# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ JUNE 22, 2025

# Sacred Heart Parish

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

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Rectory

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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.

# The Living Bread

# Sunday Schedule Of Masses

Sacred Heart (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM St. Charles Borromeo 10:00AM, 4:00PM

Weekdays Masses 8:30AM

Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Wed St. Charles Borromeo 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 Borromeo (Vigil) 4:00PM, 8:30AM Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Confession Schedule Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday

St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday before First Friday 6:30-7:30PM Saturday following the 8:30AM Mass 9:00-10:00AM

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# Masses For The Week

# **Sacred Heart Church**

4:00PM (Vigil) Deceased Members of Clupp & Canamucio families Of Clupp family

Sunday, June 22

7:30AM Romeo D'Orazio Of D'Orazio Family

Monday, June 23

8:30AM Living & Deceased Of Sacred Heart **Tuesday. June 24** 

8:30AM Leo & Patricia Witkoski Of Son, Leo Wednesday, June 25

8:30AM Schnell Family Of Patti Schnell

Saturday, June 28

4:00PM (Vigil) Frank Rizzo, Sr. Of Family Sunday, June 29

7:30AM Vincent & Mary Natale & Dominick & Vincent Natale Of Strunk family

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

# The 2025 Mass Book is filled.

Please Note Changes at St. Charles Borromeo

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo will now be held on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00AM.

St. Charles Borromeo Rectory is CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY



# 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.



# Candles for the Month of June

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

### Mass Celebrants Weekend of June 21-22

# Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson 7:30AM Fr. Kiernan

# St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros 4:00PM Fr. Hand



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of June 28-29

# **Sacred Heart**

4:00PM Fr. Anderson 7:30AM Fr. Kiernan

# St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Brady 4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



# Celebrants Are Subject To Change

# Health Leave For Fr. Paul Stenson Please read from his own words:

Peace.

May the Lord continue to draw you closer.

I've been struggling lately with my health and well being. I am taking a leave of absence from my ministry.

Not sure how long, but I need to care for health and eternal soul. Don't think I'm ignoring you, but I have to move away and find ways to better carry the cross and stay close to Jesus.

Please don't ask my family or Msgr. for information. I must go into the desert and ask the Holy Spirit for direction. I will always intercede for you. Please keep me in prayer as well.

Pax.

Fr. Paul

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Dear Church Family

Please keep Fr. Paul in your daily prayers. As I learn more about his condition and status I will share it with you respecting his privacy.

Sincerely yours,

Msgr. George Majoros

# **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

www.praydevinemercy.com

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

Dear Church Family: June 22, 2025

Today, we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).** The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, in # 1323, "At the Last Supper, on the night He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us'" (SC 47). **Mass, Procession and Picnic:** As Partnering Parishes, we will honor Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament at the 10:00am Mass today at St. Charles Borromeo Church, have a Eucharistic Procession to the outdoor Grotto, and immediately following Benediction, a picnic. All are welcome!

**Holy Mass:** The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer and worship to God, given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself on the night before He died. The Holy Mass is none other than Our Lord Jesus's perfect sacrifice on the Cross re-presented in an unbloody manner on the altar under the appearances of bread and wine. The consecrated bread and wine is truly Jesus' Sacred Body and Precious Blood, which is given to us in Holy Communion for those who are duly baptized and practicing Catholics.

**Food for Thoughts about Sunday Mass:** Taking part in Sunday Mass is not only an important obligation, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches (n. 1389), but first and foremost a profound need of every member of the faithful. Those who deliberately fail in the obligation, of course, commit a grave sin. However, we have to be careful in apportioning sin to their actions, for we rarely know their motivation or circumstances.

Firstly, it is important that they be at Mass. The late Pope Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* wrote: "It is crucially important that all the faithful should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic Assembly." (n. 81)

The Second Vatican Council called the Sunday Mass the "summit and the font" from which we derive our strength to live our lives and make our world a better place.

I imagine if people had this understanding, this same sense of obligation and love of God, they would *always* **be on time for Mass**, participate as well as they could in the prayers and the hymns **and would stay after Mass to make a good, sincere thanksgiving.** 

At the same time, they should be thinking about how they are going to pass on the "Good News" in the following week.

Because attendance at the Sunday Mass is so important for our spiritual good, I can only wonder why people would quibble whether it is an obligation or not. It boils down to this: if you can attend Sunday Mass you must attend Sunday Mass. If you can't, and you have a good reason, then you don't have to do the impossible.

Today, it is much simpler; you have an obligation to attend the Sunday Mass. If you want to start quibbling about being there for important parts, have a good talk with your Confessor - your soul needs it. Some of the reasons that would excuse from the Sunday obligation are sickness, very long distance from the church and no church close by, or having to care for sick or infant children, or caregiver for an infirmed parent. It is logical to assume that if any of those take away the obligation to attend Sunday Mass entirely, they would also be a legitimate reason for arriving late or leaving early. But, it does not mean that the same people are excused for coming late every Sunday, they might be obligated to do a course in child management.

