

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 16, 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,  
*Retired Priest in Residence*

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**Office Hours**

**Monday-Friday**

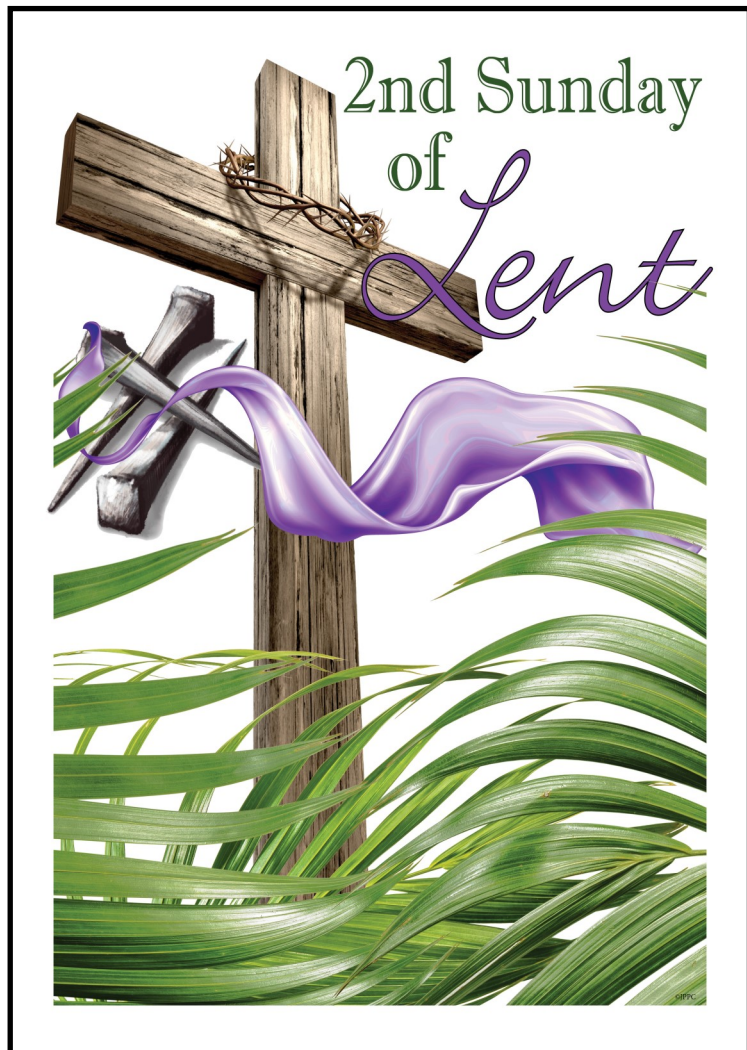
**8:30AM to 3:30PM**

*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.



**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 9:30-10:30AM

# Masses For The Week

## Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Michael Black Of Mary Coll

### Sunday, March 16

7:30AM Jeffrey Webb Of Leona & Vince Papale

### Monday, March 17

8:30AM Mary Lord Of Family

### Tuesday, March 18

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

### Wednesday, March 19

8:30AM Edward Burns Of daughter, Eileen

### Saturday, March 22

4:00PM (Vigil) Frank Rizzo, Jr. Of Family

### Sunday, March 23

7:30AM Rose Marie Flair Of Michele & Jason Maas

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

### 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.*



### Candles for the Month of March

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

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### Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 15-16

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 22-23

#### Sacred Heart

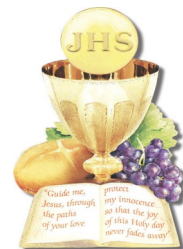
4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

### Misprint in Lenten Booklet

We apologize for the misprint of **The Sacred Triduum Dates** in the recently distributed Lenten Booklet. The dates should read:

April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday

April 18, 2025 Good Friday

April 19, 2025 Holy Saturday

### Make me a channel of your peace

Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: **Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me.** When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout the diocese throughout Philadelphia.

### 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.*



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

#### Sacred Heart—March 9, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	37	\$1,503.00
Loose		<u>1,105.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,608.00</b>
Save Our Parish		85.00
Latin America		196.00
Loose		135.00
Ash Wednesday		506.00

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

### Winter Lotto Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Congratulations to our winners.

Janette Tiberino  
Regina Kulich  
Loretta Dearing (twice)  
Miriam Gagliardi  
Grace Esposito  
Barbara Schwindt  
Mike Gilligan  
Patricia Kaeser  
Michael Murphy

### Holy Hour For God's Unborn Children

Annunciation of Our Lord Church

400 Morton Ave, Ridley Park

Tuesday, March 25 at 7PM

**Bishop Joseph Coffey D. D. Auxiliary Bishop  
Archdiocese Military Services, USA**

*"Today there exists a great multitude of weak and defenseless human beings, unborn children in particular whose fundamental right to life is being trampled upon."*

*(Evangelium Vitae, John Paul II)*

### Forgiveness, the Other Side of Love Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:45 am—2:30 pm \$60\* Presented by Sr. Beth Woodward, IHM

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have forgiven will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch. **Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, 101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ.** For more information or to register, visit our website [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com). \*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before for an additional \$95.

### Pierogi will be made March 31 to April 11

PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY

Call Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 after 9AM

#### Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour

Donations may be brought to the rectory or placed in the vestibule of the church.

