

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 1, 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,  
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**Office Hours**

**Monday-Friday**

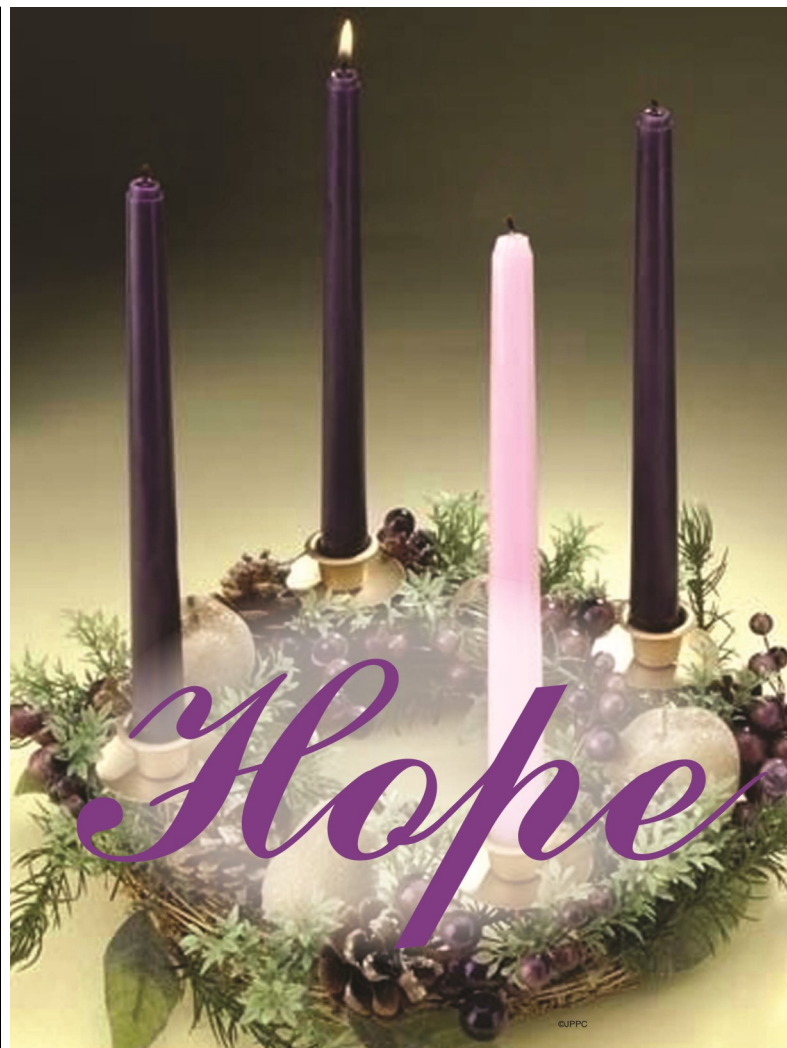
**8:30AM to 3:30PM**

*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) Rita Gallo Of Marino Family

### Sunday, December 1

7:30AM Ronald Timinski Of Casimir & Judith Gluszek

### Monday, December 2

8:30AM Matthew Wufsus Of brother, Mark

### Tuesday, December 3

8:30AM The Holy Souls

### Wednesday, December 4

8:30AM The Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish

### Saturday, December 7

4:00PM (Vigil) Frances Rizzo Of Family

### Sunday, December 8

7:30AM Frances Kaminska Of Lenski family

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

## 2025 Mass Books ARE NOW OPEN

Please Call After 9:00AM

Do Not Call On Tuesday's If Possible



### Candles for the Month of December

*Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori*

*Thomas McGehrin Frank Rizzo, Jr.*

*Edna Soltanuk*

### Save the Date

National March for Life in Washington, DC

January 24, 2025,



### 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 Nov 30-Dec 1

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



## Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 7-8

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

## 2024 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

### Monday, December 2

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on **Monday, December 2**, for the 2024 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant to these men  
a persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

With the help of Lombardo Funeral Homes, we will continue with the process to disinter the bodies of two former Pastors of Saint Hedwig Parish, Chester. We will reinter their remains at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, located at 1701 Market Street, Linwood, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 19061

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

**Sacred Heart– November 24, 2024**

*This Bulletin Went To Print Early  
The Collection Will Appear  
In The Next Bulletin*

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



Feel free to call or email us with any questions at 866-307-7140, or [info@parishgiving.org](mailto:info@parishgiving.org).

