

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 20, 2025
Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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

Holy Day Masses

St. Charles Borromeo (Vigil) 4:00PM, 8:30AM
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Confession Schedule
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Charles Borromeo
Thursday before First Friday 6:30-7:30PM
Saturday following the 8:30AM Mass 9:30-10:30AM

**Dear Church Family
Happy Easter!**

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! On behalf of your priests, deacon, and staff of our parishes, I wish to extend my prayerful well-wishes to you and your families for a blessed Easter season. I am grateful to the many helping hands that decorated our churches for the Easter season; and for all the ministries for the various liturgies that enhanced our worship: sacristans, ushers, music minsters, altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion; and all of you who took part in the moving liturgies of the Sacred Triduum.

“The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday,’ as stated by Saint Athanasius. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung” (Universal Norms, 22). The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

For all of us who have been fully initiated, the Seven Weeks of the Easter Season offers us special grace. Through our reflection on the Word of God proclaimed during each of the Sundays of the Easter Season, we can deepen the mystery of the new life we first received at Baptism, and each time we receive the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass. We, your clergy, pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to grow more into the likeness of Christ as we live and work to build the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

**The Second Sunday of Easter or the Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 27, 2025
Regular Schedule of Masses at our Partnering Parishes**

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we welcome the Most Reverend Efrem V. Esmilla, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as our Principal Celebrant and homilist for the 10:00 A.M Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. He will welcome and receive Christina McAfee and Sandra Veigne into Full Communion in the Catholic Church, Confirm the Adults and Children , and give First Holy Communion to these candidates of our Partnering Parishes.

In addition, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we have special devotions scheduled for this afternoon at St. Charles Borromeo Church:

1:00P.M.	Exposition and Adoration
1:30-2:30P.M.	Confessions
3:00pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Merch and Benediction
4:00pm	Mass

What is the message of Divine Mercy?

The message of Divine Mercy is nothing new, just a reminder of what the Church has always taught: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But, in the Divine Mercy Devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone—especially the greatest sinners: The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy (Diary of St. Faustina, 723).

The main elements of this devotion are trust and deeds of mercy.

Here is a simple way to remember the message of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

Be Merciful to Others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely Trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Jesus, I trust in You!

O Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. **Jesus, I trust in You!**

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio &
Karen Flower Of D'Orazio family
12:00 Noon Michael Garr (anniv) Of Family

Monday, April 21

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 22

8:30AM Kaminski Grandparents Of Grassa family

Wednesday, April 23

8:30AM All Souls

Saturday, April 26

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, April 27

7:30AM Jane & Frank Sontowski Of Sam & Kathy Oller

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

"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

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.

**The Parish Offices will be CLOSED
Easter Monday April 21**

This Bulletin Went To Print Early



Candles for the Month of April

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 19-20

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



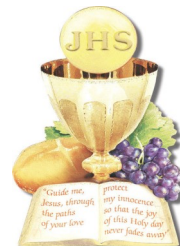
Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 26-27

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson
7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Bishop
4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

AN EASTER PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of eternal salvation that we get to celebrate on Easter morning. Your love is so great! Come close to me and renew my mind to let go of everything I've held on to that hinders me and entangles me. I ask you to draw near to me as I draw near to you and purify my heart.

Thank you for being the example of mercy when you ministered to and saved a thief while you suffered your own death. Your love covers a multitude of sins! I repent of my sins and ask you to cover me with your love and help me love others deeply.

Help me to forgive those who have offended me and give me the courage to bless my enemies.

Thank you for the anchoring of peace the Cross gives us. When difficult times find me, help me keep my eyes on you. Help me calm and quiet my soul so I can find full contentment in You alone.

Thank you for the promise of joy and the restoration to the Father through the work of the Cross. Let me remember to take active steps in rejoicing together in fellowship with family and friends. May we never forget the good works You have done in our lives.

