ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

November 5, 6, and 7 Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

Morning Mass

Adoration thru the day
Evening Prayer, Talk, and Benediction each night at 7:00PM

HOMILIST
Father Anthony Albanese
Parochial Vicar
St. Laurence Parish

A native of Philadelphia, Father Albanese served as a transitional deacon at Saints Simon and Jude Parish in West Chester. He attended Saint Callistus School in Philadelphia and Amosland Elementary School (1994-1996) in Morton (Delaware County); Ridley Middle School (1996-1999) and Ridley High School (1999-2003) in Ridley Park (Delaware County). He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Villanova University (2008), as well as Master of Arts of Philosophical Studies (2019), Master of Divinity (2022), and Master of Arts in Theology (2023) Degrees from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood.
Dear Parishioners,

Call to Holiness

We entered the month of November celebrating All Saints Day (1\textsuperscript{st}), and then recalling All the Faithful Departed (2\textsuperscript{nd}) whom we commend to God’s mercy, so they may rest in His peace.

In these challenging and troubled times, we need to bring our faith into our world. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, “…that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society.” The Council goes on to say that “They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history” (1964 Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, Chapter 5, par 40).

The Holy Eucharist is our nourishment: Every time we gather for the Holy Mass, we receive abundant sacramental grace which draws us to a greater union with Christ and one another, preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace we received at Baptism, preserves us from sin, especially mortal sins, and helps us imitate the Lord we receive by our acts of charity, especially to the poor.

In this special time of our National Eucharistic Revival, St. Charles Borromeo Parish begins the Annual Eucharistic Devotion of the Forty Hours on Sunday, November 5 to the 7, 2023. Come celebrate, adore, and worship the Lord present among us in His Abiding Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. St. Charles Church will remain open after the Masses throughout the day. Come, and spend time in Adoration. Each day concludes at 7pm with Evening Prayer, Homily, (on Tuesday, a Eucharistic Procession), and Benediction.

Pierogi Fundraiser: Unfortunately, we are not able to have our Pierogi Fundraiser this Fall, our main coordinators, Joann and Gene Bidoli’s are experiencing serious health issues at this time. We agreed that it is more important for them to attend to their health.

Vote on Tuesday: It is our right and duty to elect those men and women who represent us in local, state, and federal government. We need to know the candidates and their platforms, weigh the issues and vote according to our conscience properly formed by the judgement of reason, the Word of God, the divine law, and the teaches of the Church.

Parents: Parents and Guardians, please lead and guide your children. Practice your faith, teach and pass it on to them as you shape their hearts for heaven by your good example and witness to love God and neighbor, as we love ourselves.

Young Disciples: Our youth still need formation in the Catholic faith and a Christian way of life. We are trying to find ways to help them stay close to their Catholic faith, develop peer relationships, experience the beauty of our Catholic worship, and grow in a contagious joy through Christ-like service to others. There is a meeting on Sunday, November 5\textsuperscript{th} at St. Charles Parish Hall at 1pm for anyone who desires to help our youth. Come and volunteer.

St. Hedwig Church: The faithful parishioners of St. Hedwig Church (averaging about 25-30 people) coming to the one Mass each Sunday morning are very spirited and dedicated in their very generous support of their Church through the years. They are a small community of believers that enjoys celebrating their Polish heritage and customs. Despite their best efforts, declining attendance, and declining revenues, along with increased costs to maintain the facilities are no longer sustainable for them.

So, having brought these matters before the people of St. Hedwig Church, and having consulted with the Parish Financial Council of Sacred Heart, and the Parish Pastoral Council of the Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo, as well as with Reverend Thomas P. Whittingham, our Dean, and the Office for Parish Service and Support, I have written to Archbishop Nelson J. Perez and recommended that Saint Hedwig Church be officially closed, with the very last Mass taking place on Sunday, December 31, 2023. As Padre Pio would say, “Pray, hope, and don’t worry.”

God be with you,

Monsignor George A. Majoros
Say the Word

"They talked a lot about the love of the Father for you as His beloved daughter. I just felt very strongly that He loves me in a special way. I already knew that, but it was just so strongly reinforced." "We must let ourselves be loved. The feminine heart has the capacity to be open for total surrender to God. He will then overshadow us and His love will fill us and it will flow from us to others."

"One of the speakers talked about the lame man at the pool of Bethesda who had been unable to walk for 38 years. When Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed, he made excuses. She said, 'If Jesus asks you, "Do you want to be healed?" don't make excuses or ask Him to heal someone else. Let yourself be healed.'" "It was encouraging to see the Shrine full of faith-filled women."

