

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 25, 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

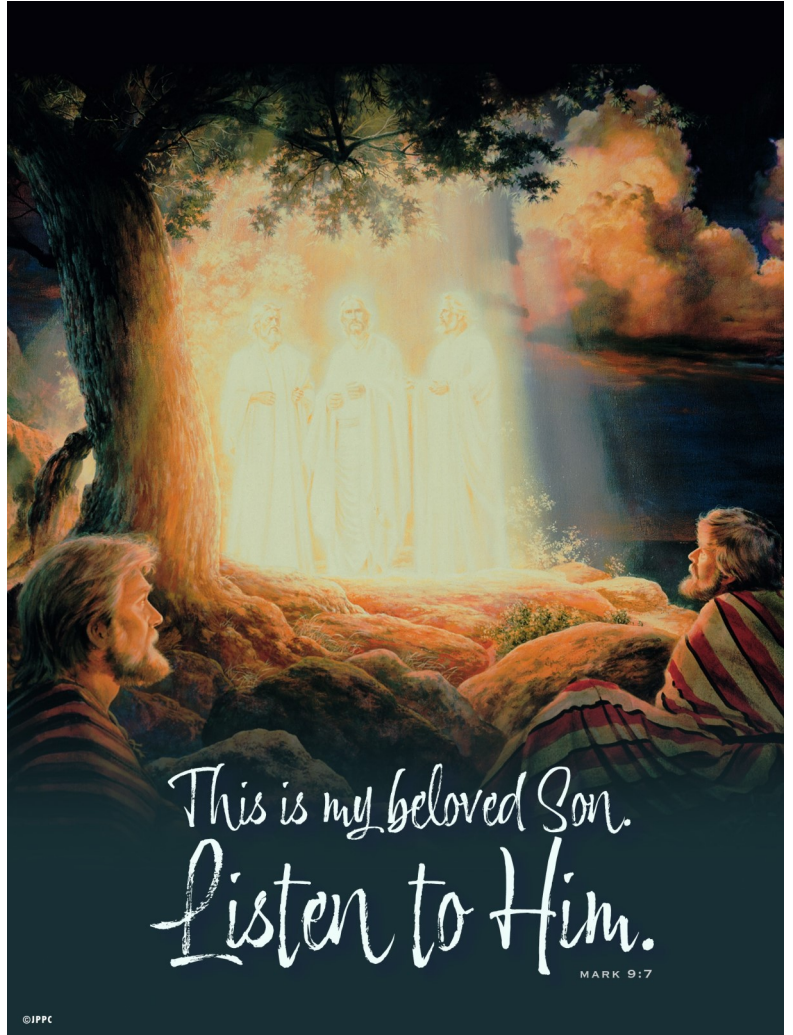
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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.



*This is my beloved Son.
Listen to Him.*

MARK 9:7

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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 Ludwik Danicki Of Alexandra Danicki & Helen

Sunday, February 25

7:30AM Donald Odia Of Family

Monday, February 26

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 27

8:30AM Gerry Denning Of Tom & Stella Pyfer & Family

Wednesday, February 28

8:30AM Stephen Pyfer Of Mom, Dad & family

Saturday, March 2

4:00PM Victoria Rizzo Of Family

Sunday, March 3

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 24-25

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 2-3

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

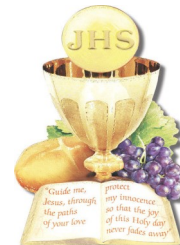
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St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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 18, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	41	\$1,270.00
Loose		<u>209.00</u>
Total		1,479.00
Ash Wednesday		195.00
Church in Africa		314.00
Loose		143.00

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 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

PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY
Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077
Rectory at 610-623-0409 after 9AM
The price per dozen is only \$8.00!

**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*

St. Charles Borromeo St. Patrick's Day Social

In the church hall on Saturday, March 16th.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information
please call the St. Charles Borromeo rectory office at
610-623-3800.



