

BAPTISM OF THE LORD~ JANUARY 12, 2025
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,
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday

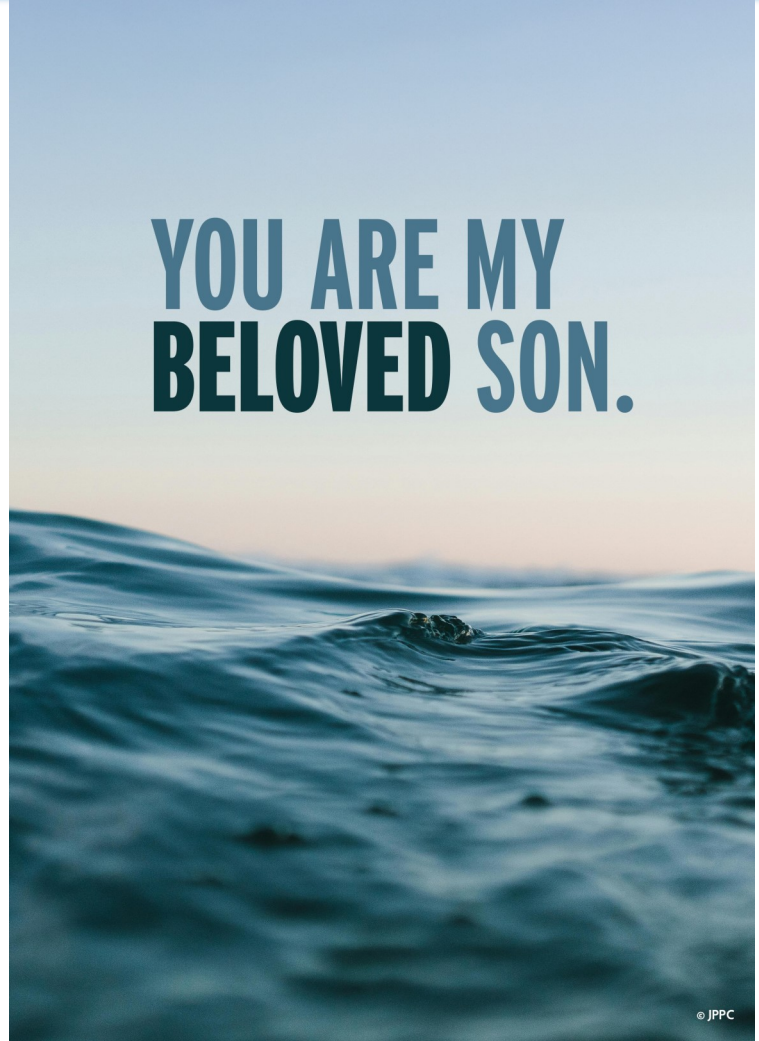
8:30AM to 3:30PM

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 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 (Vigil) 4:00PM, 8:30AM

Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confession Schedule**

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Charles Borromeo 6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday
before First Friday, 9:30-10:30AM following the
Saturday 8:30AM Mass

St. Charles Borromeo 9:30-10:30AM on the First
Saturday of the month

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Joseph DiMarcello Of Pyfer family

Sunday, January 12

7:30AM Antonietta Lelli Of Renata Ziolkowska

Monday, January 13

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 14

8:30AM Thomas & Robin McLoughlin Of Dolores

Wednesday, January 15

8:30AM Edward & Dorothy Grimm Of Son, Edward

Saturday, January 18

4:00PM (Vigil) Joan Santangelo Of McDonnell family

Sunday, January 19

7:30AM Mary & Michael McFadden Of Dolores McLoughlin

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

Special Note to Parishioners and Visitors

If you are not feeling well, we ask that you please reconsider attending Mass until you are completely well again. The many viruses being passed around are extremely dangerous. Your fellow parishioners, our clergy and the staff thank you for being so considerate during this time of year.



Candles for the Month of January
Ernesto & Antonietta Lelli & Tina Mori
Frank Rizzo, Jr. Patricia Grassa
Thomas McGehrin



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 January 11-12

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 18-19

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Year 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**

Sacred Heart will take down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:30AM, if there is a funeral we will decorate after the service.

