second sunday of easter ~ April 16, 2023 Sacred Heart Parísh

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

Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros, M.Div., M.S., Pastor

Rev. Paul Stenson, *Retired Priest in Residence*

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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

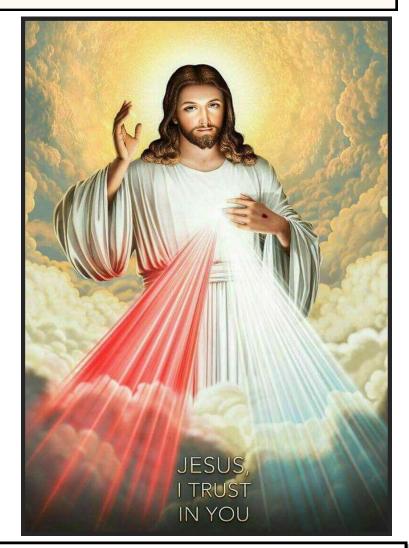
Sacred Heart (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM St. Hedwig Chapel 9:15AM (Rosary before Mass) St. Charles (Vigil) 5:30PM, 10:00AM, 4:00PM

Weekdays Masses 8:30AM Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Wed St. Charles Thurs, Fri, Sat

First Friday at St. Charles Borromeo

3:00PM- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 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

Holy Day Masses St. Charles (Vigils) 4:00PM & 7:00PM, 8:30AM Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confession Schedule

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday

St. Charles Borromeo 4:30-5:15PM before Vigil, 6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday before 1st Friday

St. Charles Borromeo 9:15-10:00AM on the First Saturday of the month

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Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Stasia Oleykowski Of Elizabeth Ziolkowska <u>Sunday, April 16</u>

7:30AM Mary & Joseph Lenski, Sr. Of Family

Monday, April 17 8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Tuesday, April 18 8:30AM Msgr. Anthony Jaworowski Of Donna & family Wednesday, April 19 8:30AM Fred Charbonneau Of Theresa Czerwinski

<u>Saturday, April 22</u> 4:00PM Dr. Filipnas Vital Of Heverling, Leoncio & Macapagal Families <u>Sunday, April 23</u> 7:30AM Paul & Claudia Fagioli (wedding anniv) Of Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

<u>Sunday, April 16</u> 9:15AM Henry P. & Regina E. Bienkowski Of Maxine & family <u>Sunday, April 23</u> 9:15AM Antoinette Wardynski Of Family

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be open Monday through Friday 9:00A.M to 12:00 Noon

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

12:00 Noon	Exposition and Adoration
2:00-3:00pm	Confessions
3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction
4:00pm	Mass



Candles for the Month of April Sacred Heart Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori Thomas McGehrin

Candles for the Month of April Saint Hedwig Nancy Tokarowski & Eugene Bush

Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 15-16

Sacred Heart 4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel 9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo5:30PMFr. Sperger10:00AMMsgr. Majoros4:00PMFr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 22-23

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<u>St. Hedwig's Chapel</u> 9:15AM Fr. Sperger

St. Charles Borromeo5:30PMMsgr. Majoros10:00AMFr. Stenson4:00PMFr. Anderson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change



Flame of Love Holy Hour Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30PM Saint Charles Borromeo Church

All are welcome to join as we pray for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

You can still subscribe to receive texts from Archbishop Perez weekly for the rest of the year! Text *goforth* to 84576 or go to www.phillydisciples.org/goforth

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT FOR ALL OF DELAWARE COUNTY THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 2023 11:30AM ROSE TREE PARK

All are welcome to join in prayer and song for our country, our leaders, our police, fire and emergency workers, our schools and teachers, our businesses, the media, our clergy, and all places of worship.

This is a very special event, which comes once a year.

Let your voice be heard along with many others as we pray with words and songs to the Lord of our nation. Celebrating with local worship & prayer leaders.

BRING A FRIEND! 12:00 Noon - Media - Media Court House Front Steps 7:00 pm and Newtown Square- Spruce Street Baptist Church, Rt. 252 & Gradyville Road.

