

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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. Hedwig Chapel 9:15AM (Rosary before Mass)
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

3:00PM- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday

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) Rev. James Cuniffe

Sunday, February 26

7:30AM The Schnell Family Of Patti Schnell

Monday, February 27

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 28

8:30AM Stephen Pyfer Of Family

Wednesday, March 1

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, March 4

4:00PM (Vigil) Diane & Dan Wadas Of
Alexandra & Helen Danicki

Sunday, March 5

7:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, February 26

9:15AM Josephine & Peter Kurek, Sr. Of
daughter, Christine

Sunday, March 5

9:15AM Anna Drybala Of children, Debbie &
Eddie

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 Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
Billy Di Cola Thomas McGehrin
Kristin Curry

Candles for the Month of February St. Hedwig

Joseph Bush & Stephen Ruggieri

Candles for the Month of March Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Intentions are \$10.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if
interested.

Open Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart

Weekday: March 29 April 4, 5, 19, 26

Mass Celebrants Weekend of February 25-26

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 4-5

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

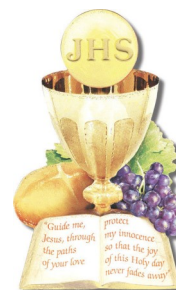
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St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

The Season Of Lent



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 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.



Lenten Purple Bags
Please refer to the
Purple Bag
with the Special
Pamphlet for Lent for the
schedule of Masses and
Confessions.

Man Up Philly invites the men of our parish to the **15th Annual Catholic Men's Conference "The Road to Emmaus – Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread"** on **Saturday, March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. We encourage all men – husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship - to recommit to the **Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist**. Speakers include **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, Archbishop of New York City. **Jim Wahlberg**, writer and producer of the **Mother Teresa** movie – **No Greater Love**, and **Deacon James Mahoney**, asst. director at the Miraculous Medal Shrine. Closing Mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson Perez**. Register online at **ManUpPhilly.com**.

Reconciliation Weekend

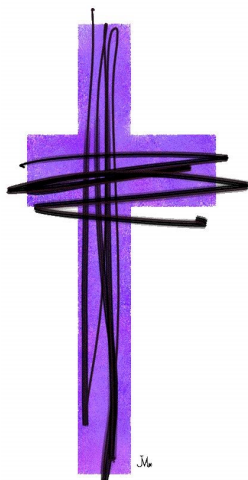
Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11, 2023

COME BE RESTORED TO PEACE. No matter how long it's been, Jesus is always waiting to unburden you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, you will make your peace with God, with yourself, and with others. On March 10 and 11, priests will be available to hear your confession at many times and locations in the greater Philadelphia area to make it as easy as possible to go. Even if it's been many years, don't let that stop you; the priest is ready to guide you through the process. **See the parish website** for Various parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Locations in our area are Holy Cross Church and St. Laurence Church

Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving

The Catholic Charities Appeal will hold a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, on **Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The generosity of CCA supporters is fundamental to the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we thank you for supporting our vital mission.



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.

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2023

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 24th, March 3rd, 10th

12Noon – Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 17th, 24th 31st.

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, April 7th

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

Additional Confession Times

St. Charles ~March 2, 23, 30 ~ 6:30-8:00PM

Sacred Heart ~March 8, 15, 22 ~7:00-8:00PM

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Friday's 6:00PM Light Dinner, Stations of the Cross 7:00PM

Sunday's before Mass Gorzke Zale (Lamentations)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Church/Gorzke Zale

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– February 19, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	36	\$1,145.00
Loose		<u>192.00</u>
Total		1,637.00
Loose		280.00
Ash Wednesday		80.00

St. Hedwig - February 19, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	21	\$542.00
Loose		<u>62.00</u>
Total		604.00
Ash Wednesday		75.00
Care Aging Priests		7.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

Schools of Missionary Discipleship

Join **us at St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill** for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship.

Part 1, the School of Discipleship, will help you grow deeper in personal friendship with Jesus through prayer and personal conversion.

Part 2, the School of Mission, will then equip you with the skills you need to go forth as “fishers of men,” seeking to win souls with and for Jesus.

A new cohort of the School of Discipleship (Part 1) will be offered on 6 Thursdays beginning on **March 2** from **9:15am-12:15pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill. For full details, visit phillyevang.org/schools and see the flyer on the parish websites.

The Pro-Life Union is sponsoring a Life Advocate Resource Day to help parishes become more effective in their pro-life advocacy. Saturday, **April 1, 2023** at St. Matthew Parish Hall, 219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch provided, Registration required (email pcorbett@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150).

