

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 23, 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

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday

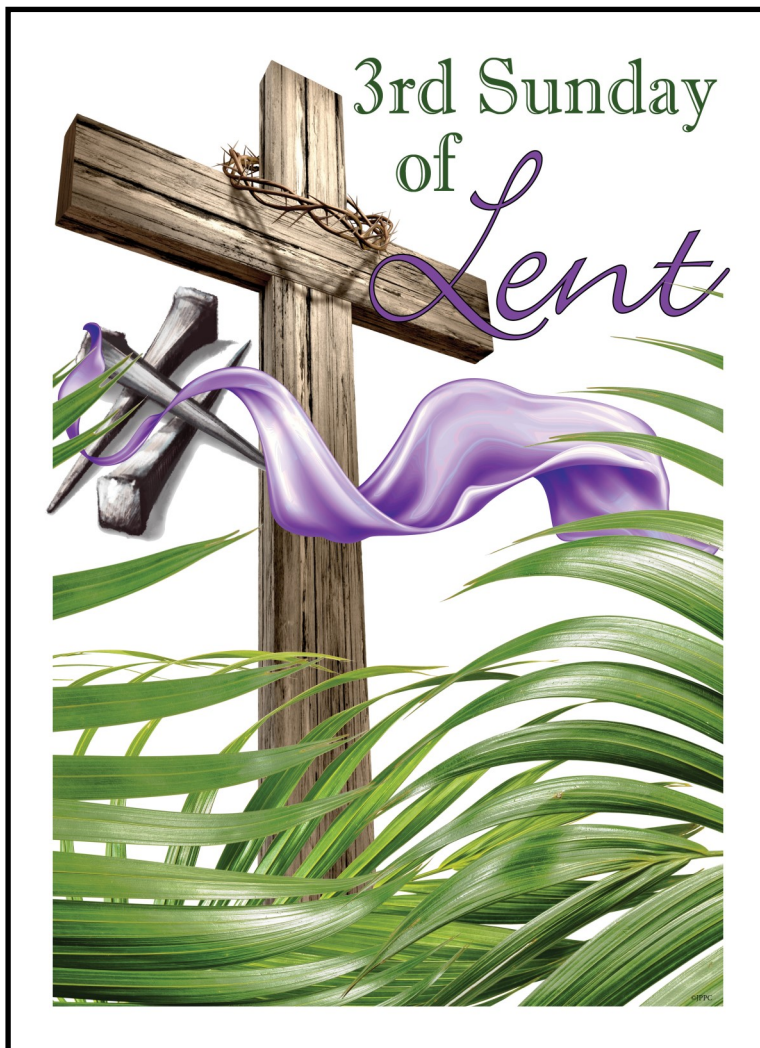
8:30AM to 3:30PM

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) Frank Rizzo, Jr. Of Family
Sunday, March 23
 7:30AM Rose Marie Fair Of Michele & Jason
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Monday, March 24

8:30AM Mildred Salute Of Family

Tuesday, March 25

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, March 26

8:30AM All Souls

Saturday, March 29

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas & Judy Sprague Of
 Jadwiga Szanc

Sunday, March 30

7:30AM Hedy Gardocki Of Sam & Kathy Oller

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.

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 29-30

Sacred Heart

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



St. Charles Borromeo

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

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

The Catechetical Institute (CI) at the School of Theological Studies (STS) at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary provides

affordable on-line, non-credit courses designed for parish
 catechists, Catholic school teachers and all adult Catholics who
 want to learn more and grow in their Catholic Faith. CI will be
 offering the courses *Catholic Moral Teachings* and *Sacraments of
 Healing and Vocation* in April. The cost per online course is
 \$60.00. Registration is open. Please visit [https://www.scs.edu/
 school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/](https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/) to register.
 Please contact STS at 610-785-6287 or at sts@scs.edu with any
 questions or for more information.

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.

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 16, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$1,568.00
Loose		191.00
Total		1,759.00
Eastern Europe		254.00
Latin America		30.00
Save Our Parish		50.00
Loose		148.00

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.

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.** *You may opt to stay overnight the evening before for an additional \$95.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat April 4-6, 2025

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend can help – no matter how much time has passed. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who are suffering from shame, guilt, or anger. This is a confidential weekend. Experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.