Visit: NationalDayOfPrayerDelco.com

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

Sacred Heart- April 2, 2023

50	\$1,729.00
	<u>313.00</u>
	2,042.00
	161.00
	765.00
	514.00
	50

St. Hedwig - April 2, 2023

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29	\$1,502.00
	<u>41.00</u>
	1,543.00
	70.00
	397.00
	29

Sacred Heart- April 9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	34	\$1,385.00
Loose		<u>457.00</u>
Total		1,842.00
Holy Land		225.00
Holy Thursday		295.00
Rice Bowl		110.00

St. Hedwig - April 9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	15	\$634.00
Loose		<u>71.00</u>
Total		705.00
Holy Land		52.00
Holy Thursday		45.00
Rice Bowl		50.00

Easter Sunday Collection

Sacred Heart – April 9, 2023				
Easter Envelopes	34	\$3,270.00		
Loose		<u>303.00</u>		
Total		3,573.00		

St. Hedwig - April 9, 2023

Easter Envelopes	32 ·	\$2,925.00
Loose		<u>360.00</u>
Total		3,285.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

If you have questions about electronic giving or have no online access, please call the Rectory Office so we can provide an answer to your questions or help you set it up for yourself. St. Hedwig' Maintenance Fund In Memory of Walter & Marie Blumenkrantz : Bonnie & Ted Chism \$60 In Memory of Frances Kwapisz: Irene Heller \$200.



FORMED Daily returns with a powerful reflection series based on highlighted clips from the Augustine Institute Original Series, Divine Mercy: In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Starting on Divine Mercy Sunday, encounter God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of Saint Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Quo Vadis Days, June 26-29

Plan ahead for this special opportunity! High school men are invited to join Philadelphia seminarians for this 4-day, 3-night camp. Quo Vadis is full of opportunities for fun, prayer, and discernment with fellow young men from around the Archdiocese. To register, visit **heedthecall.org/QuoVadis**

Your Weekly Collection Envelopes HELP US BY.....

Putting the amount on your collection envelope

Not taping or stapling your envelope. If it will not seal please put the flap in.

Using only **ONE** envelope and one amount if you have **several** *"weekly"* envelopes.

Not combining any 2nd collection donation with your weekly donations. They should be separate checks.

OUR COUNTERS THANK YOU!

Holy Cross Church, Springfield is in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.

And Jesus said to them "...remain here and keep watch with me." ---Matthew 26:38

We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at **Holy Cross Parish in Springfield**, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, **JESUS LOVES YOU.**

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in Spring 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience **April 21-23** will be held at Sheraton Great Valley, Frazer. For more info visit: <u>https://www.wwme-philly.org/</u>.

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C.! Held on **April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, B.B.V.C. is a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship, and food. For more information and to register, visit *HeedtheCall.org/BBVC*

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

Marriages of Grace – Archdiocese of Philadelphia **Saturday**, **April 22nd** from 8:30am-4:00pm, followed by Sunday Vigil Mass at St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell. Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Cassock Classic Tournament Saturday, April 29th.

This event gathers co-ed young adult groups and Catholic campus ministry programs from across the Archdiocese for a day of fun & faith with the seminarians. Sponsored by the Vocation Office, the day begins with Mass and concludes with evening prayer. The registration is \$15 per participant.

Visit the website heedthecall.org/cassockclassic or contact Jillian Minnich at jminnich@archphila.org

SISTERS OF THE POOR SPRING CONCERT

Featuring Lights Out, America's #1 tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. **May 6th** from 7 pm – 9 pm at the John and Joan Mullen Center for the Performing Arts at Villanova University. Tickets at \$50. Villanova box office: 610-519 - 7474. All proceeds benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Home.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated with couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years and 50 years. **Saturday, May 6, 2023** 5:15 p.m. Anticipated Mass Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul Arch-

bishop Nelson Perez Principal Celebrant RSVP—215-587-0500

Mothers' Home Charity Golf Tournament Monday, May 15, 2023 at Paxon Hollow Country Club Noon lunch / 1:00PM Shotgun Start

Please join us for a fun day of lunch, golf, cocktail reception, and outdoor barbeque on Monday, May 15th at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club in support of Mothers' Home in Darby. Mothers' Home's mission is to transform the lives of pregnant women in crisis by providing safe housing and programs that prepare them for motherhood and provide a strong foundation for themselves and their children. For more information and registration please visit our golf website: www.mothershomegolf.com.

