



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH



MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend: Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday: 7:15, 9:15 & 11:15

Daily Mass is at 9:00AM Monday-Friday

First Saturdays 9:00AM

Adoration: First Fridays after Mass until 12:00 Noon

Parish Offices

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:30AM - 2:00PM
or by appt.

Holidays and Fridays office is closed.

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Our Parish staff is here to serve you

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the Month after 4:00PM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are generally performed on Sunday
after the 11:15am Mass. Please call the rectory
to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should contact the parish priest

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please contact the parish office so we
can assist you in joining our parish family

Ministry to the Homebound

Please contact the parish office if you or a family
member are confined to home or other facility
and would like a regular visit



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6



ST CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH



In Loving Memory



Memorial light is for Kevin Oparowski remembrance requested by his sister in law.

Memorial light is for Joseph R. Renzi 3 months mind, requested by the Mason family

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 9:00 AM	Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels For God's blessing for Arlene Macaro
4:00 PM	John Leo Reynolds, remembrance, req. by his family, brother Francis, and sister-in-law Joyce
Sunday 7:15 AM	Oct 3 Dennis Archambault, birthday remembrance req. by Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters
9:15 AM	James and Helen Dunner, remembrance req. by their daughter, Ann Doyle
11:15 AM	Kevin Oparowski remembrance req. by his wife.
Monday 9:00 AM	Oct 4 Saint Francis of Assisi Amelia & Felipe Valdez, and her sister Estrella, remembrance req. by Gloria Valdez
Tuesday 9:00 AM	Oct 5 Saint Faustina Kowalska Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Anthony Carmona, 5th Anniversary remembrance req. by the family
Wednesday 9:00 AM	Oct 6 Saint Bruno, Priest, USA; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Mary Frieri, remembrance req. by her daughter
Thursday 9:00 AM	Oct 7 Our Lady of the Holy Rosary For the people and Priests of the Berkshires and Parish
Friday 9:00 AM	Oct 8 Robert "Mannie" Harrington, birthday remembrance req. by his children
Saturday 4:00 PM	Oct 9 Saint, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonard, Priest, BVM John Feldsine, 32nd anniversary remembrance req. by his family
Sunday 7:15 AM	Oct 10 Mass for the souls in Purgatory requested by Jackie Mercado
9:15 AM	William R. and Mary E. Mason, 14 and 39th anniversary remembrance requested by their children
11:15 AM	Bernard Beaudin, Wedding Anniversary requested by his wife.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Please call the office to schedule a Sanctuary light. 413-442-7470

PARISH SUPPORT

Our collection for the weekend of 9/24-25 was \$4197.00 and gravy packet collections was \$488.23
Thank you!



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

THANKSGIVING ANGELS: This year we will be doing things a little differently and the families will up with a little more gravy than in the past. We have decided to order up **1250 packets** from an online source. We did order some last year, each packet was \$1.49 and made 3 1/2 cups of gravy. We spoke to the distributor last week and since we are ordering so many, she will give us the packets for \$1.31 per packet, less than last year. We think she loved the idea about the Thanksgiving Angels. So this year, we will be asking for money donations instead of the gravy packets. We feel that this is a better deal and let you stay home instead of searching for gravy packets in all the stores. You are always been so generous and we hope you



know how much you are appreciated. The families that we be enjoying Thanksgiving dinner because of you and all of the Thanksgiving Angels appreciate you too! Our goal is \$1638.00. **Please mark your envelopes with GRAVY DONATION and either mail them to the rectory or drop them in the drop box in the vestibule of the church. Please make the checks payable to St. Charles Church. Thank you so much, Pat Pigott and Ann Doyle**

Rosary Society of Our Lady /Women’s Club will have first meeting on Sunday, October 31 after the 11:15 Mass. All women are welcome to join.

We will start ALTAR SOCIETY (“Dust Busters” in the past) There will be a first meeting of the Altar Society on Sunday October 10 after the 11:15 Mass. (Around 30 min) All are welcome.

We are happy to announce that CCD Grade 10 confirmation class will join our community class with St. Joseph’s and St. Marks. They will meet one Sunday evening a month from 6:00-8:00 at St. Joseph’s. All children are welcome for 11:15AM “FAMILY LITURGY” MASS

The Prayer Shawl group:
Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the parish hall, new members are always welcome.

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary—
Rosary everyday Monday thru Friday at 8:30AM;
Saturday 3:30PM;
Sunday 10:30AM All are Welcome**

Quilting group
Meets on Mondays evenings in the church hall at 4:00-6:00, new members are always

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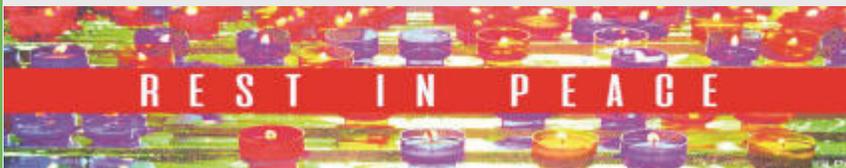
Please pray for the men and women who have been activated to serve our nation, all our police officers, firefighters, first responders, health care workers, research scientists and essential services workers.

Let us also pray for our departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died due to the pandemic, anyone who has passed away recently, for those we miss so much.

Amelia Mary Swint

May they rest in peace in the loving arms of Our Loving and Merciful God the Father in heaven. AMEN.

If you would like to add a name of a deceased loved one, please call the rectory. 413-442-7470



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOSPEL MEDITATION - October 3, 2021, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God.” Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God’s incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God’s greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ’s love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God’s unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God’s perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God’s and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That’s why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God’s oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



WRAPPED IN HER MANTLE

History of the Rosary

Question: What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Answer: Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913. In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1).

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary’s joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus’ followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King(5)

Rosaries as Decorations

Question: I’ve seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one’s car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God’s presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.



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