

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY ~ APRIL 7, 2024

# 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*

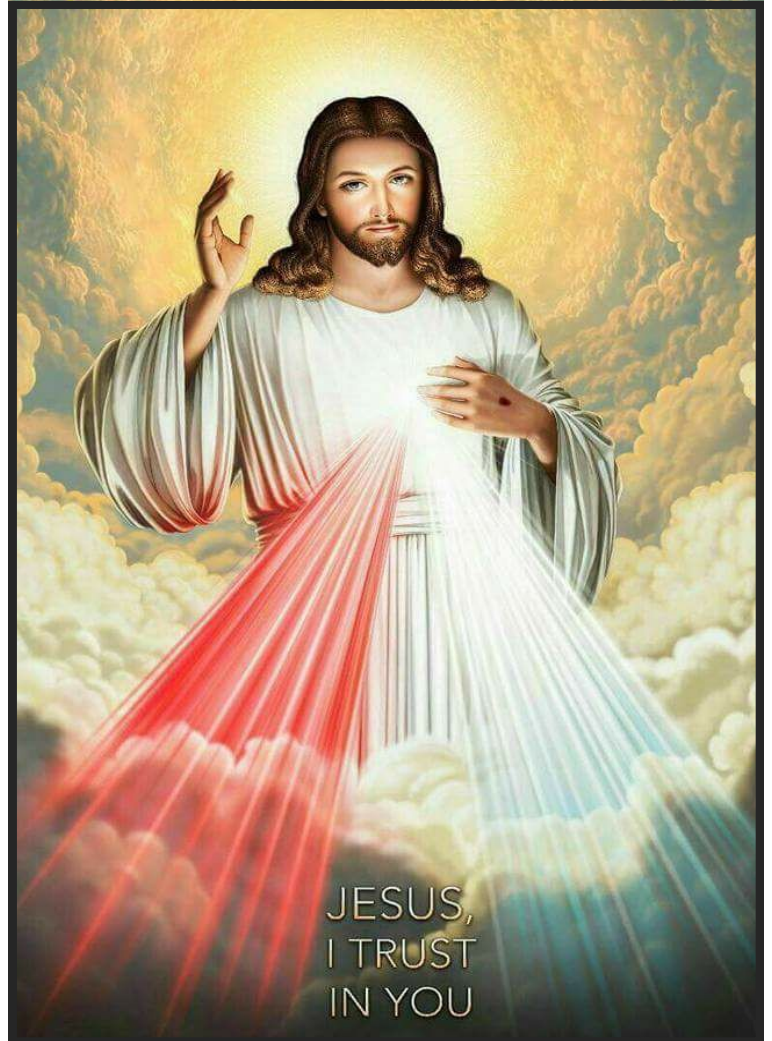
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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30AM to 3:30PM  
*Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*In parish office Tuesday and Thursday*

**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. 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**  
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. 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 (Vigil) Hedy Gardocki Of Kathy & Sam Oller

### Sunday, April 7

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

### Monday, April 8

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, April 9

8:30AM Intention of the Holy Souls

### Wednesday, April 10

8:30AM Luke Coleman Of Tom & Stella Pyfer & family

### Saturday, April 13

4:00PM (Vigil) Charbonneau Siblings Of Theresa Czerwinski

### Sunday, April 14

7:30AM Karolina Dzedzej Of Alexandra Danicki & Helen

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



## Candles for the Month of April

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori  
Frank Rizzo, Jr.  
Thomas McGehrin

## Follow Me

Thousands followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry. Since his Resurrection, countless Christians have traveled to holy sites in order to connect concretely with places where heaven and earth have touched. While pilgrimages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaken at such a scale—walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord! Find out more about this tradition and the fruits of making a pilgrimage yourself.

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

## 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.*

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## Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 6-7

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. John Barron, SJ

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



## Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 13-14

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

## Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

**Exposition and Adoration**

**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**

**Some Masses Remain for the Year 2024**

**\$10.00 for all Mass Intentions  
Candles For the Month \$20**

## PIEROGI THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to **Joanne & Gene Bidoli**, who coordinated our pierogi fundraiser and Barbara & Bill Schwindt who act as advisors, and to Mark Wufsus for his constant hard work.

