

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 30, 2023

Sacred Heart Parish

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

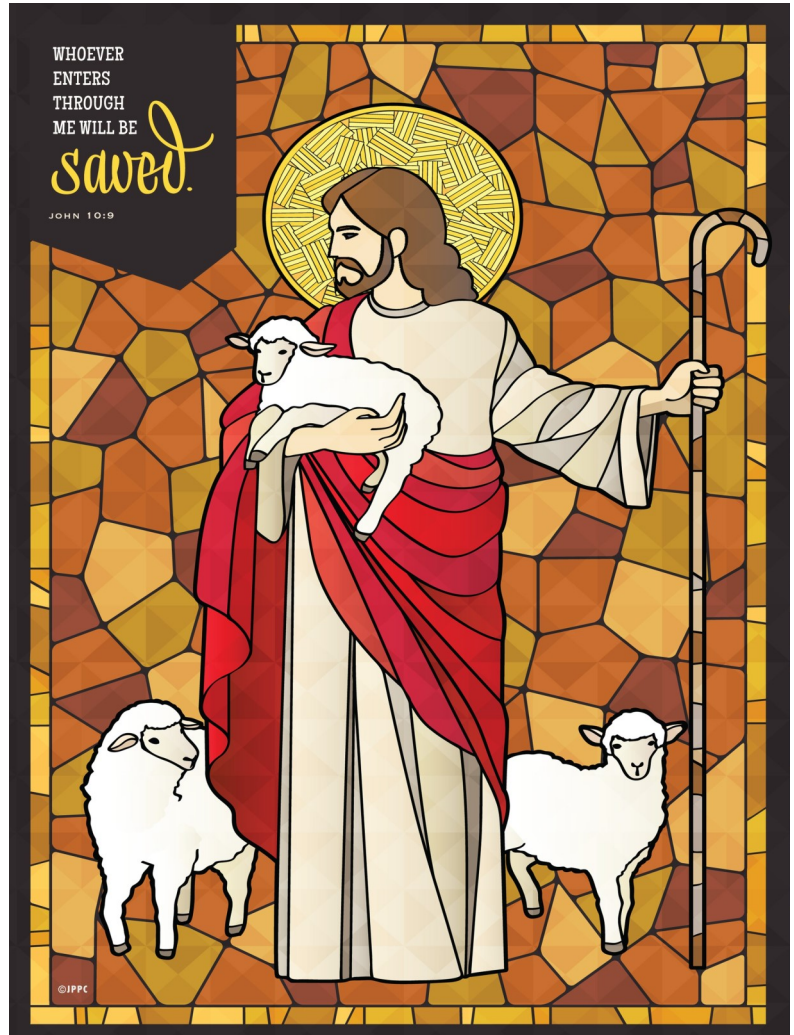
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, April 30

7:30AM Lillian Pecko Of Leona & Vince Papale

Monday, May 1

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, May 2

8:30AM Shawna Patterson Of Marge & family

Wednesday, May 3

8:30AM Wlodek Mackowiak Of Jadwiga Szanc

Saturday, May 6

4:00PM Jesus D. Vitug Of Heverling, Leoncio & Macapagal families

Sunday, May 7

7:30AM Domenic, Vincent & Mary Natale Of Mary Lou Strunk

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, April 30

9:15AM Hedy Gardocki Of Kathy & Sam Oller

Sunday, May 7

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

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

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Intentions for 2023 \$10.00

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

Open Mass Intentions—Sacred Heart

May 31. June 6, 13, 27. July 11, 12, 18, 25, 30

Open Mass Intentions — St. Hedwig

June 18, 25. July 16. August 13, 27



Candles for the Month of May

Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

Edward Grassa

Thomas McGehrin

Saint Hedwig

Sewruk & Romatowski Family

Health of Stasia Hannum

Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 29-30

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 6-7

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Keane

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

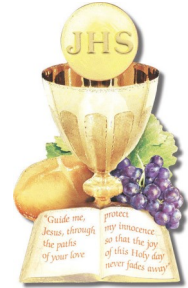
9:15AM Fr. Sperger

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Bishop Deliman

4:00PM Fr. 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

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– April 23, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	48	\$1,787.00
Loose		<u>279.00</u>
Total		2,066.00
Loose		249.00
Easter		50.00
Holy Thursday		\$10.00
Rice Bowl		\$5.00

St. Hedwig - April 23, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	20	\$597.00
Loose		<u>67.00</u>
Total		664.00
Rice Bowl		40.00
Maintenance		225.00

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

St. Hedwig Maintenance Fund In Memory of James Deery, Jr.

