

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 17, 2024

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

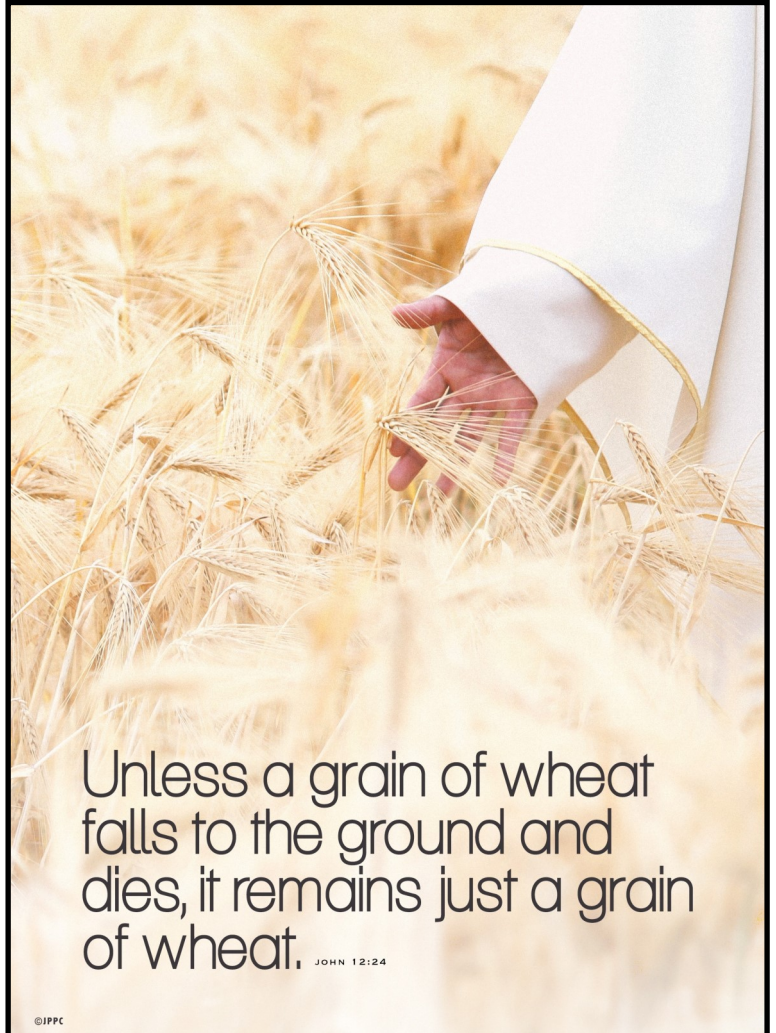
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30AM to 3:30PM
Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday
In parish office Tuesday and Thursday

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.



Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain
of wheat. JOHN 12:24

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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 Leonila M. Macalinao Of Leoncio Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30AM Edward Stetyick Of Mike Stetyick

Monday, March 18

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 19

8:30AM Sr. Ann Marie Archer Of PVMI

Wednesday, March 20

8:30AM Francis Jensen Of Fr. Paul

Saturday, March 23

4:00PM For the People of St. Hedwig's

Sunday, March 24

7:30AM Mildred Salute Of Family

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

Good Friday Collection

Serving those in need in the Holy Land • 250 friars 11 countries • 65 sanctuaries and 23 parishes • 6 guest houses for pilgrims • 30 youth served by Bethlehem Boys' Home • 63 apartments restored for families in need • 1,020 employees in Israel and Palestine • 17 schools with more than 10,000 students • 509 university scholarships • 56 Friars preparing for the priesthood • 700 refugees aided on the island of Rhodes • 8,000+ Syrian families aided • 650+ families in Lebanon assisted • Construction of a Catholic school in Cana.

See more information on page 5 of this bulletin

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 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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 23-24

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

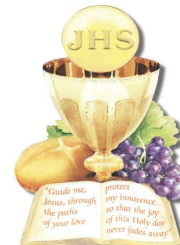
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Celebrants Are Subject To Change

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 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 10, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	41	\$2,282.00
Loose		164.00
Total		2,446.00
Maintenance		43.00
Latin America		239.00
Loose		86.00

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

Take the Survey!

