

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 6, 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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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. 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

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Rose Marie Fair Of Pyfer Grandchildren

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 8

8:30AM Living & Deceased of the Clupp & Canamucio families Of Clupp Family

Wednesday, April 9

8:30AM Special Intention for Jack Jensen Of Catherine Muldoon

Saturday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

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

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

Lenten Prayer

Compassionate and Powerful God, you have always guarded your people from the power of evil. You teach us to rely upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we enter this Lenten season of mercy – of prayer, fasting, and giving. Make me more aware of how close you are when I struggle to do what is right and just. Fill me with your grace, that I might be strengthened to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.



Candles for the Month of April

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 5-6

Sacred Heart

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

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson
4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



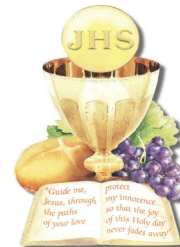
Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 12-13

Sacred Heart

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

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros
4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Misprint in Lenten Booklet

We apologize for the misprint of **The Sacred Triduum Dates** in the recently distributed Lenten Booklet. The dates should read:

April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday
April 18, 2025 Good Friday
April 19, 2025 Holy Saturday

"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.

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.

Sacred Heart—March 30, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	51	\$1,583.00
Loose		<u>250.00</u>
Total		1,833.00
Easter Flowers		306.00
Loose		90.00

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.

Please see PAGE 4 of this bulletin for any remaining Lenten Devotions and see our WEBSITE sacredheart-cliftonheights.net or the mailed schedule for the complete Holy Week Schedule.
(Palm Sunday is NEXT WEEK)

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. The next class will be on **April 11, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**

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

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

Sensory Friendly Masses

St. Thomas the Apostle
430 Valleybrook Road
Glen Mills, PA 19342
2:00 PM – Every Third Sunday
Contact: Cleo Hoey at socialmedia@staglenmills.org

Catholics believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, and that all the Baptized share in the life and mission of the Church. This includes people from every range of ability. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FORMED

Free: A Journey into the Inner Self



This beautiful film is a unique and moving glimpse into rarely seen monastic life within 12 monasteries in Spain that provides a powerful opportunity for viewers to experience the silence, prayer, and simplicity that is a contradiction to our noise-infested world.

Filmmakers take the audience behind the monastic walls of the hidden and unknown life in a religious cloister to learn what leads a person in the 21st century to renounce a life in the world in exchange for a life devoted exclusively to the interior spiritual life.

Stunning cinematography and stirring spiritual chants and music accentuate the natural, prayerful rhythms of the cloister—a rich world in which things advance at an unhurried pace for the monks and nuns who find total freedom through silence and contemplation.

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

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 <https://msbt.org/mbsc/> or call us at 267-350-1830.



Stations of the Cross

7:00P.M.

The Legion of Mary will sponsor

"Soup and Salvation"

A time for prayer and a simple Lenten meal
from 5:15P.M. to 6:15P.M.

BEFORE Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart Church

Friday's at 7PM April 11

*You may join us for Prayer and a Simple Lenten Meal
5:15P.M.-6:15P.M. in the rectory Conference Center
(Basement)*

Mass During Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 14, 15, 16,
8:30 A.M. Mass Sacred Heart

Confessions During Holy Week

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Sacred Heart 1:00-2:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00P.M.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Saint Charles Borromeo 11:00A.M.-12:00PM

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

Sacred Heart 11:00A.M.-12:00Noon

OPERATION RICE BOWL

All are encouraged to participate in OPERATION RICE BOWL, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



*If you choose to use the
Rice Bowl boxes*

PLEASE NO COINS.

*Thank you for your kindness
and generosity!*

Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Prayer

God our Creator, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Guide as we work to demonstrate that love this Lenten season, and beyond. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds so that we may embrace all our neighbors, wherever they may be. In answering your call, may we strengthen each other through the gifts we share.

Amen.

Choral Stations of the Cross with Musica Tevere: Friday, April 11 and April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Friday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church, 242 S. 20th St., Philadelphia and on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm at Saint Colman Church, 11 Simpson Rd., Ardmore. The attending congregation will be invited to join in singing hymn verses at intervals along the way.

SonRise Festival for Young Adults Saturday, April 12th - 4:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Join young adults from around the Archdiocese for an early morning of prayer, adoration, fellowship, **Mass and breakfast as we prepare to enter into Holy Week!** Special guest & Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia
Location: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901 **More info and to register:** Contact the Office for Ministry with Young Adults at: phillyomya@archphila.org

The Fifth Week of Lent

This week is filled with drama.