#### **Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale**

**Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482** will begin taking orders on Sunday, **November 24 –Sunday December 8** The price is still \$35 per Blanket and/or Door Wreath. To order call/text Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020 and leave your name, phone number and the amount you are ordering. You can also contact us by e-mail at [andygra44@yahoo.com](mailto:andygra44@yahoo.com) and we can send you a form. Make checks payable to "Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482" Mail checks to : Andy Grajek 492 Indian Rock Dr, Springfield, Pa 19064 They will be available for pick up at the Holy Cross.

#### **The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Traveling Exhibit**

##### **1st Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024 St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish**

1035 Turner Ave, Drexel Hill in Msgr. McGettigan Hall - 11am to Noon. Join us for our Coffee House Sunday with refreshments and lite fare and enjoy the Exhibit. The 1st Class Relic will also be available for veneration.

#### **Mass & Healing Prayer Service at Our Lady of Fatima**

(Delaware County) All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass and Healing Prayer Service on **December 6, 2024**. Praise and Worship begins at 6:45 pm followed by the Mass and Healing Service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Witness stories are welcome. Martha's House will provide music. Location: Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 More Information: View the website [www.archphilaccr.org](http://www.archphilaccr.org)

#### **Philly Catholic Singles 30-45: December Speed Dating**

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45... hope you can join us! **Saturday, December 12** at 3pm-5pm: Speed Dating for Catholic Singles 30-45. St. Margaret of Antioch Church, Narberth. \$25 covers entry, wine, and appetizers. We will finish in time for 5:15 Vigil Mass. Join waitlist at: [www.PhillyCatholic.Singles](http://www.PhillyCatholic.Singles). Email: [PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com](mailto:PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com) to join our email list and get early access to our events.

#### **Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ Wednesday, January 22 10:00 am—4:00 pm \$25**

**Private Day of Prayer**—On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch is provided.

#### **Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ Friday, January 31 8:45 am—2:15 pm \$60\***

**Arise and Call her Blessed Presented by Sr. Sheila Galigan, IHM** Come to celebrate God's gift of his Mother Let's come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plan in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begin at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch. \*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95.

#### **Italy Pilgrimage with the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation**

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for an Italy Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Eucharistic Miracles. **May 12 - 25 2025** The pilgrimage offers the opportunity to explore some of Europe's most magnificent churches and basilicas during the Jubilee in 2025! The pilgrimage is offered through Trinity Tour Travels.

**Hosts:** Father Matthew Phelan, O.deM., Vicar of the Mercedarian Religious Order and Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Philadelphia, and Anne DeSantis, Executive Director for the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation.

**To learn more and to register:** <https://trinitytourtravels.com/anne-desantis-father-matthew-phelan>

**Questions:** Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com) Annual Catholic

**Young Adult Women's Conference** that will take place on **June 7, 2025** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Come to enter a community of young adult women in their 20's and 30's, receive spiritual nourishment, and grow deeper in your walk with Christ

#### **Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal**

In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. Call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or Email [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org) 092-3



## **First Sunday of Advent**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

One contemporary mode of thinking about the two parts of today's Gospel passage is to call to mind both a "Jumbotron" and a cell phone. For those who need a definition, a "Jumbotron" is a very large monitor screen measured in feet, and often seen in sports stadiums or any large outdoor event with crowds of people in attendance. There happen to be several of them mounted in place in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

I want to classify those happenings at the end of the world that Jesus describes today as a "Jumbotron event." Of course, when it will happen is known only by Jesus. He doesn't tell us. It could be 10,000 years from now or 10 days. The main point Our Lord makes clear is that history is always on the move, and never stagnant. It's heading toward some goal. That goal is Jesus Himself as King of the universe.

Now I ask your indulgence as I classify the happenings in our little lives as "cell phone events." Despite our often-inflated sense of ourselves, we are actually just a tiny part of the created world. We too are on the move, heading toward the same goal as the universe: union with Jesus as our King. The date that ends our earthly lives is also one of God's best kept secrets. We can only wonder when. All things being equal, I am a lot closer to it at 80 than I was at 18. But only our loving Creator knows for sure.