Pat Deery \$200, Ed & Sue Lashley \$25.

“Fides et Scientia”: 2023 Lecture Series

Join us for the next event in our 2023 Lecture Series

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00pm in St. Andrew's Church.

Daniel Palmieri of JMJ Missions will discuss “Source & Summit: The Holy Eucharist.” The Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, the focal point of our worship and the deepest manner of reaching union with Our Lord. Using Eucharistic miracles, devotions of Saints, and some basic theology behind the Mass, this talk aims to both deepen our understanding of the Blessed Sacrament and increase the fervor with which we receive and adore Him. We hope to see you there!

Exercise Your Missionary Disciple Skills: Become a Cathedral Ambassador

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul conducts an evangelization ministry with the Cathedral Ambassadors. This enthusiastic group of trained Ambassadors staffs the Basilica throughout the week and is comprised of volunteers from all over the Archdiocese. They answer questions and offer assistance to all who come to the Cathedral Basilica. Cathedral Ambassadors provide a personal presence in the Basilica and most importantly they put a face on the Church. Cathedral Ambassadors are assigned 4-hour shifts. The schedule is flexible with assignments of one day or more a month. Training and materials are provided to support this evangelization ministry. For more information and to become a Cathedral Ambassador, please contact Martha Ortiz, the coordinator of the Cathedral Ambassadors, at cathedral.ambassadors@gmail.com.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Church in the United States needs to be strengthened through the pure love of Christ and the promise that His resurrection holds for everyone. While that goal is a simple, there are obstacles to evangelization in many places due to a lack of resources.

Collection Next Weekend May 6-7

Annual collection **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** (CHMA). An initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and supports dioceses throughout the country where financial hardship and poverty are severe. Funding from this appeal provides for faith formation programs in communities where brothers and sisters are struggling.

Home mission dioceses are found in every section of the United States and its territories. Often, their Catholic populations are a minority and spread over large areas with very few priests to serve them. The situation in the Diocese of Owensboro, located in Western Kentucky, represents many others. There, Catholics make up only 6% of the population in a rural region spanning 12,500 square miles. In an effort to serve the faithful, priests are assigned to multiple parishes at the same time that are over 25 miles apart. Owensboro also has a large and growing Hispanic Catholic population with unique liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral needs.

Thanks to you, CHMA is making a positive impact. In Owensboro alone, the Hispanic Ministry Program now has 31 bilingual priests who celebrate more than 900 Masses in Spanish each year, along with baptisms, weddings, and confirmations. Your continued support CHMA will make a tremendous difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need here in the United States. To learn more about the appeal and its beneficiaries, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

I am grateful for your consideration and your generosity. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers and join me in praying for all those working to spread the Good News. May God bless you. Sincerely in Christ,
+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.



St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

Discussion Question: St. Damien offers us a remarkable example of missionary zeal. *How is God calling you to preach the Good News and minister to the less fortunate?* Ask the Lord to show you how he invites you to do so in big and small ways.

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. 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.**

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.

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



PAGING ALL NURSES!! Spiritual CPR: A Retreat for Nurses~ **Sunday, May 7** at Daylesford Abbey, Lunch included. Join fellow nurses for an afternoon of fellowship, reflection, and renewal. All faiths and levels of nursing welcome! To register or to ask any questions, please email Theresa Ferrari: DTPCMT@aol.com or call 484-459-1564.

You are invited on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima, Saturday, May 13th St. Mary Magdalen Church 2400 Providence Road Media, 9:00 am – 11:30 am Refreshments following the 8:30 Mass 13th In the Parish Hall. Please come as we share The Flame of Love from Heart to Heart. **Presenter, Patti Schwartz**, an award winning "Top Model Teacher" and seasoned Flame of Love Educator, will share some creative ideas on how to ignite **THE FLAME OF LOVE in your home.**

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.

