sunday of divine mercy ~ April 27, 2025 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. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

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

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Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family Sunday, April 27 7:30AM Jane & Frank Sontowski Of Sam &

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<u>Monday, April 28</u>

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart <u>Tuesday, April 29</u> 8:30AM Special Intention for Jack Jensen Of

Catherine Muldoon Wednesday, April 30

8:30AM Maria Ruszaj Of Family

<u>Saturday, May 3</u> 4:00PM (Vigil) Paul & Claudia Fagioli Of Hartel family <u>Sunday, May 4</u>

7:30AM Enrico & Rita Iannacone Of Family

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.



Candles for the Month of April

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 26-27

Sacred Heart

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

St. Charles Borromeo10:00AMBishop4:00PMFr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 3-4

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson 7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AMFr. Stenson4:00PMFr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Candles for the month are \$20.00 Mass Intentions are \$10.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if interested.

Mary Mother of Captives is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison.

The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. For more information, please email <u>marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org</u> or contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178. Attendees remain confidential.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

www.praydevinemercy.com

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



Flame of Love Holy Hour

Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30PM at Saint Charles Borromeo Church

All are welcome to join as we pray for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as your act of praise to God for all HE has given you.

Collection - April 13, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$1,850.00
Loose		<u>344.00</u>
Total		2,194.00
Rice Bowl		620.00
Save Our Parish		207.00
Easter Flowers		30.00
Loose		161.00

Collection - April 20, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	40	\$1,612.00
Loose		<u>427.00</u>
Total		2,039.00

Easter Collection 2025

Easter Envelopes	35	\$2,877.00
Loose		<u>344.00</u>
Total		3,211.00
Save Our Parish		20.00
Rice Bowl		30.00
Holy Thursday		206.00
Holy Land		180.00

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.

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!



For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Malvern Retreat House

Restore: Inner Healing Retreat for Young Adult Men and Women (ages 21 – 39) Thursday May 1 - Sunday, May 4 In partnership with the Archdiocesan Office for Ministry with Young Adults, You are Made New Ministries is excited to offer this Restore Retreat exclusively for individuals between the ages of 21 and 39. God desires to bring us restoration and healing so we will live from the truth that we are His beloved sons and daughters. He desires the restoration of womanhood and manhood to their full glory, empowering us to embrace our unique gifts and complementarity. Come and let Him Restore you! Retreat Leaders: Father Stephen DeLacy of the Office for Ministry with Young Adults and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry Register: <u>youaremadenew.com/restore-men-and-women</u> or email De at de@youaremadenew.com

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Heart to Heart: Archdiocesan Gathering of Young Adult Women 2025 Saturday, June 7, 2025

As Catholic young adult women living in the modern world, there are many voices that try to obstruct the beauty of our identity as women. Yet, we know that we have been given a special call as woman and daughters of God! One of the most amazing ways to be encouraged in this truth is to be surround by a community of sisters in Christ, letting heart speak to heart. The theme for the 2025 gathering is Daughterhood! "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you" (Matthew 9:22). Our speakers and panelists will unpack this topic of how our truest identity is found as daughter of Christ.

Register: <u>secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Xt9rXW</u> Contact: hearttoheartya@gmail.com

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

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

Sacred Heart is collecting only "NEW" (not used) infants clothing & accessories for new born babies.

Please place your donations in the bassinet as soon as you enter the Church.

We are starting **Saturday**, **April 26th** and ending **Saturday**, **May 31st**

These women choose to not have an abortion. Let's support them by help clothe their babies!

Suggested Items for Baby: Please note that our babies are only with us until they are 6 months old.

Baby Formula (Similac Advance and Sensitive) powder or ready to feed Diapers (Sizes NB, 3, 4, 5, 6) Wipes (Unscented) **Baby** Lotion Baby Wash Strap on Baby Carriers New and gently used Baby Clothing (Sizes Newborn; 3-6; 6-9; 9-12; 18-24) No toddler sizes New Receiving Blankets Crib Sheets, new only New bibs Undershirts/Onesies (Sizes Newborn; 3-6; 6-9; 9-12; 18-24) Socks Laundry Detergent (Dreft or unscented) Infant strollers Humidifiers Infant rear-facing carseats

St. Anthony and The Infant Jesus

St. Anthony, your love for the infant Jesus made him present for you to see and hold in your arms. Help us to see and cherish Jesus in all children of the world. Move us to feed and clothe Jesus in the children of the poor and care for him in all unwanted, abused, neglected and abandoned children. And lead us, for Jesus' sake, to reverence and protect human life always from its first beginning to its end.

