (which I just looked up on the Internet) is "the capacity to accept, or tolerate delay, trouble or suffering without getting angry or upset." The habit we've grown into for instant gratification seems to have erased our capacity to be patient and it certainly seems to keep us from putting things into perspective.

Using the virtue of patience to keep things in perspective means viewing the whole picture, not just responding to an impulse or doing a reaction to someone else or needing an immediate answer to a question or thought. Your perspective should be based on your values, your viewpoint and for a Christian, their discipleship.

Here's a view you may not have thought about. The letters by St. Paul and the other Apostles are teaching lessons on how to follow the Gospels. One of these teachings found in several of the letter is about "makrothymia" which is a Greek word meaning "having the endurance to stay calm and keep doing what is right." In plain English, to be patient. Paul continuously taught about the need for patience in his communities he had established. In his letter to the Galatians he teaches that patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and a virtue that Christians should practice. In a more serious thread, Paul, in writing to the Romans who were being persecuted, warned his followers in that city to "be patient in suffering and tribulation," and adding that patience requires a special grace from God."

I'm sure you've often heard it said that "patience is a virtue," and whoever said it to you was correct. It is a virtue because it cultivates within you an inner strength that leads to sound judgment. Instead of instant gratification, patience makes us wait and use that inner strength and sound judgment to consider all aspects of a situation and help you make the right choice.

This includes how to live our values in this moment and situation, whether we're stuck in a car line, wanting to make a phone call or buying something. If we're trying to follow Jesus, then we want our attitude to reflect our Gospel values of compassion, understanding forgiveness, love and patience. In our fast paced, whirlwind complicated tech society, it may be hard to practice patience. There's so much going on, so many choices to make which can be tiring and stressful. Choices can be taken out of our hands by a tech device so close at hand. It can be hard to remain calm and keep our perspective on living Christian virtues such as patience when instant gratification is just a click away on a phone, a computer or a TV remote.

The Apostles mentioned patience 14 times in the Letters as important, (again, I looked that up on the Internet). Keep that perspective in mind next time someone tries to butt into your driving lane or you get an itchy finger hovering over your cell phone. —Deacon John



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Wednesday
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