Weekday & Weekend OPEN Mass Intentions

January 20, 22, 29,

February 1, 4, 18,

March 4, 8, 12, 16, 19, 23, 29

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

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!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart—December 22, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	33	883.00
Loose		<u>172.00</u>
Total		1,055.00
Loose		170.00
Maintenance		60.00
Retired Religious		10.00

Christmas—December 25, 2024

Christmas Envelopes	53	3,718.00
Loose		<u>987.00</u>
Total		4,705.00

Sacred Heart—December 29, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	32	1,176.00
Loose		<u>437.00</u>
Total		1,613.00
Loose		148.00
Maintenance		155.00

New Year's Collection

Envelopes	37	775.00
Loose		<u>279.00</u>
Total		1,054.00

Sacred Heart—January 5, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	62	2,634.00
Loose		<u>234.00</u>
Total		2,868.00
Christmas		720.00
Maintenance		98.00
Loose		182.00

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

St. Charles Borromeo Blood Drive

Monday, February 3, 2025 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3422 Dennison Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Saint Charles RC Church to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Renew and Breathe Retreats for Mothers of all Ages

Lent: March 1, 2025

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

**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.

THE FOURTH WAY: ARCHBISHOP PEREZ

To the future of the Church of Philadelphia, On January 5, 2025, the memorial of Saint John Neumann, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez published a Pastoral Letter addressed to the faithful of the Church of Philadelphia.

(read the letter at trustandhope.org)

The Pastoral Letter takes the form of an Invitation to participate in encounters over the next few months that will guide our efforts to renew the Church of Philadelphia and especially to reach out in a spirit of missionary discipleship to those who are alienated from the Church for various reasons. The letter outlines the Archbishop's vision for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the coming decades, as implemented by "The Fourth Way" led by the Strategy Office at the Archdiocese. The intent of the Pastoral Letter can be understood from the titles of its sections:

- **Where are we today?**
- **A pastoral change of heart**
- **Where does the Church need to be?**
- **How does the Church need to be?**
- **Parish renewal and reimagining ministry**

OFFICE FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

-Archdiocese of Philadelphia-

The Young Adult Missionary Disciple Initiative (YAMDI) is a formation program to accompany young adults (ages 19-39) into a deeper relationship with our Lord and their personal transformation into missionary disciples.

For Information on Meetings, Programs and Registration
Please Visit secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=THUF9R



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To join as a **new user** go to **formed.org** Select **sign up** and then choose **I belong to a parish or organization** then type in St. Charles Borromeo OR 19026 and follow the easy instructions. If you are **already a member** of formed all you need to do is type in your email address and you are automatically signed in.



Based on the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, here is the life of Jesus from the miraculous virgin birth to the calling of his disciples, public miracles and ministry, ending with his death by crucifixion at the hands of the Roman Empire and resurrection on the third day.

St. Francis Over 50 Club Irish Celebration
Join the Over 50 Club the "Shore Club in Springton Lake, NJ for an "Irish Celebration" on **March 6, 2025**.

Cost \$130.00 per person
Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, Luncheon, 1 Hour Open Bar & Entertainment.

Please make checks payable to:
"St. Francis Over 50 Club"
and mail to Cathy Randazzo at 329 Harwicke Road, Springfield, Pa 19064 or call Cathy at 610-389-5225

Philly Catholic Singles 30-45: Upcoming Events

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45... hope you can join us!

Singles Board Game Night - St. Norbert's Parish, Paoli
Sat Jan 18 @ 7:15pm. \$20 covers entry & snacks.

Singles WINE TASTING! - Vino Bambino, Broomall
Sun Feb 9 @ 1:00pm. \$80 covers 7 wine tastings, private room rental, and pizza. You will blend your own custom bottle of wine to take home after 90 days of aging!

