

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 13, 2025

# Sacred Heart Parish

Partnering Parishes Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo (Drexel Hill) and St. Hedwig's Chapel (Chester)

**Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros,**  
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Rev. Paul Stenson,  
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*Permanent Deacon*

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:30AM to 3:30PM**  
*Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*In parish office Tuesday and Thursday*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To live and grow as a church in the Roman Catholic tradition by devotion to God in worship, doctrine, ministry, and loving service to each other and to the people entrusted to us.



## Sunday Schedule Of Masses

**Sacred Heart** (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM  
**St. Charles Borromeo** 10:00AM, 4:00PM

## Weekdays Masses 8:30AM

**Sacred Heart** Mon, Tues, Wed  
**St. Charles Borromeo** Thurs, Fri, Sat

**First Friday at St. Charles Borromeo**  
7:00P.M. – Holy Hour

**First Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo**  
8:30AM Morning Mass  
Exposition, Devotions, Confession, Benediction

**Flame of Love Holy Hour**  
**St. Charles Borromeo** 6:30PM Thursday

## EASTER SCHEDULE

**Solemn Easter Vigil Mass for our**  
**Partnering Parishes**  
Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 8:00PM  
at St. Charles Borromeo Church

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

St. Charles Borromeo 10:00A.M.  
*Please Note: NO 4PM Mass*

Sacred Heart 7:30A.M., and 12:00Noon

Dear Church Family:

**Today is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday.** We celebrate and commemorate Our Lord Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. All the four Gospels speak about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the people shouted His praises. For us, it marks the beginning of Holy Week and those very special days of the Sacred Triduum which bring us great grace even today. Please refer to the bulletin and website for days and extra times for the Sacrament of Penance- Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to prepare yourself for Easter.



**The Sacred Triduum:** In this 2025 Jubilee of Hope, the days of the Sacred Triduum enable us to walk with Our Lord, as Pilgrims of Hope, entering into His Passion, Death and Resurrection so we may be transformed by His sacrificial love. **I strongly encourage you and your family to come and celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, The Solemn Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>-Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church.** As members of our Partnering Parishes, let us renew our love and reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist and the gift of Christ's Priesthood. After the evening Mass, take part in the ancient custom of visiting at least three Churches (seven at the most) that evening, recalling the Lord's prayer and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, His unjust arrest, and trial condemning Him to death. **St. Charles Borromeo Church will remain open to 10:00PM.**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> -Good Friday- A Day of Fast (limit to one full meal and 2 smaller meals) and Abstinence from meat.** We fast and abstain to honor Christ's Crucifixion and Death, and to show by our sacrifice that we will never forget His tremendous love that gives us the hope of our salvation. **Come and take part in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00PM at St., Charles Borromeo Church.**

**Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12:00 Noon at St. Charles and again at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights.**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> -Holy Saturday---**there is no Mass until the Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00PM. It is a day that we continue to observe the fast and abstinence from Good Friday as we quietly reflect on the Lord's Passion and Death and make final preparations to celebrate Easter Sunday.

**April 20<sup>th</sup> -Easter Sunday,** the Solemn Feast of feasts, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who conquered sin and death. Come to Holy Mass and renew your Baptismal Promises so that you can be a more faithful missionary disciple of the Lord spreading His joy and hope in our world today!

Continue to bask in the light of God's eternal love by coming to Church every Sunday (or at the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening). **Next Sunday, April 27, 2025, is the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy with 10:00A.M. Mass. Then our special Divine Mercy Devotions 1:00- 3:45P.M., and then the 4:00P.M. Evening Mass.**

*May your Holy Week lead to Easter Joy,*



## Masses For The Week

### Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Elizabeth Black Of daughter,  
Mary & Grandson, Shaun

#### Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

7:30AM Papale & Crawford Grandparents Of  
Vince & Leona Papale

#### Monday, April 14

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, April 15

8:30AM Edward & Dorothy Grimm Of son,  
Edward

1:00-2:00 P.M. Confessions

7:00-8:00P.M. Confessions

#### Wednesday, April 16

8:30AM Leonard & Saputelli families Of  
Family

#### Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday

11:00-12:00 Confessions

12:00PM Blessing of the Food

No 4:00PM Mass

#### Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio &  
Karen Flower Of D'Orazio family

12:00 Noon Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart



### Parish Office Hours

#### **Holy Thursday April 17**

The parish office will close at 12:00 Noon

#### **Good Friday April 18**

The parish office will be **CLOSED**

#### **Easter Monday April 21**

The parish office will be **CLOSED**



### Candles for the Month of April

Ernesto & Antonietta Lelii & Tina Mori  
Thomas McGehrin Frank Rizzo, Jr.  
Charles & Anne Gilligan

### Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 12-13

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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#### Sacred Heart

NO 4:00PM

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

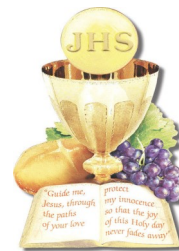
12:00 PM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

Vigil 8:00PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. McGowan

NO 4:00PM



### Celebrants Are Subject To Change

**"Mothers' Home in Darby**, our area's only residential shelter for homeless pregnant women and their newborns, **is seeking volunteers** with skills in the areas of social media/networking, event planning/organization for our residents and donors, computer technology, and data entry to work with us approximately five hours per week. Interested individuals may contact **Board Member Dennis McAndrews** at [dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com](mailto:dmcandrews@mcandrewslaw.com)

### Make me a channel of your peace

Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable.

