

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 10, 2024

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. 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 Frances Connell Of Theresa Czerwinski

Sunday, March 10

7:30AM Jeffrey Webb Of Leona & Vince Papale

Monday, March 11

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 12

8:30AM Jack Burke Of John & Janet McDonnell

Wednesday, March 13

8:30AM Intention of The Holy Souls

Saturday, March 16

4:00PM Leonila M. Macalinao Of Leoncio Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30AM Edward Stetyick Of Mike Stetyick

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 March

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

In Sympathy

Please remember the souls of the late, **William Becht & Emilie Wrzesniewski** who passed away to the Lord. May they find happiness with the Lord and their family and friends find consolation in Him, too.

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 March 9-10

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 16-17

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

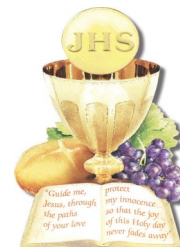
7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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.crsricebowl.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– March 3, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	43	\$1,814.00
Loose		<u>259.00</u>
Total		2,073.00
Maintenance		399.00
Loose		164.00

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

Heating Bills

Sacred Heart Gas & Electric

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

St. Hedwig

Convent Oil \$584.85 Gas & Electric \$974.38

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ...

... about the homilies you hear. Really! Honestly!

The new Catholic Preaching Institute (CPI) at Saint Charles Seminary invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of its kind in the nation.

It only takes 10 minutes to do!

Simply go to <https://catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching> and complete the online survey. Then invite each of your family members to do the same and share this with all your Catholic friends! With everyone's input, CPI will design programs to make preaching in the archdiocese more compelling ... so that your experience of the Word of God becomes even more inspiring.

Don't wait – the survey closes March 22

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

WOMEN OF HOPE Retreat: **March 15-17, 2024**. Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot. To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com

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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!

St. Charles Borromeo St. Patrick's Day Social in the church hall

Saturday, March 16th, 6:30-9:30PM

Tickets will be available after all of the weekend Masses and at Hospitality Sunday on **March 10th**.

Tickets available at both rectory offices.



Ticket will NOT be sold at the door.

For information please call the
St. Charles Borromeo rectory office at 610-623-3800.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th at 2:00PM.



St. Charles Parish will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on This events if for children 8 and under.

All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Life Advocate Resource Conference Saturday, April 6 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

All are invited to attend this conference to learn how to get involved with pro-life activities and see all the pro-life resources offered in the Philadelphia area. This conference is free, and a free lunch will be provided, but registration is required. To register, please send your name and phone number to lifeconference@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150.

Cardinal O'Hara High School "Mane Event: An Evening in Paris" Cardinal O'Hara High School invites you to the annual Mane Event: 'An Evening in Paris', on **Saturday, April 6, 2024** - COHS Gymnasium - 7pm-11pm. Come out for a fun night that includes food, a four-hour open bar, casino games, and amazing auction items and raffle prizes. All proceeds directly impact student-focused initiatives. Purchase your tickets at www.cohs.com

West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association Annual Spring Luncheon Fundraiser Sunday, April 7, 2024-Reservations by March 26th Call Pat Nachbar at 215-479-6719 or patnachbar@gmail.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In a world mostly powered by electricity, even for our cars, we have in modern times experienced dangerous and even demoralizing blackouts. I say that last aspect because we all suffer from the thieves and other criminals that "make hay while the sun isn't shining." We know that storms with howling winds bring about blackouts, when great trees often topple and bring down wires when they do so. At other times, the blackout comes when the grid is overtaxed by too much call for power when very hot weather brings an uptick in air conditioning use. Even a community like mine, where all wiring is underground, still gets its electric service from overhead wires outside the community. Then for all of us there are no lights anywhere and all the electric gadgets in our homes cease functioning.

The ancient world when Jesus walked was "lit only by fire," as one writer nicely put it. Oil lamps and candles brought the only relief from post sunset darkness. The same fire boiled the water and cooked the meals. So when Jesus preached about His coming into the world to bring light, the impact of His words was strong. We might miss the message at first, surrounded as we are by our fiber-optic bulbs, ever-ready generators and blinking appliances. Still, I believe we instinctively know that evil thrives when our soul's life is strangled by sin.

Lent, if we allow it to be part of our preparation for celebrating Easter, will, through Scripture readings and meditative prayer, turn the inner spotlight on our sins. Not the peccadilloes that dance around the edges of our consciences, but those stubborn ingrained habits in our makeup for which we have made all kinds of excuses to keep in place.

"I'm only human" we say glibly when others notice our this and that which is truly sinful. So we have another drink before we leave to go home. Watch some more porn because nobody's around. Steal a little from the supermarket, or the "Big Box" store because "they make enough money."

