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*February 2, 2025*  
*The Presentation of the Lord*



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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**  
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  
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**  
**9:30-10:30 AM—Saturday**

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

**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 Thurs-  
day evenings 6:30-7:30 in Saint Charles Bor-  
romeo Church as we pray for the Intentions of  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Dear Church Family:

I invite you to consider to live your Baptismal graces by becoming more involved in one of the following parish ministries:

- Ushers--- we are in need of more men and women ushers at each Mass.. The general responsibilities of the ushers are:
  - to greet parishioners and guests coming to our weekend Masses and or Holy Day and Special Masses
  - to take up the Collection at each Mass and to secure it.
  - to do a general clean-up after each Mass (e.g. missalettes, kneelers, and any trash).
- Parish Ambassador for the two special appeals throughout the year: The Catholic Charities Appeal and the Seminary Appeal. A parish ambassador is a parishioner who is a supporter of these Appeals and who wants to help the pastor keep our parishioners informed and responsive.
- Hospitality Committee: Parishioners who want to plan and be involved in scheduling events like Hospitality Sundays and Socials for fellowship and fun.

If you feel so moved, please contact Lori Farrell at [lfarrell@scbdh.org](mailto:lfarrell@scbdh.org) or at 610-623-3800 (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sunday mornings) so we facilitate your involvement for the good of our parish. Thank you,



Dear Church Family:

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple of Jerusalem.** celebrating Christ is the Light of the World. This is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. *“Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God” (Benedict XVI)*

We welcome members of the Flame of Love Cenacles of Delaware County who are joining us for the 10AM Mass today. We thank them for providing candles for each person at Mass. Traditionally this Feast Day is also known as Candlemas Day because of the tradition of blessing and distributing candles and holding a candlelight procession on this day. These practices are drawn from Simeon’s words in the gospel for this feast, in which he prophesies that the child Jesus will become “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

#### **World Day For Consecrated Life**

Today’s Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the World Day for Consecrated Life designated by Saint John Paul II in 1997. He referred to consecrated persons as “lights for the world” bringing Christ to others through their lives of sacrifice, service, and prayer. The purpose of this special observance is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.”

**Blessing of Throats:** Tomorrow Monday, February 3, 2025, is the optional Memorial of Saint Blasé, Bishop and Martyr, the patron for healing of diseases, especially diseases of the throat. The blessing of Throats will take place:

Sacred Heart Church- 8:30A.M. Mass and 12Noon Service

St. Charles Borromeo Church: 4:00P.M. Service and 6:30P.M. Service

#### **First Friday Devotions at St. Charles Borromeo Church**

February 6<sup>th</sup>- Thursday before First Friday: The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) 6:30-7:30P.M.

February 7<sup>th</sup> -First Friday-8:30A.M. Morning Mass with Adoration until 12Noon and Evening Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00P.M.