Prayer Service at Our Lady of Fatima

First Friday, March 1, 2024

Praise & Worship: 6:45 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 610 - 532 - 5800

Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant. Music provided
by Mark Griswold. Prayer teams will be available. "He heals
the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fathers and Sons. A unique dynamic. Psychologists have a field day explaining it. But even we non psychologists know that it is in contrast with the bond between fathers and daughters. It seems to me to be a straight bold line, as opposed to one softened with curlicues for the girls. At any rate, we somehow know this without ever being taught. We see it played out in the lives of our so-called "nuclear" or immediate families. It is in play in today's Scripture Readings for the Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent.

Today the Church presents us with one of the most endearing stories of the Old Testament, manifesting the love between father and son, Abraham, and Isaac. Oh, how Abraham the father must have been conflicted at first, but he knew that what God asked of him must be done. Obedience in the raw. But that very obedience so pleased God that a higher form of Divine Father and son took over. Abraham's reward would be numerous generations of sons and daughters in a chosen nation.

Fast forward through the ensuing centuries and we are allowed to share through Mark's writing under the Holy Spirit's guidance the spectacular transfiguration of Jesus of Nazareth to Son of the Most High, as the Archangel had described Him to His Mother Mary some thirty years prior.

Like Abraham on his mountain top, so Jesus on His, love between Father and Son is apparent. But this time there are five witnesses to it. Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Old Testament Law and Prophecy now bear witness to someone who fulfills both. Peter, James and John, that favored trio of Jesus, look on baffled to see their Master in a new light, literally and figuratively. It will be in the category of something yet to come, also brought about by an incomparable obedience. The nails will be pounded in; the sword will pierce through, and no angel will stop the soldiers of Rome.

All of this puts our obligatory obedience to God in perspective. It provides not only motivation before it but a wonderful reward after it. This is why we choose our Lenten penances: we have not always obeyed God or done so grudgingly. Time for our conversion, don't you think?

One day a little boy was riding his tricycle around the block, over and over again. Finally, a policeman stopped and asked him why he was going around and around. The boy answered that he was running away from home. Then the policeman asked why he kept going around the block. Then the boy responded, "Because my dad said that I'm not allowed to cross the street." The point, I trust, is clear obedience will keep you close to those you love.

God love you and have a good Lent.

Say the Word

I find post-it notes to be very helpful. At the end of most classes I teach, I ask the students to write something they learned or found interesting from class on a post-it note. It is a check-in to have them think about what we talked about, let me know if they absorbed the lesson, and it also gives them something to say when they go home and their family members ask them, "What did you learn today?" I find this helpful for both children and adults.

I've even begun using post-it notes for my Consciousness Examen at the end of the day. What am I thankful for? Where did I see God working in my life today? Where did I respond and where did I fail to respond? How will I approach tomorrow? Simple, and fits on a post-it note:). Another great use of post-it notes (whether physical or mental) would be at the end of the homily or the end of Mass on Sunday - what did God say to me today at Mass? He's always speaking to us, but it can help us to listen if we know we're going to have to write something down on a post-it note.

Prayers for PREP

Thank you, God, for speaking to me today. Please help me to listen and to put Your plan for my life into action. Amen.



Please refer to your
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 Second Week of Lent

We continue the first part of Lent, during which we learn, along with those preparing for Baptism, wonderful lessons in our faith. We can feel the rhythm developing. Sunday is always our celebration of the Lord's resurrection, and establishes our theme for the week. Wednesdays and Fridays remind us of our commitment to a change of heart. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday re-introduce us to wonderful scriptures for our journey. Saturday is always uplifting and joyful. The Opening Prayer of the Liturgy each day continues to guide our prayer. As we experience how simple these prayers are, and how easy they are to make our own, we find ourselves praying together in the same Spirit, with one another on this journey, around the world.

Lenten Patterns: Eating

Lent is a great time to change our eating patterns. This is not about "losing weight" or "getting in shape," though for most of us, paying attention to what we eat, will make a difference in our overall health. This is about being more alert. Anyone who has tried to diet knows that something changes in us when we try to avoid eating. The whole purpose of fasting is to aid prayer - to make it easier to listen to God more openly, especially in times of need. The other powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that puts us in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen, when we think about those people in the world who have so much less than we do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity.

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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, 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

See the Parish Website for a full schedule for Lent and Holy Week

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: 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