

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 9, 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

Rev. Paul Stenson,  
*Retired Priest in Residence*

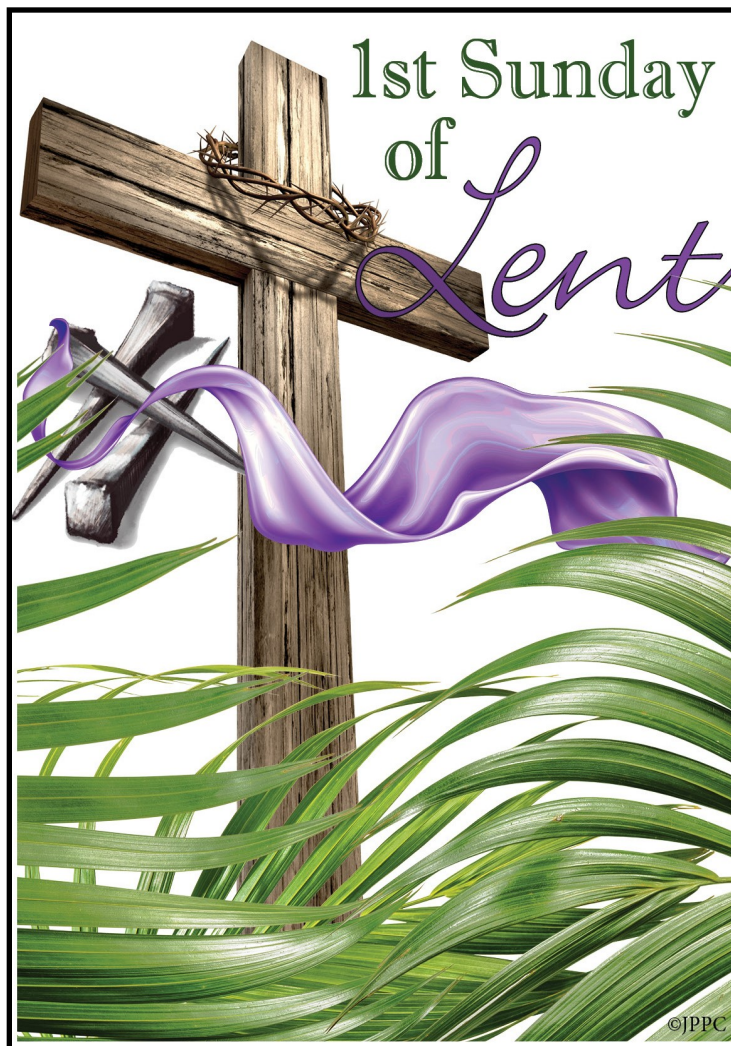
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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30AM to 3:30PM  
*Remotely Monday, Wednesday, Friday*  
*In parish office Tuesday and Thursday*

**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) Aleksandra Danicki Of Jadwiga Szanc

### Sunday, March 9

7:30AM Wayne Rogers Of Marge Lagana

### Monday, March 10

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, March 11

8:30AM Louis Pontarelli Of Crawford family

### Wednesday, March 12

8:30AM Rose Marie Fair Of John & Janet

### Saturday, March 15

4:00PM (Vigil) Michael Black Of Mary Coll

### Sunday, March 16

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

### 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.

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### Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 8-9

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson  
7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

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



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 15-16

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros  
7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

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



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

### Weekday & Weekend OPEN Mass Intentions

May 27, 28, 29 (Noon)

June 4, 24,

### 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

### 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. From Matthew's Gospel: **Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me.** When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout the diocese throughout Philadelphia.

### 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 2, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	39	\$1,803.00
Loose		819.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,622.00</b>
Save Our Parish		629.00
Loose		224.00

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

#### St. Hedwig Church:

Dear Parishioners: I write for the fifth time to inform you of the next phase for St. Hedwig Church. Therefore, with the advice and support of our pastoral and financial councils, I am asking Archbishop Perez's permission to begin the process of having St. Hedwig Church relegated to profane but not sordid use. As used in the Code of Canon Law, relegating to 'profane' use means that the building would no longer serve as a sacred space that is dedicated to Catholic worship. If the Archbishop ultimately agrees to relegate the building, it is possible that it would be sold to a new owner. If you have any questions or concerns about this process moving forward, please contact me at Sacred Heart Rectory. Respectfully yours,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros

### How to Lent Sign up

<https://daily.formed.org/lent>

*Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.*

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.