Don't wait – the survey closes March 22

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.

10th National Eucharistic Congress June 2024-June 2025

This third year of the Revival will be marked by historic initiatives that will propel our nation into a new chapter of faith and mission. Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord from the north, south, east, and west edges of our country in the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Thousands will have a powerful opportunity for encounter and healing as Jesus comes to meet them on his way to the National Eucharistic Congress. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be a milestone within the Revival and a historic moment for the Church in the U.S. The reinstitution of this legacy will gather 80,000 Catholics in Indianapolis for a transformative experience that will bear fruit for generations to come. These pivotal moments will launch the United States into the Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics back out into the world to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." We will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond.

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Last Chance To Order

Then orders will go on a Waiting List

Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077

Rectory at 610-623-0409 after 9AM



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th at 2:00PM.

St. Charles Parish will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. This event is 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 lifconference@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

Eileen George Prayer Group 2:00-3:00PM

NEXT DATE: April 21

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 April 21, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15

For the sake of HIS sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of “that kid.” He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a “pet.”

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today's Mass could write that “He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We've made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all way past Easter? It's to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

God love you and lead you to betterment and a better Lent.



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 as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection.

In Sympathy

Please remember the soul of the late, **Louis Pontarelli** who passed away to the Lord. May he find happiness with the Lord and his family and friends find consolation in Him, too.

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 grandmothers 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion and contemplate Jesus' sacrifice to redeem humanity from sin and death. It has been our long-standing tradition to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land each year on this day. At the direction of Pope Francis, funds generated by Good Friday collections throughout the world support vital programs and critical services in the Holy Land. They are used to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs, and to serve the needs of the poor through established charitable institutions. On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I ask you to support the **Good Friday Collection** for the Holy Land on **March 29, 2024** generously. Given current world events, our generosity to our brothers and sisters in this portion of the world is critically important this year.
Gratefully and with prayerful best wishes in Jesus Christ,
+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

The Fifth Week of Lent

This week is filled with drama.

We continue to prepare ourselves to be open to God's graces. We continue to try to choose Lent, to act Lent, in very concrete ways. We are examining our patterns and realigning our priorities. Our hearts are being renewed, as we experience God's reconciling love and beg for the gift of healing. All this is wonderfully supported by the drama of the daily liturgies. We begin with the raising of Lazarus (if we are celebrating the Scrutinies) or with the story of the religious leaders who bring Jesus a woman caught in adultery and his compassionate response. Then, after the Annunciation readings, we have the powerful stories about the healing image lifted up in the desert, the three faithful witnesses who survive the fiery furnace, the account of God's covenant with Abram, Jeremiah's fearful trust in the midst of the plot against him, and Ezekiel's incredible vision of restoration of the nation - that God will make a new and everlasting covenant.

Each of these readings is matched with a gospel from John. We hear about witnesses and testimony and judgment, about his being lifted up (on the cross and in glory), about the freedom/liberation he has come to bring, about himself as the fulfillment of God's covenant, the new and everlasting covenant. And, we can feel the opposition rising against him. And we grow in devotion, and grace, as we realize that it is all "for me."

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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 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

HOLY WEEK

CONFESSIONS 2024

Monday, March 25

1:00-2:00P.M. at Sacred Heart Church

7:00-8:00P.M. at Sacred Heart Church

Good Friday, March 29

11:00A.M.-12:00P.M. Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

11:00-12Noon Confessions at Sacred Heart Church

3:00-4:00P.M. Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Masses During Holy Week

March 25, 2024 – Monday of Holy Week: 8:30 A.M. Morning Mass
Sacred Heart Church

March 26, 2024 – Tuesday of Holy Week: 8:30 A.M. Morning Mass
Sacred Heart Church

March 27, 2024 - Wednesday of Holy Week: 8:30 A.M. Morning
Mass Sacred Heart Church



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.