Also, thank you to everyone who participated in some way. If you worked one day or every day, donated items needed, or purchased pierogi, you were a special part in this fundraiser.

It is very hard work but also rewarding to work with friends and help your Parish during the two weeks.

We must thank St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Clifton Heights for the use of their facilities.

**Enjoy your delicious pierogi!**

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

#### Sacred Heart– March 24, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	39	\$1,062.00
Loose		<u>258.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,320.00</b>
Loose Rice Bowl		187.00
Rice Bowl		570.00
Easter Flowers		330.00
Latin America		5.00

#### Sacred Heart– March 31, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	49	\$2,084.00
Loose		<u>296.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,380.00</b>
Loose		103.00
Holy Land		245.00
Holy Thursday		177.00
Parish Maintenance		200.00

#### Easter Sunday Collection Please Note

Cathedral Envelope Company mailed the Holy Week Schedule, which included the Easter Offering Envelope, on March 11, 2024. Unfortunately, most parishioners did **NOT** receive this mailing. A few parishioners did receive the mailing on Holy Saturday. **We ask that you consider sending in your donation when you receive your envelope.** As you can see below the low collection amount reflects parishioners not receiving their envelopes.

#### Sacred Heart – March 31, 2024

Easter Envelopes	20	\$1,398.00
Loose		<u>56.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,454.00</b>
Rice Bowl		40.00

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

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection** donation with your weekly donations. They should be separate checks.

**OUR COUNTERS THANK YOU!**

# FORMED



**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.

**Easter Season 2024**

Have you lost the plot of your life?

Explore life's mysteries with The Search, a new video based program that explores life's big questions. The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others.

Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. Are you ready for The Search?

**THE SEARCH** Official Program of **FORMED**

**When: Thursdays: April 11 – May 23**  
**10:30am - Noon**

**Where: St. Charles Borromeo Rectory**

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### Author Keith Nester at St. John Chrysostom

Church April 8th at 7:30PM. You will NOT want to miss this opportunity! You will definitely be immersed in the rosary in a way that you have never experienced before. Thousands of people take part in his daily online prayer group called The Rosary Crew. Keith Nester is a former Protestant Pastor and Catholic convert. He is the author of "Unpacking the Mysteries of the Rosary" and "The Converts Guide to Roman Catholicism." Keith and his wife, Estelle, travel the country in their Rosary RV. Join Keith and Estelle at St. John Chrysostom to pray the Rosary live with thousands of Catholics around the world on his YouTube Channel Monday, April 8th at 7:30 PM. This is proudly sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 10935.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat: **April 12-14**, in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, or for more information, call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### Eileen George Prayer Group 2:00-3:00PM

**NEXT DATE: April 21**

We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments. **Annunciation BVM Church**, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

### The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

#### Franciscan Night ~ Monte Carlo Style

**Saturday, April 27, 2024** \* 6 - 10 pm Neumann University Mirenda Center Atrium 501 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014 Online registration is available on our website at [www.osfphila.org](http://www.osfphila.org)

Summer Week-long **Catholic Family Vacation Retreat** Marianist Family Retreat Center 417 Yale Ave. Cape May Point, NJ 08212-0488 Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning **June 24th** till end of August. Join together with other families for the week. To sign up or for more information: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or email: [mfrc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrc@capemaymarianists.org) or call 60-884-3829. **Dates are; Sundays April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15**

### Mothers Retreat Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Malvern Retreat House, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm On Wednesday, May 8, we will be hosting a retreat for mothers and grandmothers of children with disabilities. Information will be made available as we get closer. Please check our website [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org) for the information.

## Chaplet of Divine Mercy

[www.praydevinemeracy.com](http://www.praydevinemeracy.com)

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

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support). Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support).

### ST. KEVIN'S PIONEERS TRIPS

Tropicana Atlantic City Shows: (all are \$75 & include \$25 slot play and show admission)

"Daniel" at the Sights and Sounds Theater - **April 11, 2024** \$175. Show is at 11:00 am. Bus leaves at 8:15 am.

Jersey Boys and Girls" – **May 30, 2024** (Thursday) Payment due 4/20/24 Pick up for all casino shows is at St. Kevin at 10:15 am. Depart casino at 5:30 pm.