Dear Friends of Camp Guadalupe,

Together with our partners at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Media, PA, we are happy to announce that Camp Guadalupe registration for 2025 is now open!

Please join us for another fun week of play, music, art and learning about our Catholic faith!

Campers - ages 4-12 Teen Volunteers a.k.a. "Prayer Warriors" - ages 13-17 Adult Volunteers - ages 18+ (with required clearances)

CAMP GUADALUPE JUNE 23-27, 2025 ST. MARY MAGDALEN, MEDIA, PA Register Now! at <u>livingbridges.org</u>

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. **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 chose to companion with a spiritual director during the week or participate without spiritual direction.

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

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To join as a **new user** go to **formed.org** Select *sign up* and then choose *I belong to a parish or organization* then type in St. Charles Borromeo OR 19026 and follow the easy instructions. If you are **already a member** of formed all you need to do is type in your email address and you are automatically signed in.

A Prayer for Catholic Charities

God, our Father,

we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in need. Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for you.

Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, may we help as many people as we can, including a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith; a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education; a veteran who is struggling with homelessness; a parish carrying out vital local missionary work; a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of the faithful.

Help us to do all we can to make sure the "poor have their fill" of your blessings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday of Divine Mercy Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You could say that a newly engaged couple have something in common with a newly graduated student; or someone newly promoted or praised: they all have a certain glow in their appearance. The same applies to a new Catholic at the Easter Vigil or the same of a new Christian at the time of the first Easter. St. Thomas the Apostle had it upon seeing the risen Jesus, even if his glow also bore the tinge of embarrassment as well.

As onlookers, we perceive all this easily enough in others. We might remark about it, or even ask: "How do you feel? or "What happened to you?" Those of us who have lived awhile already know the answers, either from similar lived experience or from personally acquired book knowledge. It is the joy of being in a new but long-desired situation; a dream fulfilled; a happy ending to a long story.

Sacred Scripture sometimes gives such things a quick acknowledgment, such as the description of Moses' face after he had dialogues with God on Mt. Sinai. But that is rare. We must imagine the looks on the faces of the people who came to believe in Jesus from the so-called "signs and wonders" worked by the Apostles in these very early days of the Church. Especially those miracles worked by St. Peter, to the point that they believed even his shadow could be a source of healing for the sick.

When we come to the second Sunday of those first Easter days, and the powerful meeting of the risen Jesus with a doubting Thomas, I think we can "see" a kind of glow on the Apostle's face. At first, there was some embarrassment. Jesus uses Thomas' own words when he commands Thomas to touch the divine wounds in hands and feet and side. Then comes St. Thomas' great profession of faith, as he kneels humbly and tearfully proclaims "My Lord and my God!"

There it is! This personal proof for one former doubter; the climactic moment of John's whole gospel; the call of faith for each one of us as we leave the pew and walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion.

Do we have an observable glow on our faces? Maybe. Maybe not. After all, we have done this many times in our lives. But there should be a certain inner peace from knowing that the living God dwells within us for some special moments.

A certain Polish nun named Sister Faustina felt this glow after a appearance to her of Our Lord, shown with His heart projecting rays of red and blue light, at the same time asking for our trust in Him. That's why this second Sunday of Easter is also named "Divine Mercy Sunday."

The Easter message is a test of our trust and our faith. And of our faith it was the great St. Augustine who said, "If you believe what you like in the gospel and reject what you don't like; it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. Best to believe it all.

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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.

Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord from the north, south, east, and west edges of our country in the first–ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Thousands will have a powerful opportunity for encounter and healing as Jesus comes to meet them on his way to the National Eucharistic Congress. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be a milestone within the Revival and a historic moment for the Church in the U.S. The reinstitution of this legacy will gather 80,000 Catholics in Indianapolis for a transformative experience that will bear fruit for generations to come. These pivotal moments will launch the United States into the Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics back out into the world to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." We will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond.