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February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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.

St. Hedwig Church:

Since Sunday, December 31, 2023, Sacred Heart Parish Priests no longer provide a Mass at Sr. Hedwig Church in Chester. The Blessed Sacrament is not reserved there, as Masses are only held on the two minimum occasions required by Canon Law.

In the 2024 December 8 Church bulletin, I informed you that after a long process of consultation with our own Parish Councils, Financial and Pastoral Council, as well as with the Regional Dean, the Regional Bishop, the Office for Parish Service and Support, and following archdiocesan procedures, the sale of the parcel of property of St. Hedwig Church --the former Rectory, Old School, Convent, and garages at the corner of W 4th Street and Hayes Street, Chester, was approved and the settlement was made on January 16, 2025.

In addition, on December 12 and 14, 2024, the mortal remains of the two former Pastors that were buried by the outdoor Grotto were disinterred and reinterred at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood, PA. I am very grateful to the William Lombardo Funeral Home for performing this sacred duty. In the spring, once the headstones are in place, I will offer prayers at the new graves of these faithful priests.

Now, I wish to inform you that it is time for me to begin the next phase for St. Hedwig Church. Therefore, with the advice and support of our pastoral and financial councils, I am asking Archbishop Perez's permission to begin the process of having St. Hedwig Church relegated to profane but not sordid use. As used in the Code of Canon Law, relegating to 'profane' use means that the building would no longer serve as a sacred space that is dedicated to Catholic worship. If the Archbishop ultimately agrees to relegate the building, it is possible that it would be sold to a new owner. If you have any questions or concerns about this process moving forward, please contact me at Sacred Heart Rectory.

Respectfully yours,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

Saturday, February 15, 2025 - 10:00AM-1:30 PM

Event: Milk & Honey: A Theology of the Body for Me and Mommy (*For mothers and their daughters 9-12 years old*)

Have you started to look at your daughter and thought that maybe it was time to have a conversation? But where to start, what to say, and how much is too much? Come, discover what it means to be feminine and how God guides us to what is true, good, and beautiful.

Speaker: Jessica Murdolo

Location: Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382

More info: [Visit the website](#) Questions? Email Jessica Murdolo at MilkandHoneyTOB@gmail.com.

Tuesday, February 25, 7pm

Event: A Catholic Take on Smartphones and Social Media

How can we help our kids thrive in a phone-based culture? Have you seen all the news stories lately about school districts and states going phone-free in schools? There is so much evidence now about the harms of smartphones and social media on kids' mental health, on how phones reduce sleep, hurt academic performance, increase anxiety and depression, etc., and there is a growing consensus that we adults have to do something. Drawing on Jonathan Haidt's new and bestselling book titled *Anxious Generation*, this presentation will identify what we are up against in our new phone-based childhood culture and begin a conversation about what we can do going forward.

Speaker: Alex Haynie, husband and father of four children, and Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Catholic non-profit *Live Vertical*.

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070

More Info: For more details on this presentation, view the flyer at www.olphmorton.org. Registration requested but not required: email Jim at jimminnick8@gmail.com with name, parish affiliation, and contact information.

Come, Discover the Bible...

The Book of Truth

"The Bible is the key to understanding God's will."
St. Thomas Aquinas



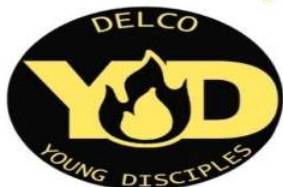
- Strengthen your relationship with God
- Learn How The Psalms Offer a Roadmap for Life
- Try Your Hand at Bible Journaling

Sunday, February 16, 2025

5:30 – 7:30pm

Annunciation BVM, Havertown

**Our Faith Formation Speaker:
Marisally Santiago
AOP, Office of Ministry for Youth**



**NEW TO DYD?
REGISTER HERE**



Mental Health Minute

Each February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the World Day of the Sick is celebrated.

Pope Benedict XVI's message for the 14th World Day of the Sick, stated, "I...would like to reflect...on the situation of the mentally ill...and to call for the commitment of Ecclesial Communities to bear witness to the tender mercy of God towards them."

1 in 5 U.S. Adults experience mental illness each year.

<https://www.nami.org/about-mental-illness/mental-health-by-the-numbers/>

For Catholic mental health support, visit: www.archphila.org/support

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10AM—James (Jim) Stinebiser

4:00PM— Mary Lord

Thursday, February 13—Weekday

8:30AM—Geraldine Morgan

Friday, February 14—Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:30 AM— Sister Mary Roberta P.V.M.I.

Saturday, February 15—Weekday

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

Sunday, February 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10AM—Geraldine Morgan

4:00PM—Geraldine Morgan

Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne's Chapel candles are burning the week of February 9 ~February 15

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—\$4,213.00

E Giving—\$1,528.63

Total—\$5,741.63

Care of Aging and Infirm Priests—\$1,356.00

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual St. Charles St. Patrick's Day Social will take place on Saturday, March 15th from 6PM-9PM.

Details to follow.



Students excelling at
CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students at the end of the 2nd quarter /1st semester report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence. Students who achieved first honors include: Mia Leopold '25, Cora Leopold '27, Katrina Manning '28. Among those earning second honors were the following students: Adrianna Slavinski '26.



