

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 30, 2025**

# *Sacred Heart Parish*

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

**Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros,**  
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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) Thomas & Judy Sprague Of  
Jadwiga Szanc

#### Sunday, March 30

7:30AM Hedy Gardocki (35th Anniv) Of  
Sam & Kathy Oller

#### Monday, March 31

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, April 1

8:30AM All Souls

#### Wednesday, April 2

8:30AM Ryan family Of D'Orazio family

#### Saturday, April 5

4:00PM (Vigil) Rose Marie Fair Of Pyfer  
Grandchildren

#### Sunday, April 6

7:30AM Mary & Joseph Lenski, Sr. Of Lenski  
family

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 April

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

### 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



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 5-6

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



### 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](mailto: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 23, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes	47	\$1,698.00
Loose		123.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,821.00</b>
Loose (Save Our Parish)		194.00
Save Our Parish		71.00
Easter Flowers		130.00

**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.*

**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!**



**Confirmation is mysterious.** Is Confirmation really necessary if we've been baptized? What is the connection between the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the graces bestowed at Confirmation? What does the Bible have to say about the meanings of the actions and prayers found in the Rite of Confirmation? Why are there different practices in the Church about the proper age to receive Confirmation? How does Confirmation strengthen us to endure persecution as we witness to Jesus? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this Lectio series on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Join renowned biblical scholar Dr. Brant Pitre as he delves into the riches of Scripture and Tradition to shed light on this all too often misunderstood sacrament. Gain a deeper understanding of the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us in Confirmation and how we might live them out more fully as we take up our crosses and follow Christ. With the hallmark artistry of the Augustine Institute, this dynamic video program and accompanying workbook combine an in-depth biblical study with insightful questions, clarifications of the many misconceptions about Confirmation, and personal reflections that will strengthen your faith as you seek to bear witness to the good news in your own life.

**Pre-Cana at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA**

**The second Friday of each month.** The next class will be on **April 11, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**

If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

**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

**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.

**Come and Rest Awhile Silent Directed Retreat**

Mother Boniface Spirituality Center from **July 20-27, 2025.**

Take some time to pause in prayer, reflection, and silence, attuning your ear and heart to the Holy Spirit. You may choose to companion with a spiritual director during the week or participate without spiritual direction.

For more information and to register, visit our website at <https://msbt.org/mbsc/> or call us at 267-350-1830.





#### 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 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)*

#### 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.

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

Friday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church, 242 S. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia and on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm at Saint Colman Church, 11 Simpson Rd., Ardmore. The attending congregation will be invited to join in singing hymn verses at intervals along the way.

#### The Fourth Week of Lent

With this week, we begin the second part of Lent. We ask more and more deeply to be with and like Jesus. We desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy. Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and the Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But, we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

#### Lenten Patterns: Practicing Penance

When you sprain your ankle, part of the healing process will involve physical therapy. It's tender, and perhaps it is swollen. It may be important to put ice on it first, to reduce the inflammation. You may want to wrap it and elevate it and stay off of it. Then you will need to start moving it and then walking on it, and eventually, as the injury is healed, you will want to start exercising it, so that it will be stronger than it was before, so that you won't as easily injure it again. Penance is a remedy, a medicine, a spiritual therapy for the healing you desire. The Lord always forgives us. We are forgiven without condition. But complete healing takes time. With serious sin or with bad habits we've invested years in forming, we need to develop a therapeutic care plan to let the healing happen. To say "I'm sorry" or to simply make a "resolution" to change a long established pattern, will have the same bad result as wishing a sprained ankle would heal, while still walking on it. Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. Lasting healing needs the practice of penance. Putting It All Together - Alone and With Others In the end, the prayer of St. Augustine places us in the right spirit for Lent: *O Lord, our Lord, you have created us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*. Lent is indeed how God draws us home, as individuals. But, it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how "lonely" we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When you can share your experience with even one other close friend, or with your regular worshiping community, you can enjoy and share the support and environment that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for each other on this journey, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy.

## Fourth Sunday Of Lent

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

What's in a name? That question gets asked by Juliet on Act 2, Scene 2 of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Her conclusion: "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

On this "Laetare" or "Rejoice" Sunday, the Fourth of Lent with features this year in the Scripture cycle the most famous parable of Our Lord which we commonly call "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." That's not a bad name, for sure. But it omits a significant part of the story involving the elder son. And it passes over the great heart of the father in the plot.

Without claiming any originality, may I suggest that the story be better titled "The Parable of the Loving Father." For it is the behavior of the father with both of his sons that offers a great teaching for us in that he represents God the Father.

Regarding the wastrel son who rebelled against his father in a particularly awful way, the father was a beautiful example of forgiveness and love. I have often imagined him going out from his house each evening, scanning the horizon for that particular silhouette of the prodigal coming over the hill. Then turning back sad at not seeing what he came for. When that son finally comes home, he gets vested with a robe and a ring with a banquet to follow. That son represents us when we have seriously sinned against God and come running to the confessional with sorrowful hearts.

But now turn your attention to the older son. He has stayed close to home. He has rarely, if ever, been disloyal to his father. He has dutifully fulfilled his obligations, never seriously complained. He represents the faithful Catholic who keeps all the rules and lives out his or her baptismal promises as best he or she can.

But then a certain sense anger wells up in their hearts when he or she notes how the observably "bad" Catholic who is so easily reconciled by a good confession. They hear the father's kindly explanation about joy over the reprobate's return in the parable. But they are not satisfied.

This late in Lent, the Lord is asking us which son best describes us. Perhaps we take turns being one or the other son at different times. Thank God and praise Him that God the Father's forgiveness, available in the confessional, is present all the time. Apropos of that, there happens to be, on an unnamed tombstone outside of Sydney, New York, with just one word carved in it: "Forgiven." <sup>1</sup>

God love you and honor your name as a Christian...

#### Philly Catholic Singles 30-45

Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics ages 30-45. **Speed Dating 30-45 -**

**St. Margaret of Antioch, Narberth Saturday April 26 at 6:30pm / Waitlist will open in March**

*Our most popular event is back for 2025! Event will start at 6:30, all are invited to the parish Vigil Mass at 5:15. Come meet someone new! Free parking available at parish school.*

**Nature Hike at Stroud Preserve, West Chester Saturday May 10 at 10:00am / Waitlist will open in April**

Email [PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com](mailto:PhillyCatholicSingles@Gmail.com) to sign up for events and join our email list. Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy.

Learn more at [www.PhilllyCatholic.Singles](http://www.PhilllyCatholic.Singles)

#### 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  
[holy Martyrs church@gmail.com](mailto:holy Martyrs church@gmail.com)

#### High School Age Students Pro-Life Scholarships Available Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

Phillip Baumberger Scholars can earn \$2,000 per year, up to \$8,000 throughout their undergraduate collegiate career while changing hearts and minds on abortion. Apply online today!

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