I remember being shocked out of my naivete when I was a supermarket cashier and witnessed when a fur-wearing matron was caught by the store detective stealing sticks of butter inside rolls of toilet paper. It's not always the poor who steal.

Add in our perhaps habitual lying, or the rash judgments about strangers and family members; and also the sexual selfishness. All the many ways we can use to pretend God doesn't exist or care. In so many situations that popular expression "WWJD" (What Would Jesus Do ?) gets mocked more than minded, but it's a good startup question when you're deciding what to do. Especially when Lenten thoughts stir one's conscience. On this matter, and on so many others, we have today's Responsorial Psalm as a rejoinder:

"Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you." "You" means our loving God.

As the little boy concluded to his Dad after viewing stained glass windows featuring the saints, "I think a saint is a person whom the light shines through." God love you and give you His peace.

Say the Word

"This is what Lent is all about!" the catechist said, as they looked through a Stations of the Cross booklet. She talked about Jesus being condemned and taking up His cross, and falling down. She connected it to the children's lives when they fall down and get back up. She connected it to the Liturgical Calendar, faith, Baptism, and virtue. She connected everything they've been learning this year and they were excited to answer her questions.

Everything is connected in our faith because it all comes from God, who is One. He designed and created everything, and even after Original Sin, and our human messiness, everything is still connected back to Him. This week, let's take our mess back to the one who can put it all together, give meaning to the struggle, and give us the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Prayers for PREP

We thank You, Father, for this season of Lent, when we can look at our lives and see where we've become disconnected from You. Help all our parish families to come to the source and summit of our faith - the Holy Eucharist - to help us to see our lives through Your eyes. May we surrender to Your perfect love and mercy. Amen.

Mothers Retreat Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Malvern Retreat House, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm On Wednesday, May 8, we will be hosting a retreat for mothers and grand-mothers of children with disabilities. Information will be made available as we get closer. Please check our website www.opdarchphilly.org for the most up to date information.

Cardinal O'Hara High School

50th Reunion for the Class of 1974.

The reunion is **October 19, 2024** at Llanerch Country Club.

For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico or 610.633.0783. or jcaramanico56@gmail.com



Fasting
Good Friday
Ages 18-59

Abstinence From Meat
Every Friday During Lent
Ages 14 and up

The Fourth Week of Lent

With this week, we begin the second part of Lent. We ask more and more deeply to be with and like Jesus. We desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy. Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and the Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But, we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

Lenten Patterns: Practicing Penance

When you sprain your ankle, part of the healing process will involve physical therapy. It's tender, and perhaps it is swollen. It may be important to put ice on it first, to reduce the inflammation. You may want to wrap it and elevate it and stay off of it. Then you will need to start moving it and then walking on it, and eventually, as the injury is healed, you will want to start exercising it, so that it will be stronger than it was before, so that you won't as easily injure it again. Penance is a remedy, a medicine, a spiritual therapy for the healing you desire. The Lord always forgives us. We are forgiven without condition. But complete healing takes time. With serious sin or with bad habits we've invested years in forming, we need to develop a therapeutic care plan to let the healing happen. To say "I'm sorry" or to simply make a "resolution" to change a long established pattern, will have the same bad result as wishing a sprained ankle would heal, while still walking on it. Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. Lasting healing needs the practice of penance. Putting It All Together - Alone and With Others In the end, the prayer of St. Augustine places us in the right spirit for Lent: *O Lord, our Lord, you have created us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* Lent is indeed how God draws us home, as individuals. But, it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how "lonely" we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When you can share your experience with even one other close friend, or with your regular worshiping community, you can enjoy and share the support and environment that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for each other on this journey, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy.

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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

12Noon – Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 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

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.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. RAPHAELA CENTER

616 Coopertown Rd | Haverford, PA --- www.straphaelacenter.org

Women's Weekend: Palm Sunday -- March 22-24 | 4:00pm Friday
to 12:00pm Sunday

Triduum Retreat -- March 28-31 | 4:00pm Thursday to 10:00am
Sunday | Single Day, Multi-Day, Commuter & Overnight Options
Available The Easter Triduum invites us to take a long, loving look
into the Paschal Mystery as the foundation of our faith.

Holy Thursday: Seder Meal & Celebration of the Last Supper

Good Friday: Individual & Communal Prayer, Adoration of the
Holy Cross, Group Spiritual Conversation Holy Saturday: Individual
& Communal Prayer, Group Spiritual Conversation, **Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday: Morning Pray

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 mem-
ber** of formed all you need to do is type in your email ad-
dress and you are automatically signed in.