

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sacred Heart Parish

Partnering Parishes Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo (Drexel Hill) and St. Hedwig's Chapel (Chester)

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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) Frances Rizzo OF Family

Sunday, December 8

7:30AM Frances Kaminska Of Lenski family

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception

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

Tuesday, December 10

8:30AM Jack & Margaret Jensen

Wednesday, December 11

8:30AM John & Anna Rabatin Of Diane Muhe

Saturday, December 14

4:00PM (Vigil) James McLoughlin Of Family

Sunday, December 15

7:30AM Lesniak, Salute & Cavanaugh Families Of Family

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

Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9, 2024

Sacred Heart Church: 8:30A.M.

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



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 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



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



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.)

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

www.praydevinemeracy.com

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

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

Sunday Envelopes	34	\$1,461.00
Loose		<u>235.00</u>
Total		1,696.00
Loose		143.00
Maintenance		45.00
Christmas Flowers		156.00
Thanksgiving		110.00

Sacred Heart - December 1, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	36	\$1,958.00
Loose		<u>238.00</u>
Total		2,196.00
Loose		387.00
Maintenance		95.00
Christmas Flowers		152.00
Thanksgiving		38.00

Thank you for your generosity

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!

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

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>

Go, Make Disciples:

An Introductory Training in Missionary Discipleship

St. Norbert Parish, Paoli, PA (Chester County)

Saturdays, Jan 25, Feb 8 and Feb 22, 2025

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM .

\$25.00 includes all 3 sessions, coffee, snacks and guide-book; Visit phillyevang.org/events to register or use this direct link: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4NCPq4>

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.

Email: 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

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 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 092-3

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.

And very **special thanks to Bill Schwindt, ROSATI ICE**, their owner **Rich Trotter** and wonderful employees who helped us greatly only a few weeks before the start date when we didn't have a mixer.

Enjoy your delicious pierogi!

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires. Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you." Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!" The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: "Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me." Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.



Journey Through Advent: Cycle B by Bishop Robert Barron

NOTE: This talk follows Liturgical Cycle B but is still beneficial to listen to during Advent at anytime

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas by following along with Bishop Robert Barron's homilies as he unpacks the profound Scripture readings for Liturgical Cycle B. Advent Week 1: Jer. 33:14-16, 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-36 Advent Week 2: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-11, Luke 3:1-6 Advent Week 3: Zeph. 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18 Advent Week 4: Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 Christmas: Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, Epiphany: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-6, Matthew 2:1-12

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Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fans of TCM (Turner Classic Movies) will have no problem imagining the opening fanfare of the Twentieth Century Fox studio productions. The theme is complete with trumpets and searchlight beams reflecting off the call letters. If that scene doesn't resonate with you, then consider instead the NFL (National Football League) theme song heard on most Sunday afternoons in the Fall. Whenever I read St. Luke's opening sentence about the arrival of St. John the Baptist and his message about the Messiah, Jesus Christ I hear the Fox theme for sure. As we believers know, the announcement heralds what will prove to be an earth-shattering event. It will have far-reaching consequences for John's world and still has them for our own.

As the commercial world around us hypes up its preparation for Christmas, already begun last July, the Church asks us to do something different. It wants us to be quiet; slow down and take at least a little time each day of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christ's first coming. The bible tells us it will not take place with pounding drums and clashing cymbals, but with hushed silence until we hear a tiny infant cry on a Bethlehem night.

I realize that the Church's Advent plea for some extra prayer and a little preparatory penance is tough to do. What with shopping, decorating, baking and required partying all crammed into 24 days, slowing down seems next to impossible. But then we are called to be different from the world as Christians, are we not?

So, we should try when we can, perhaps in the morning, or when the house quiets down at night, to light an Advent wreath candle, and think about the seasonal Scriptures. That should lead us to pray in wonder at the love of God for us that brought Him down to earth in the nick of time. What follows is more than just a relaxed heartbeat. We regain our composure. We recharge our patience with all that's going on. We appreciate our young ones and are less likely to snap at our older ones. We avoid nasty behavior toward restaurant servers, harried store clerks and fellow drivers. We can exude joy rather than jumpiness in our preparations. After all, joy is what Christmas is about.

We read today of the joy offered to the exiled Jewish ancestors of Christ as they are finally released and able to return home. We also hear it in St. Paul's words to his Philippian community. And certainly, it resounds in Luke's notable opening announcement.

Certainly, the Blessed Mother felt joy deep in her heart as she had nine months to reflect on what Archangel Gabriel had told her about her baby. The calendar compels us to celebrate her faith and humility in an Immaculate Conception feast day moved to tomorrow.

For all of us, her children, I offer the best "spelling" of joy that I ever heard from a preacher that offered it long ago: "J" is for Jesus. "Y" is for you, and the "O" is for nothing in between.

God love you, and experience true joy.

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Courses

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers "**The Joy-Filled Marriage**" PreCana program for engaged couples. This self-paced online course introduces couples to the rich and engaging teaching of the Church on the sacrament of Matrimony, including the truth and meaning of human sexuality. The course offers couples virtuebased instruction in communication, conflict resolution, and financial decision-making. Please visit PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com to register for "The Joy-Filled Marriage." The Office for Life and Family of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides information about other online marriage preparation programs, as well as inperson programs offered at parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

Visit PhillyCatholicLife.org