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



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.

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

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)

The Third Week of Lent

With this week, we conclude the first part of Lent. We continue our lessons in the faith, as our practices of Lent become deeper and more full of grace. We enter into this week reflecting upon the Scrutiny that makes up our intense prayer for those Elect, preparing for Baptism. And, as we beg, as Church, that they be freed from sin and from all anxiety, we ask those same desires for ourselves. The simple and powerful words of the Opening Prayer guides our daily prayer. We continue to wake each morning, pausing to ask for the graces we desire for the day. Throughout each day, the background of our thoughts and feelings is more and more taken up with what this journey means for our personal change of heart, the renewal of our Baptismal commitment to be placed with Jesus, and our growing desire to act in solidarity with the poor. We go to bed each evening, after pausing to give thanks for the gifts of the day.

Choral Stations of the Cross with Musica Tevere: Friday, April 11 and April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Musica Tevere will accompany a solemn Choral Stations of the Cross events hosted by two area churches: on Friday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church, 242 S. 20th St., Philadelphia and on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm at Saint Colman Church, 11 Simpson Rd., Ardmore. The devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed with meditations composed by St. John Henry Newman and music of Passiontide performed by Musica Tevere's chamber choir, conducted by Artistic Director Rebecca Ostermann, Music Director at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Overbrook. The sung meditations on the journey from station to station will include a traditional Polish *Stabat Mater* tune in an arrangement for men's voice by Bartosz Izbicki, music of Monteverdi, and other small but rich musical jewels in honor of the suffering Christ and His holy Mother. The attending congregation will be invited to join in singing hymn verses at intervals along the way.

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.

Lenten Patterns: Practicing Generosity

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Generosity is not simply giving excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much we have, all that we have is a gift, and given to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need should be a personal priority. A spirit of self-less giving means that one needs to share what they have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Third Sunday Of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If you like to gamble in an ocean side locale, Atlantic City, New Jersey is your place to be. I live not far from there now in retirement. In recent years, gleaming new hotels have risen on the beaches, reflecting the sun by day and glaring with lights at night. But the main attraction in each is the casino. Of course, you can also gamble online. The lottery machine greets you inside your favorite supermarket. What all this says about our society I leave for other minds to tackle.

But in a certain way, the holy bible warns us that gambling has no place in a person's spiritual life. Which is to say that gambling with God, or more particularly your relationship with Him. is a fool's choice.

We know that Almighty God, figuratively speaking, took a chance when He created humanity. He gave us free will. His creatures could then either make a return of His limitless love or not. God, as it were, gambled on us, our bible history tells us we have often made bad choices. Adam and Eve were weak and unworthy. But even then, God gave them a way back, as He also does with us.

What we call "The Old Testament" is really the story of Israel. God chose them as His favorites, but they let Him down. Even His hand-picked leader, Moses, turned out to be a disappointment. But still He loved them and even made strong covenants with His vacillating people.

Finally, from their midst, He called forth a humble but spotless young girl to be the mother of His only begotten Son. That Son, whose humility, obedience, and unwavering love, offered salvation from sin to those who believed in Him by His sacrificial death. That fidelity would be rewarded when Jesus was raised from the dead on "the Third Day."

Not everyone believed Him. They gambled, as it were, that they knew better. They turned around and walked away. That compelled Jesus to ask His chosen Twelve, with a sadness in His voice; "Will you also walk away?"

So here we are, on a weekend in March, of the year 2025, when we hear once again from Jesus of our need for repentance. Are we going to argue with Him about that? Are we going to continue gambling that our choices are better?

Here is a quote I found from Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher and writer who died in 1662, about gambling on the matter of God's existence: "Let us weigh the gain and loss in wagering that God exists. Let us estimate these two chances: If you gain, you gain all; if you lose you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He is."

God love you and beware of gambling your future.

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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.**

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Reopening of the Exposition of Sacred Relics *In loving memory of Father Jason Kulczynski*

Sunday, April 6

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church Oreland, PA
Following the 9am Mass.

There will be over 200 Sacred Relics on display.
More info: 215-884-8575 or
holymartyrschurch@gmail.com