Thursday, Feb 13, 2025 - 5:30-8:30 PM

Event: Valentine Twilight Evening of Reflection

Hope Springs Eternal! Celebrate love and hope together at Malvern Retreat House! You will enjoy a special dinner in the Family Life Center followed by a presentation with guest speakers George and Kathy Palilonis and evening prayers, benediction and adoration with Malvern Retreat House Rector Fr. Mike Davis.

More info: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/valentine-twilight-evening-of-reflection/>

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

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WHY CATHOLICISM?—Last week I told the story of Lee Strobel's journey from atheist to Christian believer. He was a successful news journalist adept at investigation, and he used these skills to try and prove faith is just an illusion. He spent many months on a journey of inquiry with the best scholars, scientists and theologians trying to prove that the Gospels, the evangelists and Jesus himself had been fabricated out of superstitious nonsense. His investigations, his thorough questioning and checking of facts brought him to the opposite of what he thought he would find. His conclusion: Jesus is the son of God. This investigative journey he wrote about in his book "The Case for Christ."

On the next to the last page of the book, Strobel tries to be fair to anyone who reads the book and still has questions. He writes that perhaps his questions were not enough for some people. "Fair enough." He wrote. "No single book can deal with every nuance. However, I trust that the amount of information reported in these pages will at least have convinced you that it's reasonable—in fact imperative—to continue your investigation." In other words, research.

Since reading his book and writing the article I found a DVD of his story, "The Case for Christ," and watched it. It's not a documentary but a dramatic re-telling of his personal story using Hollywood actors and a very well written script. It is based on facts with just a little bit of Hollywood "magic" but it is definitely gripping and uplifting and I recommend it to everyone. My only criticism of the movie was that they did not show enough of the tremendous amount of scholarly research that Lee put into finding out the truth of the Gospels.

It took him over 21 months of reading, researching and crossing the country to speak to the most brilliant academic professionals in different fields and asking pointed and direct questions that were answered clearly and without bias. These scholars included theologians, archaeologists, doctors and psychologists. Lee came to realize that the Holy Spirit was guiding him and encouraging him to come to believe.

The question I was left with after reading the book and watching the DVD was if you believe in Jesus why should we follow the Catholic Church? There are many fine and sincere Christian denominations that you could join. The question might best be answered by a protestant minister who gave up everything to become a Catholic: Scott Hahn. Scott became a committed Christian in his high school years and before graduating had read through the bible at least three times. A mentor from his youth recommended the writings of Martin Luther and John Calvin from the 15th and 16th centuries and books that painted the Catholic Church at that time as medieval, pagan and turning away from the truth of the Bible. Scott was greatly influenced by one author who he now realizes told lies or distorted the truth about Catholicism. Scott followed this writer so ardently that he preached to anyone who would listen that the wafer of bread in a Catholic Mass was a form of idolatry, and the Pope was a spiritual dictator. Scott studied and believed in Luther's great statement "Sola Fide"—"Faith alone." A commitment to faith was all that was needed for salvation.

In college he met and married Kimberly, who shared the same values and after graduating, they went to a seminary to obtain master's degrees in theology. That was where his solid rock of Protestant faith started to crack.

More research challenged Scott to re-consider his conviction of Luther's "Sola Fide." Careful study of the original Greek showed Scott that "alone" was inserted by Luther. The writings of the evangelists, and Paul and James all point to a faith based on a loving fellowship with God and others. Faith alone was wrong. His research shed new light on a key concept: "Covenant." The Covenant with God should be translated as "I am yours and you are mine," as a loving father towards his children. Covenant is family. These ideas did not match up to his original protestant beliefs.

Scott took a job as a minister in a Church in Virginia and started preaching about insights his studying had brought him. One day, one of his students said, "We took a vote. It was unanimous. We think you're going to become a Catholic." It stunned him. He was born and raised a Calvinist, a good Presbyterian, but here he was becoming convinced due to his praying, studying and researching that the truth of faith was in the Catholic Church.

Scott's studies of John chapter 6 took on new meaning. If covenant is all about family, then sharing flesh and blood like a family means that Jesus shares his Body and His blood with us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a symbol it truly must be the body and blood of Jesus. A good friend of his from the seminary called and together they decided to meet with a professor who was very anti-Catholic to convince Scott of the error of his ways. After a grueling six hours of questions and arguments back and forth, the professor had not convinced either Scott or his friend. If anything, it strengthened their resolve to continue researching Catholicism.

His studies led him to a scholarship at Marquette, a Jesuit research college in Milwaukee. It was here at a noon day Mass that it all came together for Scott. He wrote that he had never seen or participated in a Mass before. He found there were more scripture readings than any Sunday service he had ever attended. The prayers "...were soaked with Biblical language and phrases from Isaiah and Ezekiel. Wow! It's like the Bible coming to life and dancing out on the center stage and saying, "This is where I belong." Scott continued his story of his first mass by saying that "when it came to the Liturgy of the Eucharist and when the priest said the words of consecration and elevated the host," his last doubts drained away. Scott prayed "My Lord and My God." Scott became a Catholic not long after this. He did not put any pressure on Kimberly. When their third child was born Kimberly, who had listened to and followed Scott's spiritual journey, asked that the baby be baptized Catholic. Kimberly too converted to Catholicism.

The bottom line of all of this is for anyone who has doubts or questions about God or the Catholic Church, do the research, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. —Deacon John



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