I praise you that you are the gift of HOPE. Nothing can separate me from your love for not even death could do it. I love you, Jesus! Amen!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart—April 13, 2025

Sunday Envelopes

Loose

Total Will Appear in the NEXT Bulletin

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

(while supplies last)

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**

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

Rose Tree Park, Media, PA at 11:30 AM

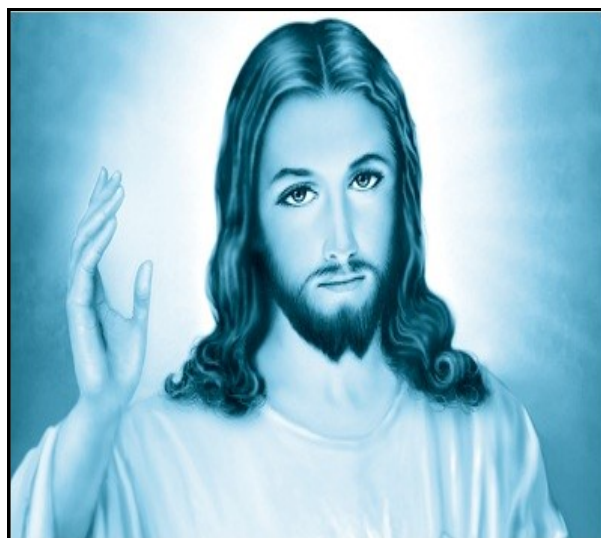
This gathering will feature: Heartfelt prayers for our Nation and Community, Uplifting Worship and Praise Music. Opportunities to connect and share fellowship, Light refreshments to enjoy.

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!

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



April 26-27, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday." We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith.

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said, *"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."*

[Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)

www.praydevinemercy.com

**You can also find a virtual Chaplet of Divine Mercy
on the Sacred Heart website**

Easter Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For any Christian, today's event demands that any and all written references to it ought to be made in upper case letters. For this is the event that establishes our faith. More than any slogan printed on a tee shirt; or any catch phrase in a TV commercial, this gospel message of triumph must be writ large in the annals of human history. Why? Because "JESUS IS RISEN" is all one needs to cite for proof that Jesus is God approved by the Father and the Holy Spirit and all that He taught was the truth.

The secular world has a perennial problem grappling with this story, great as it is. It has the facts of the case in Holy Scripture. But how does one handle all that if God is non-existent? So, it has to invent a counter proposal. So, it tells us to celebrate Spring with its own new life after Winter using a new suit or dress; cuddly rabbits and chicks; colored eggs and jellybeans in a basket. In that way Easter can be ignored or at least be seen as the fantasy of the foolish.

On the other hand, Christ's empty tomb thrills believers as they contemplate all that went before. The gloom of Good Friday yields to the glory of an empty tomb and then of seeing and eating with the Person who had been placed there. We realize anew that the rest of the gospel stories involved not just a magnetic preacher or a powerful healer, but the very Son of God. The record is there for all to see as a chronicle of God's time among us and how He spent it. That the One who went to a wedding at Cana or climbed the hills of Galilee; or walked on the water toward a fishing boat filled with frightened Apostles; who made a lame man walk again and a blind man see was in fact divine! Indeed! He was the very One whose coming had been foretold by the Hebrew prophets and who saved the world from its captivity to sin and despair. And He did it through obedience and a suffering cruel and bloody in a human nature just like ours, minus any sin.

As a result, our Faith in Him glows with a new brightness, Hope rings in with louder bells and Love bursts through any confining definitions. When you add in the fact that all of us are invited to be part of this glorious story, yet to be fulfilled in a new life beyond the grave, and you have the formula for endless, deep joy.

Of course, implied here is the fact that we also have a duty to live as closely as we can to the way Christ did. To have an outward directed life. And to realize that our lives are not all about us, but about Him. To use a figure from another happy season, we can recall old Marley's Christmas Eve warning to Scrooge about this same understanding of earthly life.

Meanwhile, we have a one-word summary of all this, which is the one great watchword of this season: it is "Alleluia!"

Happy Easter to you and yours!

Easter Sunday

Celebrating the Eight Days of Easter

We celebrate Easter each day this week. We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection. In the early Church, the newly baptized would be at each liturgy this week, wearing their white garments. We go through our everyday lives this week conscious of the "white garments" we all wear. We are renewed as a priestly people, committed with Jesus to give our lives for others. The resurrection stories, which we read this week, come from communities that are proclaiming the good news. The tomb is empty - Jesus' tomb and every tomb that tries to claim us in death. These are not believers who, in their deep desire, just made up the resurrection. These are people who can hardly believe what they are seeing and experiencing. They, like us now, had trouble recognizing his presence with them. We let the prayers of this Easter week draw us into the joy. Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death.