Make checks payable to St. Kevin Pioneers Club, 207 Robin Hood Lane, Aston, PA 19014 c/o Betsy Boyd Contact Betsy: 610-858-0666

### APRIL is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month

Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing:

Depression, Anxiety and panic attacks, Intense grief, sadness, rage, Feelings of shame and guilt, Suicidal thinking and behavior, Drug or alcohol abuse, Problems maintaining intimate relationships, Eating disorders, Nightmares, flashbacks .

### Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame.

Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. You're not alone:

For an in-person weekend retreat:

**RachelsVineyard.org**

For online and/or in-person\* Bible-based programs:

- o [HerChoiceToHeal.com](http://HerChoiceToHeal.com) ( part of [RamahInternational.org](http://RamahInternational.org))
- o [SheFoundHisGrace.org](http://SheFoundHisGrace.org)
- o [SaveOne.org](http://SaveOne.org)

## **Divine Mercy Sunday** **Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

It starts in the childhood playground and often lingers through adolescence and even to adulthood. I refer to nicknames. Red-headed Renee or Ricky become known as "Reds." Other such labels derive from a person's usual behavior or some event in the classroom or the ballfield, or whatever event that everybody else remembers.

Case in point: the naming of St. Thomas as "The Doubter." In retrospect, it's an unfair nickname given to this Apostle who makes a beautiful act of faith to the risen Jesus. (Imagine him doing so on his knees.) Ever since then, Thomas' statement "My Lord and my God" makes a perfect prayer to say as the priest elevates the sacred Host right after its consecration as the Body of Christ at every Mass.

At any rate, this incident surely makes St. Thomas the patron saint of those who have doubts, especially about our holy Faith. I presume that includes a lot of us from time to time. Let's start with doubt about the Eucharist truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, that embraces a lot of surveyed Catholics these days. Then there are those who doubt our Church's teachings, sometimes only because they don't like them. Moving on from there, we have people who doubt the goodness of life here "below heaven." Doubt their own goodness as God's creatures. That means they doubt the person in their mirror as having value.

We must always remember that doubt itself is morally neutral. It spurs on a healthy "proing" into what our Church teaches. That, in turn, can lead to a renewed faith. Open-minded research into this or that teaching provides previously untapped evidence. Of course, some teachings, like the Holy Eucharist, ultimately depend on faith, nurtured by prayer. We can be sure St. Thomas prayed.

Today is the Octave, or the eighth day of Easter. Pope St. John Paul II designated it as "Divine Mercy Sunday." This is a beautiful devotion based on the visions of a holy Polish nun named Sr. Faustina, wherein Our Lord Himself bids us to trust in Him. That's what St. Thomas did with renewed vigor in that Upper Room. We can do the same. As an anonymous writer put it: "Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move."

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

### **Say the Word**

- "Happiness makes you healthy!" - and live longer - but what defines it?
- What we're searching for isn't something we're going to find in the world.
- It's hard for me to stay at the place of asking. I want to jump right into the answers!
- What do you seek? The fulfillment of Life's journey...following God's path through the Holy Spirit.

These were some of the take-aways from the first Session of the **The Search**, offered this winter. Participants included parishioners from Sacred Heart and St. Charles, PREP parents, those involved and uninvolved in other aspects of the parishes. After seven weeks of asking questions, viewing inspiring and thought-provoking videos, and building bonds through sharing our reflections, here are some of the concluding thoughts.

- For a Christian, joy isn't what happens when life is going perfectly. It happens when you know you are loved perfectly, even when life is a mess.
- This experience has helped me to look at myself and make some big decisions. [It] also helped me to get to know other people.
- We can't fulfill our destiny by ourselves. We are made by relationship for relationship. At Mass we encounter Jesus for our bodies and spiritual souls - our full experience in relationship with God.
- Awe + wonder...of God's creation and His love for humanity (and me!)

Would you like to walk on this journey into life's biggest questions? Do you know someone you could invite? We'll be offering **The Search** this Easter Season on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12noon, April 11 - May 23. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/thesearch-scb/home> or by calling the parish offices.

### **Prayers for PREP**

Merciful Heart of Jesus, You desire each person to come to You and trust in You. Please help many in our parishes and larger community ask the big questions of life, so that they can truly live and not just exist. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.