Heavenly Father,

Just as those who shouted Hosanna as they watched Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, I cannot help but do the same!

On this Palm Sunday, I am reminded of the road You walked that ultimately led to Your sacrifice on our behalf.

I praise You, Jesus, blessed are You who came in the name of the Lord. You paved the way for us and made a way for us who were once far off to come near. You truly set captives free, of which I am one of them.

Thank You for Your humble example that You showed us, and for laying Your life down, so that we might do the same, and find new life in You. May my life forever be filled with praise for Your name, and Your wonderful works. In Jesus' name, Amen

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

**Sacred Heart—April 6, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes	37	\$1,581.00
Loose		424.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,005.00</b>
Save Our Parish		454.00
Easter Flowers		115.00
Loose		102.00

**Special Note:**

*When there is NO designated second collection all monies collected will go to the Save Our Parish Fund.*

*Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet.*

**Frozen Pierogi Available  
at Sacred Heart Rectory  
\$9.00 per dozen**

**Call the rectory at 610-623-0409 for pick-up**

**Please Note: St. Charles Borromeo Rectory is now  
CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY**

**Pre-Cana at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA**

**The second Friday of each month.**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm.**

If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at  
610-586-1225.

**National Day of Prayer  
Thursday, May 1st, 2025  
Rose Tree Park, Media, PA at 11:30 AM**

This gathering will feature: Heartfelt prayers for our Nation and Community, Uplifting Worship and Praise Music. Opportunities to connect and share fellowship, Light refreshments to enjoy.

Let's come together as one community in faith, hope, and love. Help us spread the word! Please share this invitation with your Family, Friends, and Neighbors. Whether they are devoted believers or simply curious to learn more, we welcome all individuals to join us in celebrating the power of prayer and the bonds that bring us together!

**Sensory Friendly Masses**

**St. Thomas the Apostle, 430 Valleybrook Road  
Glen Mills, PA 19342 2:00 PM – Every Third Sunday**

**A Theology of the Body Retreat for High School Guys  
May 9–11, 2025**

**Friday Evening 7:00 pm to Sunday 12:00 pm  
St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson**

Retreat Leader: Brendan McCauley

Keynote Speaker: Pete DeMaio

Priest: Rev. Michael Olivere, Pastor, St. Peter Church

On this retreat, Brendan will share how the Theology of the Body has radically changed the course of his life and how it can change yours. By addressing issues that teens struggle with most, such as peer pressure, pornography, modesty, and dating, Brendan will offer encouragement for teens to maintain their purity or begin again if they have made mistakes in the past.

Cost: Register before April 19th \$175

Register after April 19th \$200

(Scholarships Available - Contact Tracy Phillips at  
tracymphillips@yahoo.com)

For more information and to register go to:

<https://www.lifelovesexuality.com/>

Sponsored by St. Peter Respect Life Committee

**Registration for Quo Vadis 2025 is now open!  
Join us ~ June 23 - June 26.**

Quo Vadis is a 4-day, 3-night camp for high school men filled with great talks and activities, lots of fun and many prayer opportunities and takes place from June 23 - June 26. Held at BlackRock Retreat Center, this camp is facilitated by the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians. **The registration deadline is May 23, 2025.** Visit: [Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis](http://Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis)

**Come and Rest Awhile Silent Directed Retreat**

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center from **July 20-27, 2025**. Take some time to pause in prayer, reflection, and silence, attuning your ear and heart to the Holy Spirit. You may choose to companion with a spiritual director during the week or participate without spiritual direction.

For more information and to register, visit our website at <https://msbt.org/mbsc/> or call us at 267-350-1830.

**10th National Eucharistic Congress  
June 2024-June 2025**

**This third year of the Revival** will be marked by historic initiatives that will propel our nation into a new chapter of faith and mission.

**[www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org)**

## **Palm Sunday**

### *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the 3 parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's day, when our attention was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

God love you, and have a meaningful Holy Week.

## **Palm Sunday**

Also known as Passion Sunday, this Sunday before Easter remembers Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem near the end of a public ministry spent almost entirely outside Israel's capital city. When Jesus entered the city with his entourage, people laid palm branches on the road before him and greeted him as the long-awaited Messiah, shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Their celebrating didn't last long. As they heard his teachings and saw his behavior, both religious leaders and people on the streets turned against Jesus. Within days, the adoring crowds were shouting, "Crucify him!" Each Gospel relates the next few days differently, but the common elements are:

- \* Jesus entered Jerusalem and began to teach the people about the Kingdom of God and the leaders about their hypocrisy and God's coming judgment;

- \* He threw money-changers out of the Temple and sparked a growing conspiracy against him; he shared a "last supper" with his friends;

- \* He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, one of his key disciples; and, after being arrested, was handed over to the Roman authorities for execution as an enemy of Caesar. Palm Sunday worship typically begins with a Procession of Palms and then moves on to chronicle the rest of the week with a somber reading of the Passion in which the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus are on full display and Christians are reminded that their faith originates in Jesus' humble submission to death on a cross. Worship typically ends in silence, and the stage is set for Holy Week.