

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ MARCH 2, 2025

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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.



Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Sacred Heart Church

Confessions: 7:30-8:15A.M and 11:00-11:45P.M

Mass with ashes 8:30A.M and Liturgy of the Word with ashes 12:00 Noon

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Confessions: 3:00-3:45P.M and 6:00-6:45P.M

Liturgy of the Word with ashes 4:00P.M. and Mass with ashes 7:00P.M.

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) Stephen Pyfer Of Tom & Stella & family

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

8:30AM John Ryan Of Barrett family

Tuesday, March 4

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish and James Hynes Of M & M Majoros

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Dr. Andrew DePiero Of Barrett family
12:00 Noon **Service**

Saturday, March 8

4:00PM (Vigil) Aleksandra Danicki Of Jadwiga Szanc

Sunday, March 9

7:30AM Wayne Rogers Of Marge Lagana

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

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Sacred Heart Church

7:30-8:15A.M.-The Sacrament of Penance
8:30A.M. Mass with ashes

11:00-11:45P.M.-The Sacrament of Penance
12:00 Noon-Liturgy of the Word with ashes

St. Charles Borromeo Church

3:00-3:45P.M.-The Sacrament of Penance
4:00P.M.-Liturgy of the Word with ashes

6:00-6:45P.M.-The Sacrament of Penance



Candles for the Month of March

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 1-2

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson
7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 8-9

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson
7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson
4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Weekday & Weekend OPEN Mass Intentions

April 9, 15, 29

May 20, 27, 28, 29 (Noon),

Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During Ash Wednesday services, the foreheads of worshipers will lightly be rubbed with the sign of the cross with ashes.

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.

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—February 16, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	38	\$1,268.00
Loose		<u>210.00</u>
Total		1,478.00
Fuel		194.00
Save Our Parish		20.00
Aging Priests		25.00
Loose		164.00

Sacred Heart—February 23, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	41	\$1,493.00
Loose		<u>317.00</u>
Total		1,810.00
Save Our Parish		40.00
Loose		305.00

As you well know from your own household bills, the increases are effecting everyone. As an example, we have listed this month's **PECO** bills just received. Along with the **many other operating expenses** that keep our parish running, **and tax bills** we find ourselves low on funds. Any extra you could give in your **regular weekly envelope** will be of great help.

PECO	\$1,029.31	\$1,981.97	\$1,585.82
Totaling:	\$4,597.10		

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

St. Hedwig Church:

Dear Parishioners: I write for the fourth time to inform you of the next phase for St. Hedwig Church. Therefore, with the advice and support of our pastoral and financial councils, I am asking Archbishop Perez's permission to begin the process of having St. Hedwig Church relegated to profane but not sordid use. As used in the Code of Canon Law, relegating to 'profane' use means that the building would no longer serve as a sacred space that is dedicated to Catholic worship. If the Archbishop ultimately agrees to relegate the building, it is possible that it would be sold to a new owner. If you have any questions or concerns about this process moving forward, please contact me at Sacred Heart Rectory. Respectfully yours,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

The Annual St. Charles St. Patrick's Day Social

Saturday, March 15th from 6PM-9PM. Tickets will be available in the vestibule of St. Charles Church following the 10AM Mass and at both Sacred Heart and St. Charles Rectory Offices during regular office hours. This is a BYOB event. Soft drinks will be served. The cost for tickets is: \$20.00—Adults and \$10.00—Children ten and under

2025 Holy Season of Lent Stations of the Cross 7:00P.M.



Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper

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's at 7PM March 7, 14, 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)

Registration for Quo Vadis 2025 is now open! Join us ~ June 23 - June 26.

Quo Vadis is a 4-day, 3-night camp for high school men filled with great talks and activities, lots of fun and many prayer opportunities and takes place from June 23 - June 26. Held at BlackRock Retreat Center, this camp is facilitated by the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians. **The registration deadline is May 23, 2025.** Visit: Heedthecall.org/QuoVadis

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

Pre-Cana

St Gabriel's in Norwood PA.

The second Friday of each month

Our next class will be on March 14, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

Dear Church Family: Help Those Who Help Us – Let's Celebrate!