To summarize: one day, we are all going to be judged and made to answer for our conduct. I imagine the question of Sunday Mass attendance would be less concerned with attendance, non-attendance, or lateness, than it will be whether we really believed, understood and loved the Eucharist to the point *that we would never, in any way, show disrespect to this great Mystery*. Early Christian martyrs thought it important enough to die to ensure their attendance at Mass, far be it from us to use the excuse that we are tired, clock less, or unable to discipline children as a reason for non- or partial attendance at the Eucharistic Sacrifice. (by the later Bishop Kevin Manning who died July 24, 2024)

Let us renew our reverence and devotion for this great mystery of our faith and the abiding presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

# Try this Prayer in Preparation for Participating in Mass and consider incorporating in your prayer life.

Almighty Father, thank you for the opportunity to participate in Holy Mass today. Prepare my mind and heart to hear Your Word proclaimed in the Sacred Scriptures. May I hear You speak to me today. Prepare my soul to enter into the mystery of Your Love: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I want to offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I wish to pray for our Church, our world, and for the *particular intention* (*pause ...*) I ask for during this Holy Mass. May the graces of this Holy Mass help me to grow closer to You, change my life so I can always show Your love to all I meet, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God be with you,

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

# Collection - June 15, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$1,307.00
Loose		<u>191.00</u>
Total		1,498.00
Save Our Parish		20.00
Fathers Day		30.00
Peters Pence		273.00
Loose		84.00

# Special Note:

When there is NO designated second collection all monies collected will go to the Save Our Parish Fund.

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

# 36TH ANNUAL BURRS AT THE BEACH

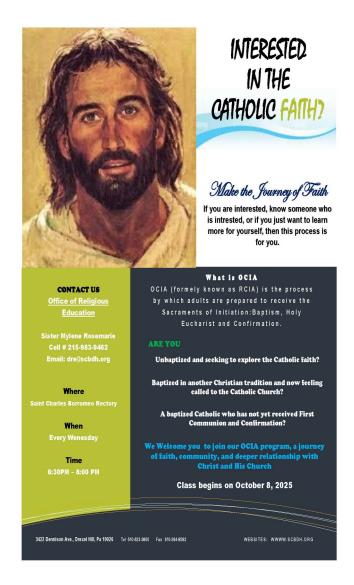
**SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH**—1 TO 6 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE Keenan's Pub, North Wildwood Buffet, Reduced Drink Prices, Casual Dress Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at door For Tickets contact Jim Reilly at JRS4@rcn.com

Join us for a weekend retreat with your spouse!
Couples will be housed in the Family Life Center together.
Friday, Sept 5, 2025 - Sunday, Sep 7, 2025
5:00 pm - 12:00 pm Malvern Retreat House
McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center
315 S. Warren Avenue Malvern, PA 19355
610-644-0400 Retreat Director and Speaker Fr.
Wade L. J. Menezes, CPM \$210.00 per Person The retreat includes talks, Mass each day, confessions and more. Walk the beautiful grounds, find time for each other and for our Lord!

## 2025 Catholic Women's Conference

"Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age" Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9am-4:00pm Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. At this year's conference, we will explore the beauty of our feminine genius and the unique position of Catholic women, transformed by Christ, to bring the light of the Gospel to a society that no longer knows it needs Him. Speakers: Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV, Bishop Joseph Perry, Fr. Sean Loomis, Fr. Thomas Viviano, Dr. Delia Larrauri and Elizabeth

Leon. **Location:** National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English & Spanish. Early sellout is expected. Full details and registration at at: www.catholicwomensconference.org



Pre-Cana at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA
The second Friday of each month. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

Catholic Historical Research Center Current Exhibit: Gift of Finest Wheat: The Story of the 41st International Eucharistic Through September of 2025

Our current exhibit, *Gift of Finest Wheat: The Story of the* 41st International Eucharistic Congress, examines the history and planning of how Philadelphia was chosen to host the 41st International Eucharistic Congress and the details of the week-long event. It covers different Masses, highlights some of the famous people who attended, such as Mother Teresa, Karol Wojtyła before he was pope, Dorothy Day, and Princess Grace of Monaco.

For more information visit: https://chrc-phila.org/iecexhibit/

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society needs your help! Our food supply is very low. We are desperately in need of tuna, pasta sauce, soups, peanut butter, jelly, Dinty Moore, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit and cereal.

Donations can be dropped off in the back of either church

If you are home bound and would like to make a donation please call Linda (610) 626-4186 for a pickup. Thank You for assisting us in this Corporal Work of Mercy.

**Come and Rest Awhile Silent Directed Retreat** 

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center from **July 20-27**, **2025**. Take some time to pause in prayer, reflection, and silence, attuning your ear and heart to the Holy Spirit. You may chose to companion with a spiritual director during the week or participate without spiritual direction.

For more information and to register, visit our website at <a href="https://msbt.org/mbsc/">https://msbt.org/mbsc/</a> or call us at 267-350-1830.

# Calling all parents! It is time to register your children for the upcoming Religious Education Program.



# Sacred Heart, St. Charles, and St. Andrew Parish Religious Education Program

# Our program offers:

- Faith formation and spiritual growth
- Sacramental preparation (First Communion, Confirmation)
- Engaging lessons, activities, and community-building
- · Safe and welcoming environment
- We provide classes for children of all abilities. Children with cognitive, sensory, physical, or social disabilities.

# **Early Registration with Reduced Fees:**

Registration form due by June 15, 2025 with a \$10 deposit, balance due by September 1, 2025

1 Child: \$115 (save \$25),
2 Children: \$160 (save \$40),
3 or more children: \$200 (save \$50)

# COME GROW IN FAITH WITH US!

# WHO

Children from Level 1- 7

WHEN

September – May

WHERE

Charles Kelly School at

Saint Charles Borromeo

DAY & TIME

Every Monday 6:30pm - 7:50 pm

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

1 Child: \$140

2 Children: \$200

3 or more children: \$250

If there is a financial need, please contact
PREP Office

Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

PARISH WEBSITES

scbdh.org standrewdh.org, sacredheart-cliftonheights.net

CONTACT Sister Mylene Rosemarie 215-983-9462