

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 3, 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*

Deacon John H. Farrell  
*Permanent Deacon*

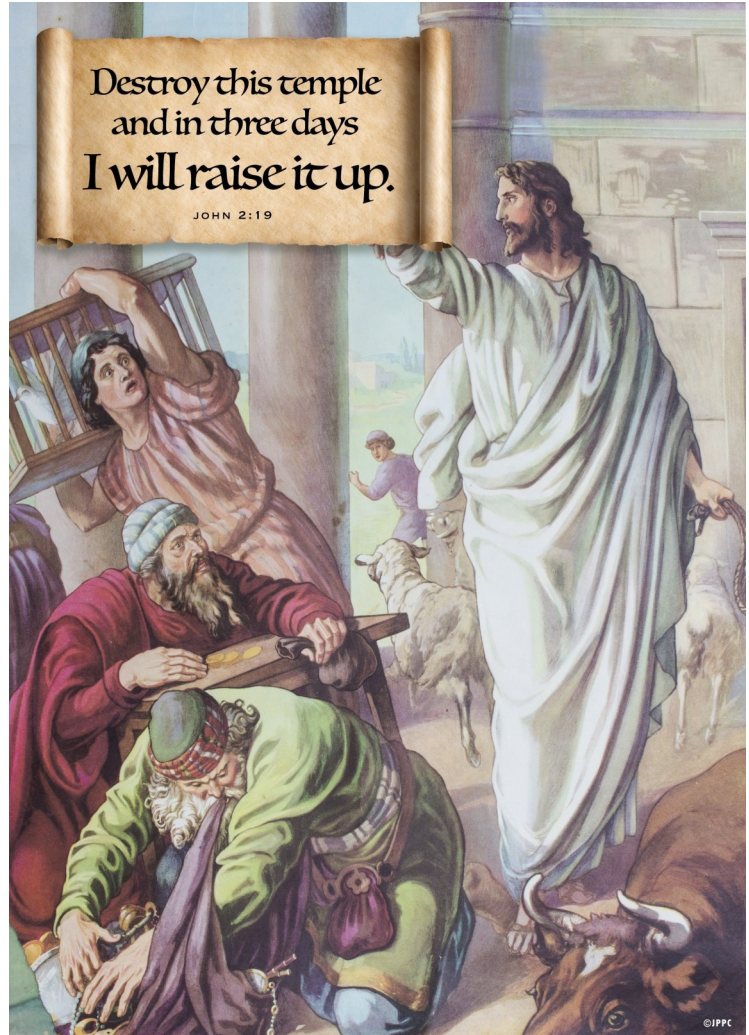
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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30AM to 3:30PM  
*Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*In parish office Tuesday and Thursday*

## 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** (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 Victoria Rizzo Of Family

#### Sunday, March 3

7:30AM Donald Oda Of Family

#### Monday, March 4

8:30AM Richard Czerwinski (10th Anniv) Of Theresa

#### Tuesday, March 5

8:30AM Intention of The Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, March 6

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Saturday, March 9

4:00PM Frances Connell Of Theresa Czerwinski

#### Sunday, March 10

7:30AM Jeffrey Webb Of Leona & Vince Papale

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

### Solemn Mass with the Ordination of Several Bishops

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The faithful are invited to participate via livestream at this link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>

Please see the parish website for more information

### 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 2-3

#### 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 9-10

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

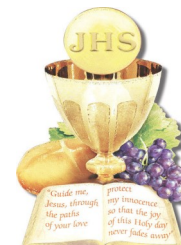
7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



**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.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.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 us 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– February 25, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	50	\$1,467.00
Loose		194.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,661.00</b>
Aging Priests		21.00
Church in Africa		165.00
Loose		131.00

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

#### Heating Bills This Month

##### Sacred Heart Gas & Electric

Rectory \$1,344.36 Church \$1,455.29

##### St. Hedwig

Convent Oil \$584.85 Gas & Electric \$863.33

### Pierogi Will Be Made March 11-22

**PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY**  
**Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077**  
**Rectory at 610-623-0409 after 9AM**  
**The price per dozen is only \$8.00!**

**We would appreciate donations of  
flour to help defray costs.**

**To make the *PERFECT* Pierogi  
ONLY**

**5 LB bags of Gold Medal  
or Pillsbury Flour can be used.**

(If you are unable to get to the store your monetary  
donation would also be appreciated)

*Flour donations can be placed in the box in the  
church vestibule*

### 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](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.

**Don't wait – the survey closes March 22**

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

**NEXT DATE: March 10th**

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 March 10, April 21, May 12, June 9,  
July 14, August 11, September 15**

#### Come and See Dates 2024

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary ([fr.dfriel@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dfriel@archphila.org)):

**High School Men** March 9, March 10 **Post High School  
Men** February 25.

#### St. Charles Borromeo St. Patrick's Day Social in the church hall on Saturday, March 16th, 6:30-9:30PM

Tickets will be available after all of the weekend Masses on  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. at Hospitality Sunday on **March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

*Tickets available at both rectory offices.*

**Ticket will NOT be sold at the door.**

information please call the St. Charles Borromeo rectory  
office at 610-623-3800.

