

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ MARCH 24, 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

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday

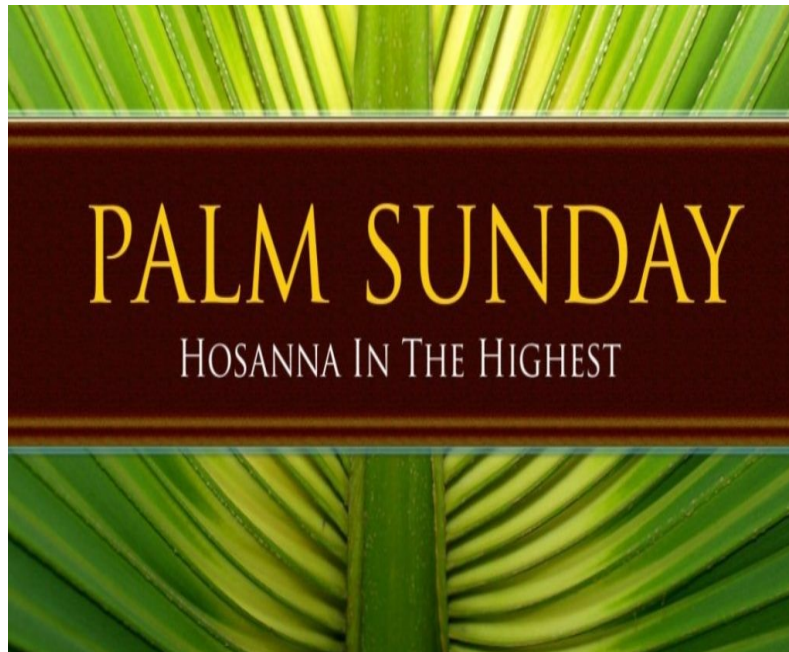
8:30AM to 3:30PM

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.



Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, March 30, 2024

7:30 P.M. Solemn Easter Vigil for our partnering parishes
at St. Charles Borromeo Church

Easter Sunday Masses

March 31, 2024

Sacred Heart Church 7:30 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:00 A.M.,

NO 4:00 P.M. Mass on Easter Sunday

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 For the People of St. Hedwig's

Sunday, March 24

7:30AM Mildred Salute Of Family

Monday, March 25

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 26

8:30AM Intention of the Holy Souls

Wednesday, March 27

8:30AM Czeslaw Zawisinski Of Alexandra Danicki and Helen

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

11am-12pm Confessions

12:00PM Blessing of the Food

NO 4:00PM Mass

Sunday, March 31 EASTER

7:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio & Karen Flower Of Patti Schnell & D'Orazio family

12:00 Noon Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

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

Parish Office Hours

Holy Thursday March 28

The parish office will close at 12:00 Noon

Good Friday March 29

The parish office will be **CLOSED**

Easter Monday April 1

The parish office will be **CLOSED**



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 23-24

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 30-31

Sacred Heart

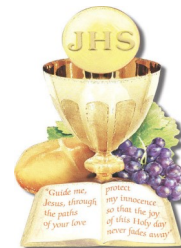
7:30AM Fr. Stenson

12:00PM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

7:30PM Vigil Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. McGowan



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

PLEASE JOIN US 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart— March 17, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	46	\$1,789.00
Loose		<u>182.00</u>
Total		1,974.00
Easter Flowers		193.00
Maintenance		45.00
Latin America		10.00
Loose		101.00

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

Please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Dear Church Family:

Today is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. We celebrate and commemorate Our Lord Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. All the four Gospels speak about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the people shouted His praises. For us, it marks the beginning of Holy Week and those very special days of the Sacred Triduum which bring us great grace even today. Please refer to the bulletin and website for days and times for the Sacrament of Penance to prepare yourself for Holy Week and Easter.

The Sacred Triduum: The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Sacred Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Although chronologically they are three separate days, they are liturgically one day which unfolds the Paschal Mystery of Christ's love for us. It marks the end of the Lenten season and propels us to the Mystery of Easter—both the Solemn Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Although the days of the Sacred Triduum are not Holy Days of Obligation, they offer us much grace as we reflect on God's great love in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of His Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I realize many people go away for Easter. Where you go away or stay home, I strongly encourage you and your family to come and celebrate Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church. In this time of the Eucharistic Revival, come and renew your love and reverence for His Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, and for the gift of the Priesthood. After the evening Mass, take part in the ancient custom of visiting at least three Churches that evening, recalling the Lord's prayer and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, His unjust arrest, and trial condemning Him to death. **St. Charles Borromeo Church will remain open to 10PM.**

Good Friday is a Day of Fast (limit to one full meal and 2 smaller meals) and Abstinence from meat. We fast and abstain to honor Christ's Crucifixion and Death, and to show by our sacrifice that we will never forget His tremendous love that gives us the hope of our salvation. **Come and take part in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3PM at St., Charles Borromeo Church and contemplate His Cross -a constant reminder of His love for us. Stations of the Cross at 12noon at St. Charles and again at 7PM at Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights.**

Holy Saturday---there is no Mass until the Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30PM. It is a day that we continue to observe the fast and abstinence from Good Friday as we quietly reflect on the Lord's Passion and Death and make final preparations to celebrate Easter Sunday. **The Blessing of the Easter Food will be at 12Noon at Sacred Heart.**

March 31, 2024, is **Easter Sunday**, the Solemn Feast of feasts, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who conquered sin and death. Come to Holy Mass and renew your Baptismal Promises so that you can be a more faithful missionary disciple of the Lord spreading His joy and hope in our world today!