ON THE WAY TO CAPE MAY Tuesday August 15, 2023 WITH ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, COLLINGDALE BLESSING OF THE WATERS

Leave St. Joe's at 9am. Arrive at Lighthouse Park Beach for the Blessing of the Waters. Stay until 2pm. If you wish you can travel to center of Cape May, or if staying at the beach, remember your beach chair and other beach needs. Lunch and shopping on your own. Depart at 4pm and arrive home at 6pm. **Cost is \$60 and includes** bus, snack and drinks. All payments are due on or before August 1st. Contact Mary Carney 610-362-1177, payment to St. Joe's church

HOLY LAND DISCOVERY TOUR September 1 – 8, 2023 Mass is included. The roots of your faith will come to life on this extraordinary journey through Israel. Starting from Tel Aviv, visit some of the main archeological, historical, and biblical sites, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you learn more about His life and ministry. To stand in the very places where history unfolded is a true highlight as you visit important sites of the Gospel, such as Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, the Mount of the Beatitudes, the River Jordan valley, Bethlehem, and last, but not least, Jerusalem. This extraordinary Israel tour is designed for value-minded travelers. Hotels, transportation, guides, historians, 7 breakfasts, 4 dinners are included. Land price starts at \$1979 per person (based on double occupancy). An \$850 deposit per person will hold your space. For info and reservations, call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours: 860-399-1785.

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

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Not being by choice a pet owner, I find it reassuring when someone else's animal of choice is described as "liking me." My initial response, in particular to a large and energetic canine, is tension within and without for a few minutes until the aforementioned doggie judges me approved. Perhaps all this stems from me not having, or being allowed to have, a pet pooch as I grew up.

I do remember from my childhood that a small dog and even a cat were allowed in our house, but I believe that was because there were less than 6 of us small humans around as well.

At any rate Our good Lord had no such problems. In His human nature of course He certainly knew sheep and their shepherds. Who knows? He may have had a pet lamb in those 30 years of His hidden life in Nazareth.

Here in our famous gospel passage today, He goes so far as to declare Himself "The Good Shepherd." It was a title His listeners in those halcyon days would know and understand.

Always the alert and creative teacher, Jesus would seize the moment to declare a truth worth remembering.

The Holy Spirit was especially delighted, and so He inspired the New Testament gospel writers to include such teachings in their compositions for the benefit of the Church. Which is to say for all of us and anyone who would take up their Bibles to read all about it.

The good shepherd always had a loving relationship with his dependent flock. He was also very protective of them and was wary of predators always on the move and yes, even human agents of harm. So, if we humble ourselves to be considered as sheep in His flock, our Divine Shepherd will never let us be led astray nor be harmed in any way.

Our Church designates this "Good Shepherd Sunday" to be a Day of Prayer for Vocations. While the word "vocation" applies to single and married persons, the word meaning a "calling from God" for the Church this Sunday is particularly focused on prayer for an increase of permanent deacons, priests, and consecrated religious.

As for priests in particular, I think we Catholics in the States surely know we have a distinct shortage of same. Witness the reduced availability of priests, reduced Mass schedules and other changes made necessary by the reduced numbers as compared to just the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Believing God the Good Shepherd is fully in charge, I tend to agree with our late Pope Benedict XVI that the Church of the future will be smaller and more devout. Nevertheless, she will still need priests. I can assure you that if the calling is authentic it is a great and rewarding life. But gray hairs and bald patches tell the story. So we should turn to prayer about it all. And do our part in telling any young man in our circle whom we believe has all the signs to consider the priesthood as his calling, all the while knowing that God will do His part. The Good Shepherd will be pleased with your faith, as He was on so many occasions while He was here in person. So true is this: "If the Church is ever to get on its feet, it must first get on its knees."

Prayer for our Parish Partnership

Heavenly Father, Your wisdom and providence are beyond our understanding; surround us with your love.

Help us to engage one another with charity, openness and good will as we continue our parish partnership. We pray for the courage to be open to new possibilities and new ways of living out our parish mission.

May the richness, diversity and gifts of our people be treasured and used to strengthen the Body of Christ in our neighborhood, and witness to your presence in our lives.

Let us feel renewed with this invitation to build on the faith and traditions that are important to our parish, through a vibrant, parish partnership united in mission and dedicated ever more to the fruitful building up of your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father, You so loved the world that You sent our only Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe in Him. I join Him in His prayer for laborers in Your harvest. May Your Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen generous men and women to continue His mission in the World. May this same Spirit make known to me Your will in my regard. Where You lead, I will follow. Let it be done to me according to Your word. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. www.heedthecall.org

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Please Save the Date for the National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the Malvern Retreat House Memorial Dining Hall on May 4. More details can be found at

www.malvernretreat.com.