

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 18, 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

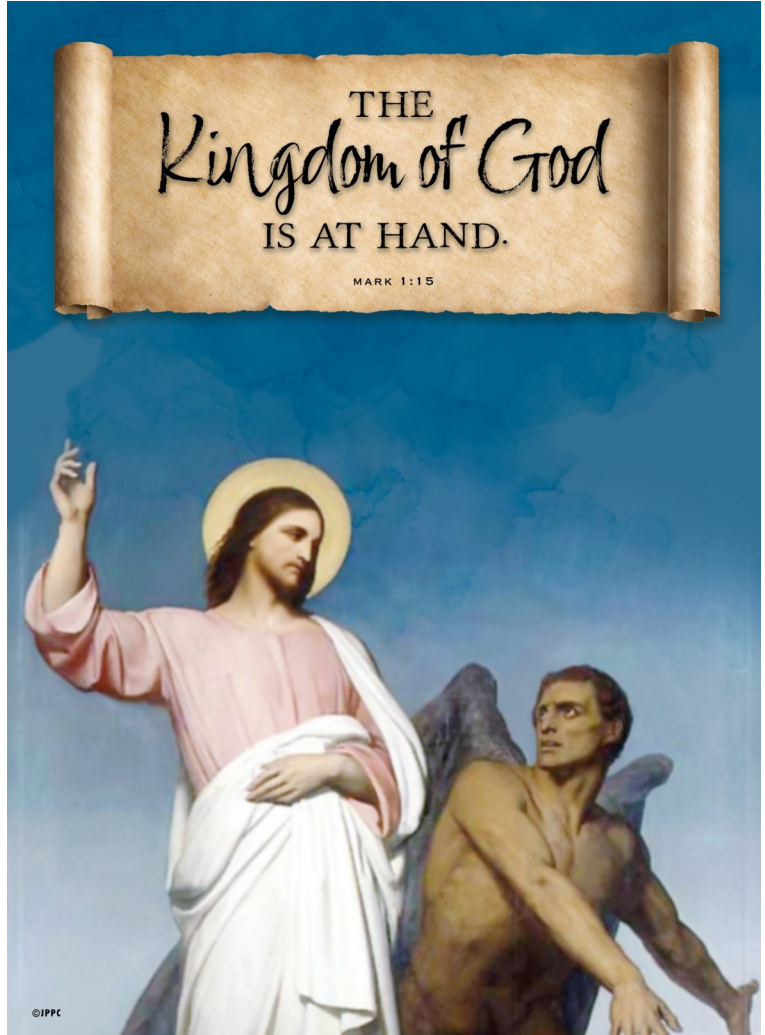
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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 Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, February 18

7:30AM Donald Odia Of Family

Monday, February 19

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 20

8:30AM Intention of The Holy Souls

Wednesday, February 21

8:30AM Msgr. Anthony Jaworowski Of Crawford family

Saturday, February 24

4:00PM Ludwik Danicki Of Alexandra Danicki & Helen

Sunday, February 25

7:30AM Donald Odia Of Family

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

Solemn Mass with the Ordination of Several Bishops

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The faithful are invited to participate via livestream at this link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

Please see the parish website for more information

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 February 17-18

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 24-25

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

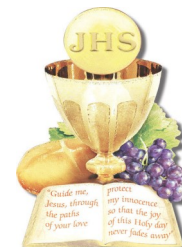
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4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

The Season Of Lent

Almsgiving for Lent?

Please consider donating to St. Vincent de Paul.

Our current needs are: pancake mix, syrup, hot and cold cereals, canned fruit, mac-n-cheese, rice sides, pork and beans, Chef-boy-Ardee, peanut butter, jelly and soup. Items may be placed in the vestibules of Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches.

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. **Lent Alms change lives** www.csricebowl.org



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 us 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– February 11, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	43	\$1,526.00
Loose		258.00
Total		1,784.00
Maintenance		20.00
Aging & Ill Priests		63.00
Fuel		121.00
Ash Wednesday		175.00
Loose		248.00

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

Heating Bills This Month

Sacred Heart Gas & Electric

Rectory \$1,344.36 Church \$1,455.29

St. Hedwig

Convent Oil \$584.85 Gas & Electric \$863.33

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

NEXT DATE: March 10th

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).

Dates are; Sundays March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15

Come and See Dates 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (fr.dfriel@archphila.org):

High School Men March 9, March 10 **Post High School Men** , February 23, February 25.

16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2024 From Death Into Life (1 Jn3:14)
The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt, acclaimed author of Back to Life, Danny Bader, That Man is You VP, Mark Hartfiel, and Coordinator of Young Life, Deacon Nathan Gunn. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

Pierogi Will Be Made March 11-22

We would appreciate donations of
flour to help defray costs.

To make the **PERFECT** Pierogi
ONLY

**5 LB bags of Gold Medal
or Pillsbury Flour can be used.**

(If you are unable to get to the store your monetary
donation would also be appreciated)

*Flour donations can be placed in the box in the
church vestibule*

THIS SUNDAY ~ 5:30 - 7:30PM

Our DELCO Young Disciples Ministry got off to a wonderful start. "Sunday Dinner With Jesus" **February 18th** at St. Bernadette Parish in Drexel Hill. **It is not too late to register.** Please see the bulletin as well as flyers in the vestibule of the church for more details.