Continue to bask in the light of God's eternal love by coming to Church every Sunday (or at the anticipated Mass on Saturday evenings). Next Sunday, April 7, 2024, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy in which we will have **special Divine Mercy Devotions beginning at 12Noon to 3pm that day as well.**

Have a Holy Week leading to Easter Joy,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

Palm Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The overhead camera work used on a televised football game has something in common with an item needed for a family group photo. Both need perspective. The kind that can only come when the photographer steps back from his subject so that the viewer catches the whole scene.

I believe we can gain a better appreciation of the Lord's Passion account if we figuratively "step back" from the milieu our minds produce. Consider the many homilies we have heard over the years; the many movie versions of the events, and even the well-written New Testament commentaries we may have read, and how they influence our imaginations as we hear the words every Holy Week.

Why pull away from one or more of those? In order to gain a personal perspective of the well-known events. To be spiritually and physically alone in their presence, as if you were the only observer. Mark's version that we hear today is the major part of his shortest of the four gospels. The whole gospel can be read in less than an hour. But what matters is your reaction just to the Passion account. Various lines will pop out, so to speak, and compel you to pause for reflection.

For me, there is a line that comes early on, when Jesus addresses His disciples by saying: "The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have Me." Of course He meant His physical presence, with no reference to His miraculous presence in the Holy Eucharist. Yet we can wonder what His physical presence might mean. When we hopefully reach heaven we shall be blessed with it. But in the meantime wouldn't it be consoling? I think of saints like Mary Magdalene, or Sr. Faustina, all of whom had the privilege.

Something to think about as we step back from our ordinary pondering of the words that we read or hear this week.

Meanwhile we await the message of the event on the Third Day, trusting that our decision to live as He asked us to will yield the moment when He steps forward to give us a hug of welcome to eternal joy.

God love you and give you His peace.

18th Annual Divine Mercy Retreat Weekend April 5-7, 2024 Malvern Retreat House

Experience the graces of the Divine Mercy devotion on this Annual Malvern retreat with Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Fr. Dermot Roache and Kathleen McCarthy. The weekend will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Spiritual Conferences, Reconciliation, quiet time to walk the beautiful retreat grounds & Devotions, including the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet & Novena. It will end after 3PM devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday. \$275 for inperson 3 days, 2 nights or \$75 for virtual. This is a co-ed Retreat & will be held in Upper McShain with rooming in Our Lady's Hall. Also we will celebrate the third and final year of the Three-Year Eucharistic Revival being celebrated throughout the Universal Church with a new permanent exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles created by Blessed Carlo Acutis Shrine and Center, now in Lower McShain.

More info: See divinemercuryretreat.com to register.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia invite you to Franciscan Night ~ Monte Carlo Style Saturday, April 27, 2024 6 - 10 pm

Neumann University Mirenda Center Atrium
501 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014
Online registration is available on our website at
www.osfphila.org

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.



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.

Palm Sunday

Also known as Passion Sunday, this Sunday before Easter remembers Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem near the end of a public ministry spent almost entirely outside Israel's capital city. When Jesus entered the city with his entourage, people laid palm branches on the road before him and greeted him as the long-awaited Messiah, shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Their celebrating didn't last long. As they heard his teachings and saw his behavior, both religious leaders and people on the streets turned against Jesus. Within days, the adoring crowds were shouting, "Crucify him!" Each Gospel relates the next few days differently, but the common elements are:

- * Jesus entered Jerusalem and began to teach the people about the Kingdom of God and the leaders about their hypocrisy and God's coming judgment;
- * He threw money-changers out of the Temple and sparked a growing conspiracy against him; he shared a "last supper" with his friends;
- * He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, one of his key disciples; and, after being arrested, was handed over to the Roman authorities for execution as an enemy of Caesar. Palm Sunday worship typically begins with a Procession of Palms and then moves on to chronicle the rest of the week with a somber reading of the Passion in which the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus are on full display and Christians are reminded that their faith originates in Jesus' humble submission to death on a cross. Worship typically ends in silence, and the stage is set for Holy Week.



HOLY WEEK
Morning 8:30AM Mass
at Sacred Heart
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 25, 26, 27

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 25 Sacred Heart
1:00-2:00P.M. 7:00-8:00P.M.

Holy Saturday, March 30 Sacred Heart
11:00-12Noon

Good Friday, March 29 St. Charles Borromeo
11:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

Holy Saturday, March 30 St. Charles Borromeo Church
3:00-4:00P.M.

Stations of the Cross

St. Charles Borromeo Church
12:00Noon – Good Friday, March 29

Sacred Heart Church
7:00P.M. – Good Friday, March 29



March 28, 2024 – Holy Thursday
No Morning Mass

- 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer at St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:00 A.M. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- 7:00 P.M. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper for our partnering parishes at St. Charles Borromeo Church with Adoration until 10PM.

March 29, 2024– Good Friday

- 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer at St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 3:00P.M. Celebration of the Lord's Passion with the distribution of Holy Communion for our partnering parishes at Saint Charles Borromeo Church

March 30, 2024 – Holy Saturday

- 9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer at St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 12:00 Noon Blessing of Food at Sacred Heart Church
- 7:30 P.M. Solemn Easter Vigil for our partnering parishes at St. Charles Borromeo Church