Marian Summit: hope for families May 16th, 17th, and 18th 2023, 6 – 8 pm

Join the *Marian Summit: hope for families* for a three-day free online presentation featuring over 20 Catholic speakers offering catechesis, stories, and teaching on the Blessed Mother. The summit is geared for individuals and families who have faced adversities and challenges and offers hope and healing through talks offered by Catholic presenters. **Offered by:** The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, Patchwork Heart Ministry, and Fiat Ministry Network. **To Register:**

www.Nonnatus.org homepage To learn more: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program High school men (Juniors & Seniors)! Gather for a 10-day faith & formation summer program to explore the relationship between faith & reason. Held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary July 5-14, this residential, college-accredited program combines learning with daily prayer and activities. For more information or to apply, visit: philadelphiacatholicscholars.org.

Honor Flight Philadelphia is recruiting veterans to join them for a day of honor in Washington, D.C. on **September 9, 2023** where you will have the opportunity to visit the memorials built to honor your service and sacrifice. Transportation, meals, a USO show, memorabilia will be provided at NO COST to the veteran. For more information contact ANDREW SCHIAVELLO 610-662-1812 or <u>andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org</u>

Divine Mercy Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

During the telecast of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, one of the commentators mentioned how the sunlight caught the diamonds encrusted on the Imperial State Crown that was set atop the coffin. She remarked that those jewels emitted a powerful blue light for a few seconds as the cortege passed by.

Recalling that comment, I find that momentary glance at a beam of sunlight reflected by diamonds on a crown is a perfect metaphor for God's nature. Like the facets of a diamond, His nature as Light of the World has so many beautiful consequences. Take, for example, God's goodness. What a comfort it is amid the success of so many evils in our world. The same for God's other qualities like His love, His justice, or His omnipotence,

Today the Church invites us to pay attention in a special way to God's mercy. It is that consoling quality of His that we sinners depend on for our hope and trust. Specifically, the Church designates this day as "Divine Mercy Sunday." The feast was so named such by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of the nun Sr. Faustian Kowalski. The new saint who had experienced a series of personal revelations from God.

The most comprehensive revelation can be found in Sister Faustina's diary, where Our Lord said, in part: "My daughter, tell the world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."

The Easter Octave (8th Day) has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Jesus announces peace to His startled disciples. No upbraiding or scolding of them over their Good Friday desertion. He makes the case that behind the whole mystery of what He had suffered and His resurrection was all part of a plan for their redemption and ours as well.

God's mercy is just one facet of the great "diamond" which is His nature. But what a consolation that is to us when we have sinned! It is sad that so many of our fellow Catholics seem to absolve themselves these days so to speak. They are missing out on this sacramental channel of God's authentic mercy in the confessional and walking around with hurting souls and risking sacrilege by approaching the Eucharist in their condition.

In the 1930s, a correspondent for the "London Times," researching on many of the problems we now have, ended every article with this statement: "What's wrong with the world?" Gilbert Keith Chesterton, the great English writer, philosopher and Christian apologist, wrote a famous reply. "Dear editor: What's wrong with the world? I am. Faithfully yours, G.K. Chesterton." I freely admit that I would have to write the same response. What about you? "Kyrie eleison" (Lord, have mercy.)

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"Daddy, it's made of real wood. Is that the cross Jesus died on?" whispered the three-year old to her dad at the Good Friday liturgy as the cross was brought in for veneration.

"Sister, what did Monsignor mean when he said there was a relic of the true cross in the wooden cross we kissed today?" the second grade Catholic school student asked me after the liturgy.

"The Passion play at St. Andrew's was so beautiful, I was crying," said the catechist.

"I haven't been around here in a while. Maybe it's time to come back," said the dad with two little kids at the Easter Egg Hunt.

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" we sang for our closing prayer at PREP on Monday.

The Easter Triduum and Easter season are times of immense grace and opportunities to draw closer to God. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and the children in St. Charles Parish will receive their First Holy Communion. On Wednesday, the children in St. Andrew's Parish will be Confirmed by Bishop Coffey. Please join in prayer for these young people, and also for all those on the journey toward these Easter Sacraments.

Prayers for PREP

Risen Lord, You call each of us to respond to Your immense gift of Love, poured out for us on the Cross on Good Friday. May we be truly open and receptive to Your loving mercy this Easter Season and share with others the blessing of what faith has given us in our lives. May we have more and more children and adults asking good questions and walking on this path to You through Your sacraments. Amen.