

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 15, 2024**

# *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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**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) James McLoughlin Of Family  
**Sunday, December 15**  
7:30AM Lesniak, Salute & Cavanaugh  
Families Of Family

### **Monday, December 16**

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

### **Tuesday, December 17**

8:30AM The Holy Souls

### **Wednesday, December 18**

8:30AM Jensen & Cooke Families

### **Saturday, December 21**

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

### **Sunday, December 22**

7:30AM Karen Flower Of D'Orazio Family

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

## Jubilee Pilgrimage To Italy April 23-29, 2025,

Jubilee Pilgrimage for the Canonization of Blessed Carlo  
Acutis with Archbishop Perez and Fr. Stephen DeLacy

Follow the following link for more information:

<https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Flyer.pdf>



## 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 December 14-15

### **Sacred Heart**

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

### **St. Charles Borromeo**

5:30PM Fr. Stenson  
10:00AM Msgr. Majoros  
4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



## Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 21-22

### **Sacred Heart**

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

### **St. Charles Borromeo**

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros  
10:00AM Fr. Stenson  
4:00PM Fr. McGowan



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

## Decorating The Church For Christmas Wednesday, December 18 At 9:30AM

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

## Beginning in January 2025 St. Charles Borromeo Church Changes in Schedule

**Discontinued Masses**  
The Saturday 5:30 PM Mass  
Holy Day 7:00PM Vigil Mass

**Weekend Confession Schedule**  
Confessions 9:30-10:30AM following the  
Saturday 8:30AM Mass

## High School Discernment Dates January 25-26, 2025 March 29-30, 2025

For more information and to register, visit:  
[HedtheCall.org/ComeandSee](http://HedtheCall.org/ComeandSee)

## 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

**This Bulletin Went To Print Early**

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

**Sacred Heart—December 8, 2024**

Sunday Envelopes	36	\$1,495.00
Loose		<u>292.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,787.00</b>
Loose		204.00
Retired Religious		280.00
Christmas Flowers		40.00
Maintenance		274.00
Immaculate Conception		210.00

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

**Archdiocesan Opening of the Jubilee Year  
December 29, 2024 - 11:00 AM**

Solemn Mass Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway Philadelphia, PA 19103. Representatives of every parish, institution and religious community are invited to come as pilgrims of hope and then return with the message of the Jubilee year to spread throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

*For more information about the Jubilee Year 2025 see the Parish Website.*

**Delco Young Disciples  
Sunday, December 15th 5:30to 7:30PM  
St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill  
"Praying With Art & Music"**

Service Opportunity in this session for all Delco Young Disciples

**See the Parish Website for an information Flyer**

**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!**

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**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 Galligan, 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)

**MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

Renew and Breathe Retreats for Mothers of all Ages

New Year: January 11, 2025,

Lent: March 1, 2025

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

**Pray for World Peace**



### Third Sunday of Advent

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist. We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask: Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow.



## 30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus.

As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. All donations to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal can be sent directly to the following address: Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Charities Appeal, P.O. Box 95000, Philadelphia, PA 19195-4710. Visit

[www.catholiccharitiesapeal.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesapeal.org) for more details

### Philly Adoration For Vocations

Every Thursday from 9am-4pm  
throughout the Archdiocese:

#### DELAWARE COUNTY

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish  
2400 North Providence Road, Media, PA

In the fervent desire of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to encourage the lay faithful to pray before the Most Blessed Sacrament on the day when the Eucharist and Priesthood were instituted by Christ to pray for our priests, seminarians, and an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:  
[HeedTheCall.org/PhillyAdores](http://HeedTheCall.org/PhillyAdores)

### Regular Confession Schedule

**Sacred Heart**

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45PM

**St. Charles Borromeo**

Saturdays: 4:30-5:15PM

### Advent Confession Schedule

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**Sacred Heart Church**

1:30-2:30PM & 6:30-7:30PM

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

1:30-2:30PM & 6:30-7:30PM

**Monday, December 23, 2024**

**Sacred Heart Church**

1:30-2:30PM

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

6:30-7:30PM

### 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.** For more Information or to register, visit [Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis](http://Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis)

### 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](mailto: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!

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## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Sacred Heart Church	St. Charles Borromeo Church
4:00PM Vigil Mass	5:30PM Vigil Mass
	12:00 Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Sacred Heart Church	St. Charles Borromeo Church
7:30AM	10:00AM
12:00Noon	NO 4:00PM MASS

## New Year Schedule

### New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Sacred Heart Church	St. Charles Borromeo Church
4:00pm Vigil	5:30pm Vigil
	9:00PM Holy Hour followed by a social in the rectory

### New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Day of Obligation

Sacred Heart Church	St. Charles Borromeo Church
8:30AM	10:00AM
12:00Noon	

## ***Third Sunday of Advent*** *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

You might hear it in a sales pitch for buying into solar panels. Or in a conversation about a new diet plan. Or an over-the-fence conversation about a new landscaper. It's the question "What should you do now? Call an 800 number? Tap your text icon? Whatever you do, do it now before it's too late!

The avid fans of the Baptist felt the pressure to act. John had preached so well and wisely. His topic was exhilarating and his enthusiasm catching. He charged people to reform and be ready to greet the longed-for Messiah because he is coming! In their excitement, people mistakenly thought that maybe John himself was "the One."

John knew that nonsense had to stop. It is a tribute to John's humility that he did it as fast as he could. "No, I am not him. More than that, I'm not even worthy to untie the man's sandal straps." He never let on that he had Jesus' special favor as a cousin. Later, we know that Jesus would pay John quite the compliment.

Today's Scriptures together speak of joy as the perfect reaction to the good news of the Savior's arrival. Of course, the way of His coming was not expected. There was no mounting of a stallion or a large assembly of troops. Certainly, no triumphant banners fluttering in the breeze.

Instead, He would be gently humble and strongly self-assured, bringing with Him a baptism with "the Holy Spirit and fire." He would separate the wheat from the chaff and burn away the latter with a catching fire.

Such descriptions left the people confused and not a little disappointed, considering what the long wait did to change the concept of Messiah into a military hero. What John was saying was startling. But it was also compelling. But they didn't flee the scene because John had an inherent magnetism. What he had to say was altogether new. It challenged their preconceptions of the Messiah. John spoke of an interior renewal that would lead one away from sinful ways.

There was also a resounding note of joy in John's message. Sharp contrast to their disillusion because of the long wait for relief from oppression. So many years they and their children had asked: "Where is God?"

To be frank, we've often asked ourselves that question. The devil seems to be in control of our world too. Aren't fellow Christians being persecuted in parts of our world? Aren't the jabs of sarcasm still aiming our way as they were for the early Christians reasons to doubt our faith? Isn't the relentless push to justify abortion on demand and the unchallenged indulgence in pornography simply evil with another name?

Those are just two reasons why we must turn to the gospel message of joy that comes with the approach of Christmas. It is the rebirth of hope. It is the powerful antidote to pessimism. It is the call to childlike trust because it's all about the birth of a holy Child. We can enjoy a rosy outlook (like the color of the vestments today) because we have the best Truth to believe in.

God love you and give you His peace.