God bless all of you,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros

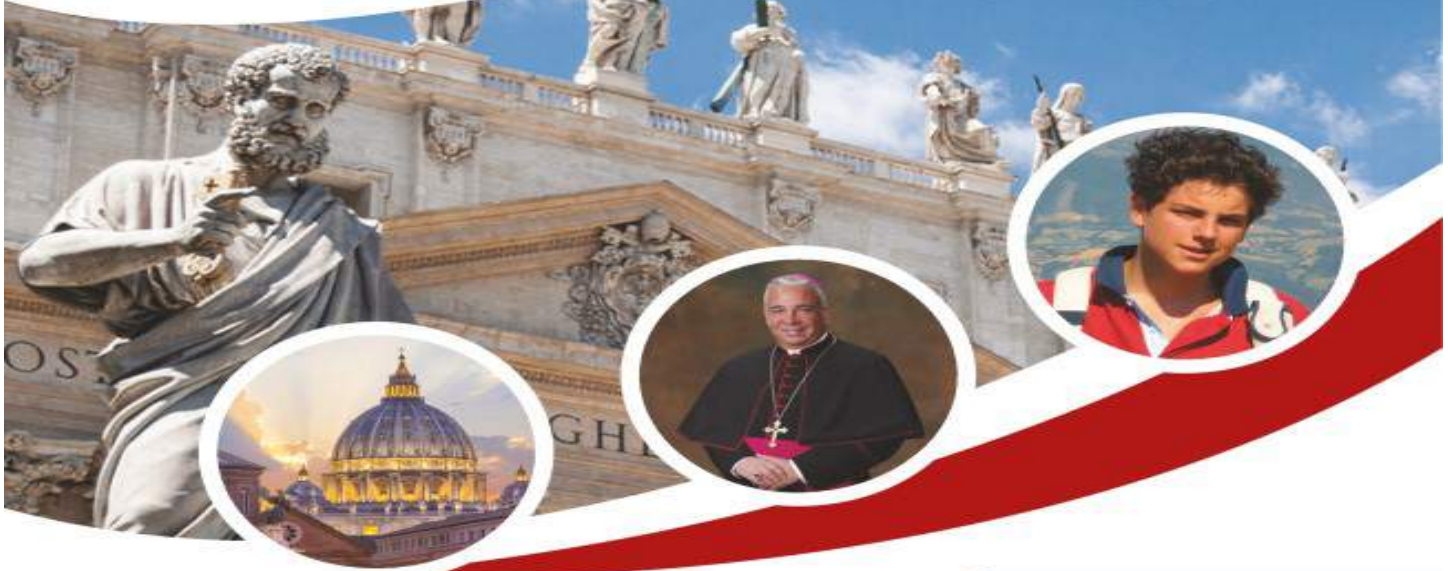


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LAST CHANCE  
TO REGISTER



Join Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez  
**A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy**  
In Honor of the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis  
April 23 - 29, with an optional extension  
to Assisi April 29 - May 1

**Rome: April 23 - 29, 2025**

- Five nights at the luxury Westin Excelsior Hotel
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- An All-Philly Mass with Archbishop Pérez
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Attendance at the Canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis

**Optional Assisi Extension: April 29 - May 1**

- Two nights lodging at the four-star Perugia Park Hotel (or similar)
- Veneration of our newest Saint, Carlo Acutis
- Private Masses and tours in Assisi

Per Person Cost  
**\$3171 + \$1559**  
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Optional Assisi Extension + \$731

**More Information**

For more information or to register please visit [www.prorometours.com/adop](http://www.prorometours.com/adop) password "carlo" or, contact us directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com).

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**Don't Miss The Opportunity to Attend the  
Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis!**

**Trip Registration Closes January 31, 2025**

**"Main Line Singles Dinner Club" (Ages 52-68)**

*Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together twice a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on Super Bowl Sunday, a house party @ 5:00 P.M., February 9, 2025 @ a member's home in Havertown, PA 19083. More info call*

***Barb (610) 896-6542. Memo: I do not TEXT! Catholic single men are encouraged to participate. We enjoy restaurant events, house parties, & special events.***

**Casseroles, toiletries and other items for St. John's Hospice will be collected this Sunday, February 2nd from 9:30AM-10:30AM.**

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

BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975 50TH JOINT CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 1, 2025  
4-8 PM

Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center

If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Cooper Richey at (610)804-6920 or email [debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com).

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 1—Weekday—First Saturday**  
8:30AM—The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo

**Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord**  
10AM—Felix Carrasquillo-Melendez  
4:00PM— Nancy Stewart

**Thursday, February 6—Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
8:30AM—Victorine Mattox and Adele Maraska

**Friday, February 7—Weekday—First Friday**  
8:30 AM— Sister Mary Roberta P.V.M.I.

**Saturday, February 8—Weekday**  
8:30AM—The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo

**Sunday, February 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10AM—James (Jim) Stinebiser  
4:00PM—Mary Lord

Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne's Chapel candles are burning the week of February 2 ~February 8

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 Offering—

Collection—\$3,629.00  
E Giving—\$1,413.76

**Total—\$5,042.76**

Mass Celebrants for February 1 and February 2 2025  
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart  
4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Stenson  
7:30AM- Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo  
10:00AM –Msgr. Majoros  
4:00PM-Fr. Stenson

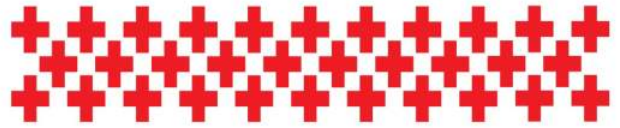
Mass Celebrants for February 8 and February 9, 2025  
(Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart  
4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Anderson  
7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo  
10:00AM –Fr. Stenson  
4:00PM- Msgr. Majoros

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**St. Charles Roman Catholic Church**

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**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
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The IHM Office of Mission Advancement invites mothers, daughters, sisters and friends to join them for tea to benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**When:** Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~ 2:30 - 4:15PM

**Where:** Meehan Center, SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester, PA

For more information and registration go to [ihmimmaculata.org/](http://ihmimmaculata.org/)

**THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH, PART II-** One important area that seems to be neglected by most people is their spiritual life. In a way, we are stuck in a bubble of what we think we know, what we think we understand, and what we think are the parameters and walls of what life is all about. We might be basing our spiritual perceptions on some experiences, or what we considered at the time were wise gleanings from college professors, family members or friends. We might just be a little arrogant in our approach to life and God thinking we “know it all” and don’t really need to do any research.

