

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ MARCH 31, 2024

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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Monday-Friday

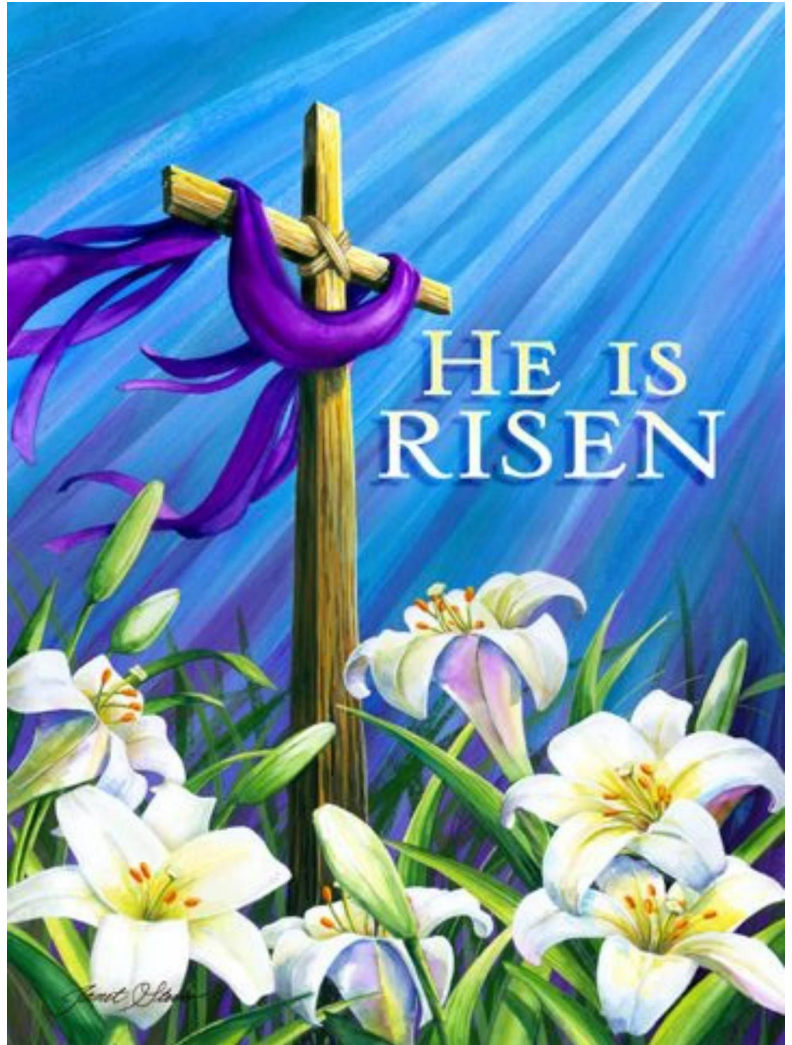
8:30AM to 3:30PM

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

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio & Karen Flower Of Patti Schnell & D'Orazio family
12:00 Noon Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Monday, April 1

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 2

8:30AM Ryan Family Of D'Orazio family

Wednesday, April 3

8:30AM For The People Of St. Hedwig's

Saturday, April 6

4:00PM (Vigil) Hedy Gardocki Of Kathy & Sam Oller

Sunday, April 7

7:30AM Jane & Frank Sontowski Of Kathy & Sam Oller

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 April

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

Follow Me

Thousands followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry. Since his Resurrection, countless Christians have traveled to holy sites in order to connect concretely with places where heaven and earth have touched. While pilgrimages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaken at such a scale—walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord! Find out more about this tradition and the fruits of making a pilgrimage yourself.

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

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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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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 6-7

Sacred Heart

4:00PM TBD
7:30AM TBD

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM TBD
10:00AM TBD
4:00PM TBD



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

**The Parish Offices will be CLOSED
Easter Monday April 1**

This Bulletin Went To Print Early



**Have a Blessed,
Healthy,
Peaceful
and
Happy Easter**

PIEROGI THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to **Joanne & Gene Bidoli**, who coordinated our pierogi fundraiser and Barbara & Bill Schwindt who act as advisors, and to Mark Wufus for his constant hard work.

Also, thank you to everyone who participated in some way. If you worked one day or every day, donated items needed, or purchased pierogi, you were a special part in this fundraiser.

It is very hard work but also rewarding to work with friends and help your Parish during the two weeks.

We must thank St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Clifton Heights for the use of their facilities.

Enjoy your delicious pierogi!

**Dear Church Family,
Happy Easter!**

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! On behalf of your priests, deacon, and staff of our parishes, I wish to extend my prayerful well-wishes to you and your families for a blessed Easter season. I am grateful to the many helping hands that decorated our churches for the Easter season; and for all the ministries for the various liturgies that enhanced our worship: sacristans, ushers, music ministers, altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; and all of you who took part in the moving liturgies of the Sacred Triduum.

“The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday,’ as stated by Saint Athanasius. These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung” (Universal Norms, 22). The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

For all of us who have been fully initiated, the Seven Weeks of the Easter Season offers us special grace. Through our reflection on the Word of God proclaimed during each of the Sundays of the Easter Season, we can deepen the mystery of the new life we first received at Baptism, and each time we receive the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at Holy Mass. We, your clergy, pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to grow more into the likeness of Christ as we live and work to build the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

The Second Sunday of Easter or the Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Regular Mass of Masses at our Partnering Parishes

Plus

Special Devotions at St. Charles Borromeo Church:

12:00 Noon Exposition and Adoration

2:00-3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction

4:00pm Mass

Jesus, I trust in You!

O Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen. **Jesus, I trust in You!**

What is the message of Divine Mercy?

The message of Divine Mercy is nothing new, just a reminder of what the Church has always taught: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But, in the Divine Mercy Devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone—especially the greatest sinners: The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy (Diary of St. Faustina, 723).

The main elements of this devotion are trust and deeds of mercy.

Here is a simple way to remember the message of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

Be Merciful to Others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely Trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

April 28, 2024 -A Day of Sacraments

The Celebration of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for the Children of our Partnering Parishes on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the 10:00 A.M Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. We are happy to have Most Reverend John J. McIntyre, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as our Principal Celebrant and homilist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive these Sacraments.

Easter Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The Jesus story might have become a popular Greek tragedy written and staged sometime late in the first century. Or it might have become a Roman version written by a famous playwright of the time who based his production on many conversations he had had with a friend in the Legion that guarded Palestine. All of this flows from a tale that went from Bethlehem to Calvary and ended with His death on a Friday afternoon.

But neither of those would ever be composed because of the marvelous wonder that took place on "The Third Day." In fact the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb made that one "the Day of days" and so it has remained such ever since.

What are we Christians to make of it in this largely apathetic mostly anti-Christian world of the twenty-first century that we inhabit? One option is to tone down the excitement or hide behind a festival of rabbits, chicks and chocolate covered coconut eggs. Put the accent on Springtime and multi-colored flowers in bright baskets. Or a fine ham dinner.

The other option, preferred by people of genuine faith, is to rejoice once again at the plan of God and His decision to include us in the mix of once-dead cells of the Mystical Body now capable of vibrant and never ending life. To live it in a kingdom St. Paul once described in one of his Letters as wonderful beyond our senses to conceive.

That rejoicing need not be expressed in a lively dance with the clapping of hands, although that would not be a bad thing in itself. Rather for most of us the joy is mostly felt inward. A peace that permeates our outlook for our future. That even spreads through our vital organs urging us to recognize that this lowly body of ours will one day be glorified to be like our Savior's.

Our inquisitive minds might want more information than the gospels give us. But our hearts will know that the God who knows all things will let us know and experience His kingdom with just the right amount of peace to fill our capacity to the brim.

Meanwhile, we renew our trust in Him. His resurrection is the endorsement by God the Father and the Holy Spirit of everything Jesus said and did; every command He gave and demand He made. Best for us to know them and observe them, and not be deceived by secularism, materialism and every other "ism" out there in the world of darkness. The Light has returned, even brighter than before. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Say the Word

"Level 7, leave your cell phones on the table while we go over to the Church for Confession." I had to say it three or four times, but as they were all using their phones, they couldn't say they didn't have a phone with them:). Then I explained why. "Your phones are always listening to you, and what you say during Confession is private, just between you and God. You don't want your phone listening in!"

Lent is a time of conversion of heart, and an important part of conversion is turning away from our sin and healing the wounds caused by them. Confession is a great gift in this respect. The other part of conversion is turning towards God. This often happens through an invitation from one of God's messengers. We see a beautiful example of this in the Easter Sunday Gospel. When St. Peter and St. John heard from St. Mary Magdalene that Jesus was missing from the tomb, they ran to the tomb, turning away from their sin of deserting Jesus and running toward Him. Is God calling you to be a Mary Magdalene - turning away from sin and leading others to Jesus?

Prayers for PREP

Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen Lord, please send Your Holy Spirit into my heart and show me who in my life needs to hear the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Then give me the courage to share with them how You have changed my heart. Amen

AN EASTER PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of eternal salvation that we get to celebrate on Easter morning. Your love is so great! Come close to me and renew my mind to let go of everything I've held on to that hinders me and entangles me. I ask you to draw near to me as I draw near to you and purify my heart.

Thank you for being the example of mercy when you ministered to and saved a thief while you suffered your own death. Your love covers a multitude of sins! I repent of my sins and ask you to cover me with your love and help me love others deeply.

Help me to forgive those who have offended me and give me the courage to bless my enemies.

Thank you for the anchoring of peace the Cross gives us. When difficult times find me, help me keep my eyes on you. Help me calm and quiet my soul so I can find full contentment in You alone.

Thank you for the promise of joy and the restoration to the Father through the work of the Cross. Let me remember to take active steps in rejoicing together in fellowship with family and friends. May we never forget the good works You have done in our lives.

I praise you that you are the gift of HOPE. Nothing can separate me from your love for not even death could do it. I love you, Jesus!
Amen!

Celebrating the Eight Days of Easter

We celebrate Easter each day this week. We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection. In the early Church, the newly baptized would be at each liturgy this week, wearing their white garments. We go through our everyday lives this week conscious of the "white garments" we all wear. We are renewed as a priestly people, committed with Jesus to give our lives for others. The resurrection stories, which we read this week, come from communities that are proclaiming the good news. The tomb is empty - Jesus' tomb and every tomb that tries to claim us in death. These are not believers who, in their deep desire, just made up the resurrection. These are people who can hardly believe what they are seeing and experiencing. They, like us now, had trouble recognizing his presence with them. We let the prayers of this Easter week draw us into the joy. Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible **fear of death**.



April 6-7 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday." We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith.

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said, "*I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.*"

[Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)

www.praydevinemeracy.com

You can also find a virtual Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the Sacred Heart website