As you probably already know, the Church is now celebrating a Jubilee Year, and the Pope has proclaimed its theme: We are “Pilgrims of Hope.” So as we come together as a Church family to continue this year-long celebration, let us ponder how we, ourselves, can answer the Pope’s call to be Pilgrims of Hope.



One way we can be Pilgrims of Hope is to understand that *while hope points to the future, it is the actions we take today that will shape that future.* **And here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Archbishop Perez** is hard at work trying to strengthen and renew our future as the Church of Philadelphia. But he cannot do it alone. One man, working alone cannot move a mountain, but a community working together can!

How can you help? One simple but very important thing you can do is **to participate in the upcoming Disciple Maker’s Index**, a survey to better understand where we are as a faith community now so we can, together, more realistically shape our future.

This survey is very similar to the survey that was conducted in 2019 and again in 2022 but the number of respondents was far too low to provide any statistically significant results. For example, in 2022 only 41 parishioners completed surveys for St. Charles and in 2019 only 35 individuals completed surveys for Sacred Heart. We need to do better! My hope and prayer is that we will!

Here’s what you need to know:

This is a 10-15 minute survey that will be open from **March 5th through April 10th, 2025.**

We are asking that every family member completes and submits their own survey.

(Your feelings and responses may differ from your loved one, and that’s OK.)

The name of the Survey is called the Disciple Maker’s Index. Please do not let the name of the survey deter you. The purpose of this survey is not to ask you to do more than what you already feel comfortable doing for the Church; it is simply a method to try to find out where we stand now as a faith community.

The survey is completely anonymous and confidential! You can take it on line by visiting one of these sites or, if you prefer, there will be paper copies available in the exits of our churches.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xcx9cx> - St Charles Borromeo

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x2y7x> - Sacred Heart

We expect and appreciate your honesty

Please direct questions to Leo Witkoski (lwitski7@gmail.com) or Monsignor Majoros (mmajoros@scbdh.org), or call the Rectory Office (SH: 610-623-0409; SCB: 610-623-3800).

God bless,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I truly believe that a turning point in one's life comes when one adds a cardiologist to the list of one's doctors. I have had one for nine years now. Call it a sign that, in golfing terms, I've come to "the back nine." So be it.

During one recent checkup, I told my man that I consider him "the archbishop" of the other medics. As a good Catholic gentleman, he chuckled at the reference but did admit that "when the motor malfunctions, the car definitely won't move."

St. Luke, an able doctor himself, cites our hearts as the locus of all our moral decisions, adding that from its "fullness the mouth speaks." He certainly knew the physical importance of the organ, albeit with nothing like an EKG machine at his disposal. It was the spiritual significance of the heart that made his case for it to be the energy and driving force behind all our moral decisions and their consequences. For example, we can see that judging other people for their faults, a perennially popular Christian sin, begins in the heart.

This late Winter Sunday finds us in the very "vestibule" of the great Lenten season that arrives this Wednesday. It's a time for serious introspection and reflection, a thorough examination of conscience. Call it a spiritual heart exam.

"In the heart's fullness," St. Luke writes, we find the source of our behavior. That means, among other things, that our heart is where all our faulty decisions emanate. About this, or that, or the other thing. About him or her, our neighbor. About our practical decisions regarding a Christian lifestyle. Ultimately about our love and loyalty to Christ Jesus our Lord/

Lent is not intended to sour our late Winter mood by a decision to deprive ourselves of desserts, or to cancel chocolate and cocktails for six weeks. However, I must add that fasting is recommended by many holy saints as a good "ammo" to shoot down selfishness.

What Lent is primarily about is our coming face to face with faults and sins we tend to ignore because they make us uncomfortable. They caused Our Lord's crucifixion. It's time for an honest appraisal of how we are doing or not doing with living a gospel-centered life. Lent asks us, in light of our Lord's suffering and death, where some personal reform is needed...

Above all, I think Lent urges us to make our partnership with God each day of our lives something real. That could be described, in the present context, as something heartfelt.

Have a good Lent, with your heart in it.



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.

17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 8, 2025 *Becoming Pilgrims of Hope*



The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. Speakers include **Ward FitzGerald, CNBC Contributor and Papal Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St Cyprian Parish and our keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF safety..** Back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our archbishop **Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**.

For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com