**CASH** is also a great help in defraying costs. Cash donations can be put in an envelope and dropped in the Sunday collection basket marked "pierogi."



**HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED**  
If you would like to **HELP MAKE PIEROGI**  
call Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077

**The price per dozen is \$9.00!**

### EcoPhilly's 4th Annual Summit:

#### Pilgrims of Hope for Creation

Join the EcoPhilly Network on **Saturday, March 29th**, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Harten Hall, St. Thomas of Villanova's Rosemont Chapel (1229 E Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010).

This event is for anyone passionate about the environment and Care for Creation. Featuring speakers and discussions on sustainability, energy conservation, clean water, and biodiversity, the summit is guided by Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum. Learn how you can reduce your utility costs. Suggested \$5 free will offering (waived for students). Register at <https://ecophilly.org/summit>.

For details, contact Tom Volkert at (215) 531-0954.

### Mass For Persons with Disabilities

The annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the gifts of persons with disabilities, the Deaf community, family, friends and caregivers will be held on **March 30, 2025 at 3:00 PM**. A small reception will follow the Mass. You can RSVP at <https://opdarchphilly.org> or call 215-587-3530

### Life Advocate Resource Conference

Presented by the Pro-Life Union

**Saturday, April 5th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**St Matthew Church Hall, 219 Fayette St. Conshohocken**

Meet over 20 area pro-life groups that serve women and children, and learn from respected leaders about the continued need to defend innocent life. To register email your name, address and phone number call **215-885-8150** or email



**Stations of the Cross  
7:00P.M.**

**The Legion of Mary will sponsor  
"Soup and Salvation"**

**A time for prayer and a simple Lenten meal  
from 5:15P.M. to 6:15P.M.**

**BEFORE Stations of the Cross**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

**Friday at 7PM March 21**

*You may join us for Prayer and a Simple Lenten Meal  
5:15P.M.-6:15P.M. in the Parish Hall*

**Sacred Heart Church**

**Friday's at 7PM March 28, April 4, 11**

*You may join us for Prayer and a Simple Lenten Meal  
5:15P.M.-6:15P.M. in the rectory Conference Center  
(Basement)*

**Fast and Abstinence**

The Bishops of the US prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are **14 years of age and older** are bound to abstain from eating meat on *Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday*. Further, all persons **18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday**, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

**Lenten Event at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton**

**On Thursday, March 20**, a special Lenten event featuring **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. The event will begin with the celebration of **Mass, followed by Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.**

Registration is requested (but not required) by going to [www.olphmorton.org](http://www.olphmorton.org).

All are Welcome! Alan's books, DVD's, and CD's will be on sale.

We ask that if you are considering purchasing any of his materials, please bring cash or a check.

**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.



*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.

**Formed** is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum. We pray that all of these resources draw us deeper into the mystery of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum.

**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.

Dear Church Family,

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*. We have been meeting with three individuals over the last year to help them discern their call from God to walk with us as members of the Roman Catholic Church. One of the three is Robert, who is our Catechumen.

Each of them has come with some knowledge of Jesus Christ, and has considered his or her relationship with Jesus Christ, somehow experiencing an attraction to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the **Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate**.

The **Period of the Catechumenate** can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

Last Saturday afternoon, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent, The Rite of Election took place at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Rite included the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil and the names of those Candidates seeking Full Communion in the Church. The Catechumens and the Candidates, their sponsors and families gathered to publicly express their desire for baptism and to receive the Easter Sacraments to the diocesan bishop. Their names of the Catechumens are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect.

These days of Lent are the final **Period of Purification and Enlightenment** leading up to the Easter Vigil. Let's join in praying for Robert, Christina and Sandra. May this Lent be a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and our Candidates as we hold them in prayer. During the Easter Vigil this Holy Saturday, Robert, as our Elect, will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

#### **What is meant by reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church?**

Christina, and Sandra are our Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. Christina and Sandra are seeking Reception. They will make a profession of faith (since they are already baptized). To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at any time, and in the Easter Season.

Let us continue to make a good Lent leading to Easter joy!

#### **Disciple Maker Index**

**Please see the insert in this weeks bulletin. To join and sign up for a conversation about the Church go to the parish website ([sacredheart-cliftonheights.net](http://sacredheart-cliftonheights.net)) to REGISTER.**

#### **Blockbuster news for Theology of the Body Igniting the Divine Spark Youth Retreat!!!**

Popular Singer Songwriter Gus DiSimone will be adding his music to the "Igniting the Divine Spark" Teen Retreat on March 29 at Cardinal O'Hara High School! He joins Samantha Kelley (Fierce Athlete Ministries), Fr. Stephen DeLacy (Director of Youth Ministry), Pete DeMaio (Mission Love & Life), Generation Life, and others!

**Tickets are \$20.00 each.**

**If you have any questions, please contact  
[sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com).**

[sarespectlifeministry.org](http://sarespectlifeministry.org)

#### **High School Age Students Pro-Life Scholarships Available Application Deadline: May 2, 2025**

Phillip Baumberger Scholars can earn \$2,000 per year, up to \$8,000 throughout their undergraduate collegiate career while changing hearts and minds on abortion. Apply online today!

<http://www.abortionaloguescholarship.org/scholarship>

**SELECT A SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL  
HOW TO APPLY**

Eligibility—Requirements—FAQS