These were some of the takeaway messages our catechists received at the Catholic Women's Conference at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine last weekend. It was beautiful how we each heard God speaking to our hearts. This is essential for us to be able to pass on the faith. Our hearts are like a reservoir - we need to be continually filled with the love and presence of God so that we can share that message with others. Are you taking opportunities to receive God's grace in your life?

Prayers for PREP

Loving Father, I know in my head that you love me, that you delight in all your creation, especially mankind, made in Your image and likeness. Help me to know in my heart that You love me particularly, deeply, with an unquenchable love! Amen.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training Workshop
St. Andrew will be hosting a workshop to train extraordinary ministers to assist in distributing Holy Communion during the Mass. If you are a Catholic who faithfully practices and would like to attend, please email your name, phone number, parish name and date of the workshop requested to worship@archphila.org. Questions: contact nverna@standrewdh.org or call Nicky Verna at 610-259-1169.

Mary Mother of Captives is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison.
The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. This month’s meeting will be on Thursday, November 9th. For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Attendees remain confidential.

Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal
In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org. Thank you very much and God bless you.

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Offering—$3,992.50
E-Giving—$1,405.73
Total -$5,398.23
All Souls-$462.00

Casseroles, toiletries and other items for St. John’s Hospice will be collected this Sunday, November 5th, from 8:30AM-10:30AM. Casserole pans and recipes can be found in the vestibule of the church.

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

As always, thanks for your continued support helping others.

This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2023-2024 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. A donation to the Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year’s Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church.

• As the first Catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vibrant narrative. As the 2023-2024 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal begins, please consider joining the next faith-filled chapter of the seminary's story through your generosity. Your support provides for the seminarians and students of today, which helps nourish our hope in the future of our Church.
**Mass Intenions**

**Saturday, November 4—Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
8:30AM—Rheanna English McGlensey
5:30PM—John Anthony Dockray

**Sunday, November 5—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00AM—The Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
4:00PM—Napoleone and Maria Gillette

**Monday, November 6—Weekday**
8:30AM—The Living and Deceased Members of Sacred Heart Parish

**Tuesday, November 7—Weekday**
8:30AM—Robert Givens

**Thursday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
8:30AM—Steve Jun

**Friday, Friday, November 10—Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**
8:30AM—John Ridgell

**Saturday, November 11—Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**
8:30AM—James (Jimmy) Ward
5:30PM—Frances (Frani) Mary Peters

**Sunday, November 12—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00AM—Rheanna English McGlensey
4:00PM—Richard and Lucy Stratton

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**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)

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**Blood Drive at St. Andrew’s Church**—McGettigan Hall—3500 School Lane—Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Friday, November 24, 2023—10:00AM-3:00PM
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StAndrewDH to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
Back in 2000, Hull Middle School in Benton Harbor, Michigan turned a blind eye to the presence of pastors walking the school corridors, breaking up fights, sitting in classroom lectures. As one teacher reported, their silent presence, which was respected more than the police, exuded authority. In many school districts, religious clubs have been allowed to meet on school property before or after school or even during study hall periods—all on a strictly voluntary basis. Why would school officials allow this? As one principal describes it, “It’s all about building character… in our kids.” We are a nation that respects laws and the rights of individuals. Disagreements are decided by our court system based on the Constitution. Since the 1960s, two or even three generations have been taught to avoid prayer in their schools, their social lives and in the community. But over the past 40 years a groundswell of petitioners to the courts as well as community and sporting program leaders have spoken out in favor of their religious freedom to pray. They have used persuasive arguments to the courts to allow the freedom of religion and speech to be respected. What this has allowed is a slowly growing recognition that prayer is and should be considered a part of our everyday life, if we choose to make it so.

Yet those who are against any public display of prayer have marshalled the legal procedures in some bizarre ways to drive prayer and the people who say them into the shadows. In England, a woman, Isabel Vaughn-Spruce has been arrested twice for silently praying outside an abortion clinic in Birmingham. The Home Secretary had her released, though, and said there would be no prosecution. It’s amazing to think that the problem of her silently praying had to be solved at the very top of government.

There seems to be a war or at least a revolution against prayer in some parts of our culture and society. But we might have to admit that what goes on has the tacit approval or indifference of a good many people. People of faith may even have a share of the blame because their prayer life, their spirituality is at the bottom of their list of priorities.

Don’t let the culture, your busyness or indifference be an excuse to not appreciate and practice praying in private and as a member of the community. After all, its part of our heritage. –Deacon John