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C.! Held on **April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, B.B.V.C. is a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship, and food. For more information and to register, visit HeedtheCall.org/BBVC

Our Partnering Parishes Lenten Programs

Into The BREACH For Men

You're Invited to join this Lenten Program for Men, with Monsignor Majoros. It is an opportunity to learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage in saving our souls and that of our families. That's why the Knights of Columbus have produced **Into the Breach**, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The **Into the Breach** series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. **Please register and indicate morning or evening session by emailing Monsignor Majoros: mma-joros@scbdh.org Dates: Monday, March 6, March 13, April 3, April 10, April 17 Morning Session: 6:30am.-7:30am. Sacred Heart Rectory, Clifton Heights OR Evening Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory**

Lenten Lectio will be held at Sacred Heart

Do you want to hear God speaking to you when you read His Word? Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of Holy Scripture, that helps us to connect God's Word to our daily lives. We will gather together this Lent to learn about and practice Lectio Divina, **led by Sr. Theresa Marie.**

Meetings will be held at 9:15AM on Wednesdays after the 8:30AM morning Mass in the **Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room** (basement of the rectory except for March 1, when we will meet at 1:30pm).

Being Set on Rock-A Catholic Faith Series

Friday in Lent 1:30-2:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory Fr. Paul Stenson will teach on the following topics:

February 24th: Trinity-Mind, Body, Spirit

March 2nd: Mary-Revelations

March 17th: Eucharist and Reconciliation

March 24th Suffering in Christ

March 31st: Private Prayer

Please register at rectory@scbdh.org

Sunday Matinee Movie Series

Sponsored by The Legion on Mary

Sunday, February 26th & Sunday, March 12th. Following the 10:00AM Mass and held in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, March 5th following the 10AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

First Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Some early Winter research yielded me the selling price of an original "Superman" comic book in good condition. The figure is in the hundreds of thousands, which in itself is amazing. After all, it is all about a rather dated superhero, considered in the context of modern versions of superheroes featured in the popular Marvel series of films.

Of course, we have to be very careful of making any comparison of Christ to Superman lest we become disrespectful of Our Lord's divine nature. On the other hand, in His human nature, struggling after a prolonged bodily fast in a hostile desert climate with a healthy fallen angel and his wily but powerful intellect, Jesus is indeed super in His triumph.

It is this victory of His that the Church offers us as encouragement to us poor sinners as we enter into the Lenten "desert" to begin our pre-Easter repentance and cleansing. None of us would claim to be super. But all of us can admit that we are weak at best, and have often fallen into satan's trap of making sin appealing.

We might wish that we could have Jesus' strength of mind and will. But the odd thing is that we can claim some of it if we ask for it. We can reverse course, so to speak, with the direction of our spiritual lives and align ourselves more closely with Him through the traditional triad of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Naturally this effort is difficult, as I can guess it was even for Our Lord, because the pull of the opposite is so strong. Everything looks so attractive about life on Easy Street. Worries vanish. Sickness vacates the premises. Fun tops the activity schedule.

But something disturbs our hard wiring for God when we insist on thinking that way or acting it out. We can try to deny the short circuit all we want. Drench ourselves in delusion. Fearful of moving over to Reality Road. Ah, but if we put aside that fear and link ourselves more closely to the Lord, what a marvelous peace follows. The saints say that each in their own ways.

So here we are at the First Sunday of Lent, 2023. As I want to encourage you in your decision to make amends with the Almighty, I ask also for your good example to keep my decision for same strong. The next five weeks offer strong medicine. Yet there is the satisfaction of doing something good for God. That's one sure benefit of being part of the Mystical Body which is our Church.

We don't seek to be super, but just a bit more saintly than we have been so that we can meet our Maker someday with confidence. After all, as an anonymous somebody once wrote: *"The main object of religion is not to get a person into heaven, but to get heaven into them."*

God love you and have a good Lent!

Say the Word

"You should show them the altar - and they can touch it. Show them my chair - and they can sit on it. Show them the tabernacle - and they can touch it. Show them the ambo and have them stand up on the stool so they can see what it is like to be a Lector and read the Scriptures at Mass." Monsignor Majoros was giving a tour of the Sanctuary to the Young Disciples, in preparation for them giving a tour to the Level One students, and he had been asked what they should show the youngsters. Some of the Young Disciples have been altar servers for many years and were familiar with most of the "things" used at Mass, but they had never given a tour to others before and appreciated Monsignor's time and encouragement.

It is a beautiful gift to be able to serve in the parish in any of her ministries, and it is the next step to be able to share that gift with others. This is an example of missionary discipleship. This Lent, Archbishop Perez is inviting us to join him in his mission to create a culture of missionary discipleship in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! You can receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. The Archbishop will send you the first text on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and continue weekly for one year. Use your phone to text the words GOFORTH to the number 84576. Para recibir los textos del Arzobispo en Español, envíe el texto VAYANPUES al 202-765-3441.

Prayers for PREP

Come, Lord Jesus. In this Lenten season, may I be renewed in my relationship with you through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May that renewal then go beyond me, that I may go forth and share Your love with others in my community. May our parishes be like springs of living water, flowing into the larger Delco community. Amen.