We continue to prepare ourselves to be open to God's graces. We continue to try to choose Lent, to act Lent, in very concrete ways. We are examining our patterns and realigning our priorities. Our hearts are being renewed, as we experience God's reconciling love and beg for the gift of healing. All this is wonderfully supported by the drama of the daily liturgies. We begin with the raising of Lazarus (if we are celebrating the Scrutinies) or with the story of the religious leaders who bring Jesus a woman caught in adultery and his compassionate response. Then, after the Annunciation readings, we have the powerful stories about the healing image lifted up in the desert, the three faithful witnesses who survive the fiery furnace, the account of God's covenant with Abram, Jeremiah's fearful trust in the midst of the plot against him, and Ezekiel's incredible vision of restoration of the nation - that God will make a new and everlasting covenant.

Each of these readings is matched with a gospel from John. We hear about witnesses and testimony and judgment, about his being lifted up (on the cross and in glory), about the freedom/liberation he has come to bring, about himself as the fulfillment of God's covenant, the new and everlasting covenant. And, we can feel the opposition rising against him. And we grow in devotion, and grace, as we realize that it is all "for me."

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fifteen years ago, cursive writing teaching stopped in the United States when the Common Core State Standards were adopted. This led many schools to phase cursive writing out of their curricula. With the rise of digital technology, it made sense for many schools to prioritize keyboarding skills over cursive writing. According to former Harvard president Drew Faust, this matters because among many sad effects is that our youngsters won't be able to read the birthday card from their grandmothers. They'll need their mothers to translate it for them. The good news is that some schools have returned to such instruction.

This whole matter came to mind as I pondered a significant detail in the well-known story of "The Authorities and the Woman caught in Adultery" as found in John chapter 8. It is this: "Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground." We might ask: "What did He write?" Or "What language did He use? Was it cursive Aramaic or a printed version?" That would be a fool's errand because printing had not yet been invented.

The point here is not to bring a contemporary educational question into play over the words of the gospel story. What Jesus wrote is unknown and scholars tell us is that it was probably symbolic. St. Bede puts in his "two cents" this way: "Christ, who twice bends down to write on the ground, teaches us to bend low in humility, so that we can examine ourselves both before and after addressing the faults of our neighbor. If His example becomes our practice, we will avoid the extremes of being unjust and unmerciful toward others."

I find St. Bede's analysis personally helpful, especially during Lent. He asks us all to preclude any smugness on our part. To think that we are morally superior to the scribes and Pharisees in this famous story. We are not allowed to be judgmental of the poor shivering creature those men had dragged from the crowd to place her in front of Jesus. Honestly, how many times have we set ourselves up as judge and jury of somebody else? Sneered at their weakness from our chosen perch above it all?

It's a good thing we have humble saints in our Catholic tradition, beginning of course with Mary our Mother. Not only are they all heroes and models for imitation, but they are also practical teachers. We shouldn't think of saints as some stylized figure captured in stained glass. Except for Our Lady, saints are usually sinners, "revised and edited."

God be with you in these dwindling days of Lent.

Philly Catholic Singles 30-45

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45. **Speed Dating 30-45 -**

St. Margaret of Antioch, Narberth Saturday April 26 at 6:30pm / Waitlist will open in March

Our most popular event is back for 2025! Event will start at 6:30, all are invited to the parish Vigil Mass at 5:15. Come meet someone new!

Free parking available at parish school.

Nature Hike at Stroud Preserve, West Chester Saturday May 10 at 10:00am / Waitlist will open in April

Email PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com to sign up for events and join our email list. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy.

Learn more at www.PhilllyCatholic.Singles

Cana Date Night presented by the Cana Date Night ministry of Saint Ann Parish in Phoenixville **Meets monthly April 12, May 10, and June 14, 6:15 – 8:15 pm**

Cana Date Night is a ministry dedicated to enriching marriages and thereby strengthening families, parishes and communities. We gather monthly to share a meal while enjoying time with our spouse, fellowship with other couples, and a prayerful focus on sacramental marriage.

Location: Saint Ann Parish Hall, 3rd Ave & Main St, Phoenixville PA 19460

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

Questions: Contact Monica & Dave Ryan - monica.paddock@gmail.com / 845-649-8640