#### Hospitality Sunday at St. Charles

**Next Sunday**, March 10th will be Hospitality Sunday following the  
10AM Mass in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall. Sponsored by  
the Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion.

#### Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community

**Sunday, March 10, 2024** The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring  
the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family,  
Friends at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and  
Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Arch-  
bishop Nelson Pérez is the principal celebrant and homilist. There  
will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are Wel-  
come. RSVP, 215-587-3530 with the number attending and any  
necessary accommodations

#### One-day Lenten Retreat Daylesford Abbey

**Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

The day will feature talks and reflections, prayer time, Confessions,  
and the Sunday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. All are welcome! Place:  
Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301. Parking:  
Free onsite parking at the Abbey. Cost: \$50 includes lunch and  
snacks. Register at this link: [https://www.nonnatus.org/  
lentenretreat.html](https://www.nonnatus.org/lentenretreat.html) Questions: Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)



## ***Third Sunday of Lent***

### ***Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***

"Powerhouse" can be defined in a few ways, As a simple plant that produces power. Or as a person who possesses great force of energy, as in "She is an editorial powerhouse." Today I want to call on the word as an apt description of this weekend's Readings for Mass.

First comes the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus. They are stark, confident, certifiably the divine basics on how to live for a largely illiterate people. Later on in history, the Church will elaborate on their meanings for a more sophisticated audience. So, for example, "Thou shalt not kill" will expand to include more subtle killings, like the reckless use of illicit drugs.

We move on to St. Paul's Letter, where he contrasts Jewish and Greek religious aspirations with that of the Christian's. featuring a crucified Jesus as "the wisdom and power of God." He is blunt and straightforward but impactful.

Then we come to the highly dramatic and demonstrably divine act of Jesus, angrily cleansing His "Father's House," the Temple, of the rank commercialism that had become common there. This Jesus follows with His symbolic prediction of His death and resurrection.

This threefold combination of Readings here in the middle of Lent leaves us a little breathless, partly because we moderns have become so used to the subtlety mostly used by Satan and the societal enemies of Christ prevalent in our present culture. Yet I find the whole ensemble refreshing, like a hot shower after work or play in the cold. Or a cold shower after the same in summer's heat.

Here is our one true God, soon to be a crucified corpse followed by a total resurrection prepared for and praised, yet remaining fully human as was the Babe at Bethlehem. Able to take on all the various forms of negativity we face in life with the positive outlook unique to Himself. He only asks His followers, you and me, to take on what we can and do so with His help.

So it is Lent, this penitential season where we face not only the exterior, but also the interior darkness we often take on because we think it's light. The true Light will blaze forth on the morning of the Third Day, and we will know whose pledge for redemption is the real one.

What a "powerhouse" Faith we are offered; what a confident Hope we gain; what a contagious Charity we can practice! All because of Jesus Christ our Lord!

May God love you and give you His peace!



#### **Say the Word**

"Do you know what this is for?" I asked the Level 3 student. "Umm, it's like the rosary," he responded. I hadn't thought of it that way, but the Lenten Prayer Chains we made are like the rosary. One chain for each day from now until Easter, just like the rosary has one bead for each prayer. Each chain has a prayer to say and after you pray the prayer, you tear off the chain. On March 31, you'll get to the chain that says, "Sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!" and rejoice in the Easter Anthem. The chains are also color coordinated to match the liturgical calendar (not complicated until you get to Holy Week!)



These prayer chains were part of our Stations of the Cross and Lent Family Night for PREP. These opportunities for families to pray together, do some faith related crafts, meet other families living out their Catholic faith, and just have a good time are in imitation of Jesus' ministry here on earth. He spent many hours just talking to people, building relationships, and teaching "along the way." Where is He speaking to you this Lent? Is He trying to speak through you to others, as well?

#### **Prayers for PREP**

Come, Lord Jesus, build up our parish families. You have called us to be the Body of Christ. Please work through me this Lent to support the other members of Your Body, the Church, and help me to allow others to support me, as well. Amen.





**Fasting**  
Good Friday  
Ages 18-59

**Abstinence From Meat**  
Every Friday During Lent  
Ages 14 and up

### **Lenten City Pilgrimage ~ Saturday, March 9th Join Fr. Paul Stenson**

We will leave after the 8:30 Mass at St. Charles. We can carpool to those willing to drive. We will begin at the St. John Neumann shrine and then visit the Pink Sisters. After Lunch we will stop at the Cathedral and close at the Shrine for St. Rita. I will provide the addresses to all drivers. **All are welcome to just spend a day in prayer for the Church, the World and our family and friends.**

### **Special Event: 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.*

**On Sunday, March 10**, a special event featuring Alan Ames will occur at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, PA**, starting with the celebration of **Sunday Liturgy at noon**. Following the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy, we will have Alan's testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Healing Service. Confessions will also be offered.

**WHERE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church,  
2130 Franklin Ave., Morton, PA 19070 WHEN: March 10,  
beginning with Noon Mass**

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

### **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.*



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.

### **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 8, 15, 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*

### **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.

### **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.