All Comers 30-45 Lenten Holy Hour - St. Bridget's Parish, East Falls

Fri Mar 7 Evening time TBD, Presider: Fr. DeLacy (Free)
**** All-comers event... both couples and singles 30-45 are welcome!****

Email PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com to join our email list and get early access to our events. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy. Learn more at www.PhillyCatholic.Singles

Come & See Retreat Weekends offer men the opportunity to visit Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, meet with seminarians, and deepen their prayer life in order to explore the possibility of the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

High School Discernment Dates
January 25-26, 2025

For more information and to register, visit: HeedtheCall.org/ComeandSee

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evans Road, Ambler PA

Are you being asked to be Sponsor and need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Make sure you are an Active Parishioner.

To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, be of age, received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist), and if married, be in a valid Roman Catholic Church recognized marriage. The Partnering Parishes of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, and Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, defines an "active/participating parishioner as one who is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular ("weekly") basis; and who supports the parish with their time, talent and treasure.

Baptism of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether it's the well-known writer coming to town for a book signing, or the celebrity songstress arriving at the local arena, expectation fuels anticipation, and ticket sales reach a new high. It's just a natural happening. A bit of excitement that cuts through the ordinary day to day rhythm of our lives.

But when some other event occurs, for example the funeral of a loved one, the interruption of the usual pattern triggers deep thoughts within us, whether we choose to go there or not. Then we're not as taken up by celebrity or fame. We want solid answers to serious questions. Fulfillment over fantasy.

With the coming of Christ into our world some 2,000 plus years ago, we got the best answers possible to our most serious questions. Of course, we need His very help, with trusting faith, to realize that.

To begin with, God surprised us all by coming to us in a human nature like ours in so many ways but one: it was linked mysteriously by a divine nature. Who is Jesus is easier to answer than what is He because of this dual nature in one Person.

This well-known event of His baptism at the storied Jordan river presents a problem and raises questions. If one of the purposes of Baptism is to remove original sin, what is the Son of God Himself letting His cousin John the Baptist pour the water over Him? Where is the authenticity here? There are several answers.

First is Our Lord's intent to demonstrate His humility and become an example for us. Secondly, the baptism became a way for God to confirm that Jesus was His Son. Thirdly, the baptism enabled Jesus to join our humanity by sharing in our baptism. Finally, it was the way Jesus chose to inaugurate His mission among us as the obedient Son of God. We are quite conscious of the meaning of "inauguration" this month in the political life of our country. We could say, respectfully, that as Christmas was Christ's birth and arrival, so His baptism marked His first day at work.

Several years ago, one of our astronauts who walked on the moon was asked "What were you thinking about as you stood on the moon and looked back at the earth?" The astronaut replied, "I remembered how the spacecraft was built by the lowest bidder."

We as Christians can rejoice that the work of salvation did not go to "the lowest bidder," but was performed by an infinite God. Every expectation will be met. There will never be a deficiency in His work. Alleluia!

God love you and give you His peace.

Philadelphia Pilgrims to the March for Life 2025 - Bus Permits, Mass, and more

We are accepting bus permit registrations at this time via email to ddrain@archphila.org. Permits will be distributed via email by Dr. Drain as soon as the Basilica of the National Shrine distributes them.

Please join us for the **Philadelphia Pilgrims Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** at 10am on **January 24, 2025** in the upper church. Bishop Efrén Esmilla, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will be the celebrant and homilist. This year's March for Life theme is "**Life: Why We March**". Here is the link to watch the theme reveal event from a few weeks ago.

We look forward to seeing you on January 24th in Washington, DC!

Following Mass, all are invited to meet up and march behind our seminarians at the March for Life. Our meeting place will be at 7th Street and the National Mall, towards the Smithsonian Institute. Just look for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia flags.

- Mass begins at 10 am in the upper church of The Basilica

Our friends at the Pro-Life Union are a tremendous resource at all times, but especially in preparation for the March. This morning, they shared the following:

Attached and below is information for two buses from our area heading to the March - Immaculate Conception Church in Jenkintown & St. Joseph Church in Downingtown. If your parish is near either of these locations please ask to have the information published in your parish bulletin, and please encourage your pro-life friends to join the March & sign up for the bus.

If you know of other buses going to the March please let the Pro-Life Union know and we will promote it through our email blasts.

Call the Pro-Life Union office at 215-885-8150 - email pcorbett@prolifeunion.org or ahinnegan@pro-lifeunion.org