Last week I wrote about a woman finding her grandfather’s bible in the attic filled with little notes, high lightings and under linings. He had spent a lot of time researching. An underlined verse from that grandfather’s bible might offer a different path for our bubble viewpoint. Jesus said, “I have come to give you life and to have it abundantly.”

When we view the life we have made for ourselves, the modern conveniences, distractions, and the free time we have thanks to the tech world we live in, we may find that we do live in our own private bubble of overconfidence in what we think we know. This possibly translates into not understanding what Jesus was offering us in his word “abundantly.”

Chicago investigative reporter Lee Strobel saw his bubble burst quite unexpectedly when his wife announced she had become a Christian. It flew in the face of his agnostic cynicism and well carved out plans of an “upwardly mobile lifestyle.” At first, he thought she would trade in all that they had for all night prayer vigils and volunteer work in soup kitchens. Instead, he was surprised by some “fundamental changes in her character, her integrity and her personal confidence.”

Something stirred within Lee like nothing he had ever experienced before. He wanted to know what she found so important in Christianity. “Setting aside my self-interest and prejudices as best I could” he wrote, he started researching through books, analyzing history and archaeology, ancient literature, interviewing top professionals, asking questions and as he summarized, “for the first time in my life, picked apart the bible verse by verse.”

For 18 months he read books, interviewed knowledgeable people, and asked questions. Being a well-trained and experienced reporter, he tried to approach his research using the tools and insights of an investigator. He started with the question, “Can the biographies of Jesus (the Gospels) be trusted? In other words, can we trust the “eyewitness” testimonies of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Extensive reading led him to a world famous scholar -- Dr. Craig Blomberg, graduate of Aberdeen University in Scotland, and Cambridge in England, author of half a dozen books on the Gospels and Jesus, co-author of papers by an international group of scholars and at the time of the interview, a renowned professor at the acclaimed Denver Seminary.

The first question Lee asked was “Is it really possible to be an intelligent, critically thinking person and still believe that the four Gospels were written by the people whose names have been attached to them?” Blomberg answered, “Yes,” with conviction. He went on to detail the “uniform testimony” of the early Church. A major source would be Papias,

an Apostolic Father of the first century who verified who wrote the Gospels. Other early writers also stood up for Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The conclusion that Lee took away from the detailed answers he was given to this set of questions he asked was that “...we can have confidence that the gospels were written by the disciples Matthew and John, by Mark, the companion of the disciple Peter, and by Luke, the historian, companion of Paul and sort of a first century journalist, (and) we can be assured that the events they record are based on either direct or indirect eyewitness testimony.”

Strobel then moved on to questions about the authenticity of what the evangelists wrote. His first question was what were the intentions of the gospel writers? Blomberg quotes the opening of Luke’s Gospel where Luke writes he intends to write accurately about the things he investigated and found to be well supported by witnesses. John also wrote that “these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

To respond to Strobel’s questions, Blomberg then added his analysis on the early Christians: “If you are going to be convinced enough to believe, the theology has to flow from accurate history.” But Strobel needed more evidence. Blomberg gave these historical facts. “Consider the way the Gospels are written—in a sober and responsible fashion, with accurate incidental details, with obvious care and exactitude” Quite unlike most other ancient writings. Blomberg concludes that “It seems quite apparent that the goal of the gospel writers was to attempt to record what had actually occurred.” Strobel’s next question dealt with the possibilities of faulty memories, wishful thinking and the development of legends about Jesus. Blomberg explained the abilities and values of those ancient days were quite different from today. “Books— actually scrolls of papyrus were rare.” This was an oral culture, a time in which there was great emphasis on memorization. Something else about Jesus that Blomberg pointed to as evidence was that 80-90 % of Jesus’ words were originally in poetic form. This doesn’t mean stuff that rhymes, but it has a meter, balanced lines, parallelism, and so forth—and this would have created a great memory help.”

These questions and answers to Dr. Blomberg led to more questions and more interviews all over the country. Strobel’s had questions about scientific evidence, psychology, fingerprints and many other areas. He questioned top people in their fields and walked away convinced that the evidence was overwhelming: Jesus is the Son of God. Lee Strobel is no longer a cynical agnostic.

His investigations and his conclusions are detailed in his book “The Case for Christ” and in other books he has written using his investigative techniques about Jesus, the Gospels and faith. Today, he is a professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University.

If you feel the need to do a little research, starting with Lee’s book will be a good beginning. —Deacon John



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