As a result of these dual mysteries, there is only one healthy conclusion that Jesus urges on both first disciples and on us: "Be prepared!" It seems to me that the biggest mistake most people make is to be unprepared. They try to avoid even thinking about their potential end.

I remember a chapter in a book of meditations for seminarians in which we were to imagine our funeral! This for guys just entering their twenties! The point was not to be macabre but mindful. In a dark chapel in the pre-dawn of a Winter morning, however, it was "heavy duty" stuff.

In her wisdom, Mother Church has presented the facts in the Scriptures of last week and today, to make sure we know that our death is not a matter of fiction. This is definitely not to scare us. Nor to belittle us. But to wake us up. Only a "drowsy" Christianity would invest all its hope in the things of this passing world. We are made for more. Much more.

If thoughts like these make you fearful, try to acquire the perspective of God's love for you. His love truly drives out fear. What proof do we have of Love's existence? It is the Holy Eucharist. That's really why we come together for it each Sunday and holy day. It is for sure to give God thanks for gifting us with Faith, Hope and Love. But it also is to renew a positive attitude toward life. It is to remind ourselves of the outlook that Holy Scripture provides for us about our destiny. What we receive for sure is a clear picture of God's love for us, giant size or small, depending on our need. How wise then it is to "Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent."

God love you and give you His peace.

## **First Sunday of Advent**

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

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## **St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation**

**Celebration Supper** Join us for a Celebration Supper in honor of the recipients of two awards. Our Celebration Supper event is on **Thursday, December 12th**, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ivy Hall, Overbrook, Philadelphia. The foundation will celebrate the winners of the Family Life Award, Bob and Ruth Arata of Saint Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square, and of the Monstrance Award, Luke and Sara Ertel, of St. Maria Goretti Parish, Hatfield. Enjoy great food and fellowship on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Learn about the work of the foundation which makes pastoral outreach to families in crisis at the event. **Speakers:** Fr. Matthew Phelan, O.deM, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; Dr. Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of SRNF; and Mickey Kelly, Board President of SRNF. **Cost:** \$75/per person  
**Registration:** <https://www.nonnatus.org/celebration-supper.html> **Questions:** Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

Dear Church Family:

On this first day of December, this first day of the Season of Advent, and on this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew.

Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive Him more deeply into our hearts and make Him more central to the way we live our lives. So, let us resolve to do more...when it comes to prayer and meditation on the readings of the day; go to Confession more often, and more acts of kindness each day as we wait Our Lord's coming in glory!

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

**Advent Wreath** reminds us of the meaning of the season. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles (3 purple and 1 rose) are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears Rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

**The Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception continues** to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Booklets (found in the vestibule of the main Church and near Chapel) are prepared for your personal use and for use at Daily Mass. Remember ***the Blessed Virgin Mary is our greatest intercessor with her Son.***

**First Friday and First Saturday Devotions take place this week at St. Charles Borromeo Church, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with the Sacrament of Penance scheduled for Thursday evening, December 5, 2024, from 6:30-7:30P.M.**

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the USA, normally held on December 8<sup>th</sup> is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Our schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is as follows:

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

**Sacred Heart Church: 8:30A.M.**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church: 12Noon and 6:00 P.M**

Happy Advent!

*Monsignor George A. Majoros*

### **Decorating The Church For Christmas**

**Wednesday, December 18**

At 9:30AM

*(If there is a funeral we will  
decorate after the service.)*

### **Christmas Wafer**

**Oplatki will be available in the Church Only**

\$2.00 per pack

Please see Mark, our sexton, **following Mass.**

### **High School Discernment Dates**

**January 25-26, 2025 March 29-30, 2025**

For more information and to register, visit:

[HeedtheCall.org/ComeandSee](https://HeedtheCall.org/ComeandSee)

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### **Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2025 -February 28, 2025**

**You should be receiving forms in the mail**

Sacred Heart chances are \$25.00 each. You choose a 3-digit number of your liking and watch the evening PA Lottery Drawing to see if you are a winner. These make a great Christmas or Birthday gift! ***Thank you for supporting all the fundraisers at Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo. It is a great help!***

***Extra forms in the church vestibule!***

### **MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

Renew and Breathe Retreats for Mothers of all Ages

Advent: December 14, 2024, New Year: January 11, 2025,

Lent: March 1, 2025

<https://msbt.org/mbsc/events-at-mother-boniface-spirituality-center>