**The Rectory OFFICES
will be closed on
Monday, February 19th
In observance of
Presidents Day**

Eucharist Congress

July 17–21, 2024

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Be There when God MOVES

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment. For Info visit eucharisticcongress.org

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat April 12 – 14, 2024

in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. This retreat will also be offered in the Polish language the same weekend. Please email kontakt@winnicaracheli.org to register. Or call 201-754– 8201. www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

First Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each Lent we open the Sundays with the account of Our Lord entering the desert. We might naturally picture Him in the land of the ancient pyramids. Or maybe the vast stretches of sand where Lawrence of Arabia fought his epic battles. This scene, however, is not one of endless sand, with the complete absence of water and greenery. The desert mentioned here was a remote area for sure, largely soundless as opposed to the noise of villages and towns. Wild beasts were the only creatures who would lurk around Him from time to time. But mainly it was the kind of place free of the usual distractions, where a person could face his inmost thoughts, hopes and desires, as well as his faults and failures.

Here it was that Jesus went, not contending with any faults or failures, but to commune with His Father and prepare for His unique mission. We know from the other gospel accounts that Satan himself came to disturb and tempt Jesus with the same matters that often lure us into sin: wealth, power and fame, sex, and addictions of all kinds. Not only is Jesus' strength and endurance remarkable as he deals with this confrontation with the same human nature as we have. But He also does so with His divine power armored with humility and the words of the Scriptures.

St. Mark does not give us the details of this high drama. Simply a blunt statement that the Spirit "drove" Jesus to the desert, in itself a remarkable declaration. It comes across as a mandatory requirement for Jesus to begin saving the world from its sin.

Lent has ever since been symbolized in our churches by decorations that include barren growth, perhaps with cactus plants, rocks and even some sand. But more importantly, the Church wants us to go to our own "desert," whether it's at a nearby park or woods, perhaps even in our parked car, or a corner of our bedroom with a lit candle and a notebook for writing. Certainly, with the cell phone off and packed away. Certainly, a handy copy of the Bible would be helpful. Or a prayer book you favor, or your rosary. Give yourself some time to "shut down" your busy brain and grow calm. Then you can go on to "meet yourself" so to speak. But always be careful to listen to the Lord with less talk from you.

In this simple way, practiced as close to a daily effort as we can, that we can learn the major truths of Lent. To be at peace with the one Person who loves you completely, enough to die for your sake on a cross. To have a focus for your Lent 2024, which, who knows? could be your last.

Eight-ninths of the bulk of an iceberg is below the waterline and out of sight. Only one-ninth is visible above the surface. Our prayer life should be like an iceberg, with about one-ninth showing in public group prayer and eight-ninths out of sight in our personal prayer time.

God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"No snacks during PREP? For all of Lent? How long is that?!" Our little ones were not too impressed by this decision, although it only affects them for four classes. At school, students are often motivated and/or rewarded with little treats - stickers, pencils, crackers, etc. During Lent, we try to do without some of those little extras, so we can focus on the most important things in life, making a small sacrifice in imitation of Christ.

In a Catholic home, Church, family, or classroom, Lent should be noticeable - there should be a visible difference. Can I see a difference in my life, my home, my actions this Lent? Perhaps I can clear out some clutter from my personal space, from my closets, or from my heart. Perhaps I can put up a crucifix in a prominent place and spend five minutes a day thanking Jesus for giving His life for me. Perhaps I can give up food between meals and offer the savings to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. There are many ways to live differently during Lent. How is God calling you?

Prayers for PREP

Jesus, Good Shepherd, you desire to guide us to the green grass and running water of Heaven, but we keep getting distracted by thorny bushes and broken cisterns. This Lent, please show me the path where You are leading me. Give me the encouragement I need to persevere along the way. Amen.



Lenten Purple Bags

Please refer to the
Purple Bag
with the information
For Everything
Lent

Special Event: Alan Ames – Catholic Evangelist, Author and Healer

Alan Ames has traveled to more than 50 countries on six continents since 1994. During his travels, Alan shares his amazing "Saul to Paul" conversion story and a powerful healing gift. Alan has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world.

On Sunday, March 10, a special event featuring Alan Ames will occur at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA**, starting with the celebration of **Sunday Liturgy at noon**. Following the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy, we will have Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

**WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church,
2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070****WHEN: March 10,
beginning with Noon Mass**

Registration is requested (but not required) by going to
www.olphmorton.org. All are Welcome!

The First Week of Lent

It is wonderful to see the early weeks of Lent as a catechism for those who are on a journey toward Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Each liturgy offers a new "lesson in the faith" for these new believers. Viewed this way, Lent can be a journey of renewal in faith for us all. We listen, with the hearts of children, learning old lessons, as though for the first time. And each day, we pray these special prayers that simply help us keep turning to God for the graces we need for the day. Throughout the day, we find moments, perhaps "in the background" while we are doing other things, that help us remember what we are asking for. Our desire grows as we make changes to our daily patterns. As we make sacrifices, in order to experience freedom from self-directed needs, we also experience a freedom for other-directed love and generosity.

Lenten Patterns: Praying

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps you haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. You can start by simply pausing when you get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what you have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. You may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give yourself some time alone to read the readings for the day. You may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. You may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier to reflect a bit. Lent may be a time you choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires your naming and asking for, the graces your are being given.

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2024

Daily Masses

Sacred Heart Church

8:30A.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St. Charles Borromeo Church

8:30A.M. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, February 23, March 1

12Noon – Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 8, 15, 22

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, March 29

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

3:00-3:45P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
Sacred Heart Church

4:30-5:15P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
St. Charles Borromeo Church

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, March 8th

**Fr. Paul Stenson will lead a city Pilgrimage after
the 8:30AM Morning Mass at St Charles.**

More information to follow.

Please Join Us

At St. Charles Borromeo Rectory For The Search

Monday: February 26 / March 4 and 11 at 6:30 PM – 8:00
PM OR –Thursdays: February 29 at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
(Noon) For more information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/thesearch-scb/>

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.*



Fasting
Good Friday
Ages 18-59

Abstinence From Meat
Every Friday During Lent
Ages 14 and up