



Prayer SERVICE



CHESTNUT
HILL
COLLEGE

1924 — 2024



September 25, 2024
St. Joseph Hall Rotunda



Risk everything for God's dream. — SSJ Maxim 13

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

Brian McCloskey, D.M., MBA
Interim President

OPENING SONG:

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

Verse 1:

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 2:

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Bob Mulligan OSFS

READING: MICAH 6:8

S. Rita Michael Scully SSJ

A significant scriptural text for the Sisters of Saint Joseph:

“Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”

MUSIC MEDITATION:

“ALL GOOD GIFTS”

Refrain: All good gifts come from God, every blessing from above.

All good gifts come from God, gracious Lord of love.

READING: ROOTS OF MISSION

Lizzy Figiel '27

Bri Rider '25

Ryan Murphy, Ph.D.

A compilation of foundational texts:

The Mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia

The first mission and vision statement of Chestnut Hill College, circa 1924

Our current Chestnut Hill College Mission, revised February 2021

REFLECTION

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Our response will be: **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

BLESSING FOR THE YEAR

Side 1: Loving God, in this new academic year we pray:

To live deeply, with purpose.
To live freely, with detachment,
To live wisely, with humility,
To live justly, with compassion.

Side 2: To live lovingly, with fidelity,
To live mindfully, with awareness
To live gratefully, with generosity,
To live fully, with enthusiasm.

Side 1: Bless us with gratitude for life
With hope that all shall be well
With courage to meet what will be difficult
With conviction to choose what is life-giving.

Side 2: Bless us with eyes ever alert for beauty
With openness to greater truth
With desire for continued transformation
With compassion for the hurting ones of our world.

Side 1: Bless us with eagerness to write with depth and quality
With a sense of kinship with all whom we love
With respect as others mentor and deepen our vision
With determination to make good choices in using our time

Side 2: Bless us with willingness to help those who need our care
With a desire to unite neighbor with neighbor, the Earth, and our Creator
With longing for ever greater inner freedom
With happiness, knowing that we are invited to live life fully.

All: Help us to hold this vision
And to daily renew it in our hearts,
Becoming ever more one with you.
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL SONG:
“LAUDATE, LAUDATE DOMINUM”

Refrain: We praise you, we praise your holy name,
God of justice, eternally the same.
May our living be thanksgiving,
rejoicing in your name
now and always.

Verse: In the faith of Christ, we walk hand in hand,
light before our path as the Lord has planned;
shining the torch of faith in our land:
in the name of Christ Jesus.

Refrain: We praise you, we praise your holy name,
God of justice, eternally the same.
May our living be thanksgiving,
rejoicing in your name
now and always.

Please stay and enjoy good company and refreshments!

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*Be courageous to undertake what God wants of you and constant to
persevere in what you undertake, never giving up, whatever difficulties
occur and whatever obstacles may be placed in your path.*

— SSJ Maxim 66