**The Annual St. Charles St. Patrick's Day Social**  
**Saturday, March 15th from 6PM-9PM.** Tickets will be available in the vestibule of St. Charles Church following the 10AM Mass and at both Sacred Heart and St. Charles Rectory Offices during regular office hours. This is a BYOB event. Soft drinks will be served. The cost for tickets is: \$20.00—Adults and \$10.00—Children ten and under

**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)*

#### Pre-Cana

**St Gabriel's in Norwood PA.**  
**The second Friday of each month**

**Our next class will be on March 14, 2025, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.**

#### 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).

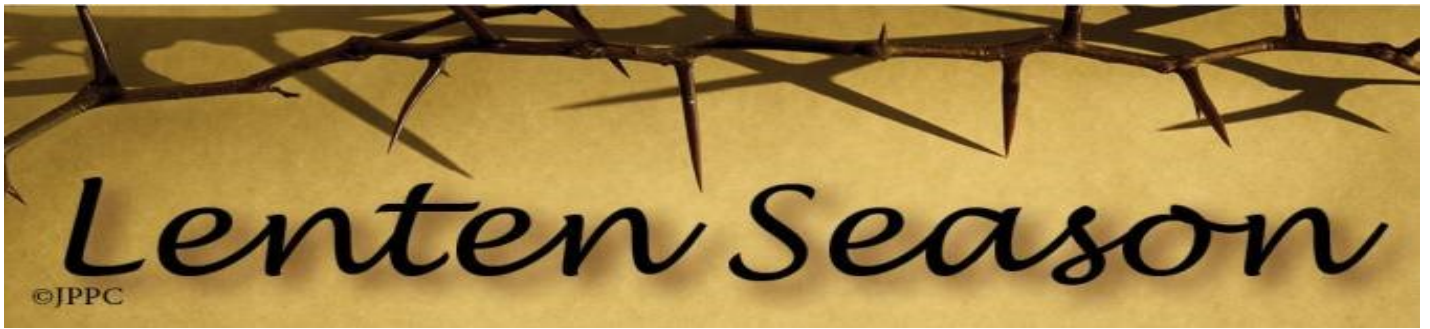
This event is for anyone passionate about the environment and Care for Creation. Featuring speakers and discussions on sustainability, energy conservation, clean water, and biodiversity, the summit is guided by Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum. Learn how you can reduce your utility 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





**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**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church**

**Friday's at 7PM March 14, 21**

*You may join us for Prayer and a Simple Lenten Meal  
5:15P.M.-6:15P.M. in the Parish Hall*

**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)*

**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 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.

**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.

**The First Week of Lent**

It is wonderful to see the early weeks of Lent as a catechism for those who are on a journey toward Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Each liturgy offers a new "lesson in the faith" for these new believers. Viewed this way, Lent can be a journey of renewal in faith for us all. We listen, with the hearts of children, learning old lessons, as though for the first time. And each day, we pray these special prayers that simply help us keep turning to God for the graces we need for the day. Throughout the day, we find moments, perhaps "in the background" while we are doing other things, that help us remember what we are asking for. Our desire grows as we make changes to our daily patterns. As we make sacrifices, in order to experience freedom from self-directed needs, we also experience a freedom for other-directed love and generosity.

**Lenten Patterns: Praying**

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps you haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. You can start by simply pausing when you get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what you have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. You may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give yourself some time alone to read the readings for the day. You may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. You may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier to reflect a bit. Lent may be a time you choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires your naming and asking for, the graces your are being given.

## First Sunday Of Lent

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Climate change is a nagging issue of our time that resists dismissal. Of course it has little impact on most of our daily lives. It is an objective idea, outside us, and we don't usually give it much thought. It remains, however, as something requiring a personal assessment from us. We cannot remain neutral.

On the other hand, temptation to sin by disobeying God and His plan for us is one issue we cannot ignore. It is internal; quite personal and very important. How we handle it is linked to our ultimate destination.

Why is this so? The bible is clear with the answer. Our human race is damaged. Damaged by the deliberate decision of our first parents to disobey a rather simple command of the God who made them. Having already provided them with clear intellects and delightful surroundings, God only gave them one little rule: do not eat the fruit of one certain tree among all the others in the garden.

Satan, self-chosen enemy of God, decides to fight God by luring Adam and Eve to disobey God by weaving a web of lies about the fruit of that tree. Sadly, he succeeds. Instantly our race became one of sinners. But God, in His loving goodness, offers hope to the pair. He will send them a Person who will repair the damage.

You and I are the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, redeemed for ultimate union with God, adopted children of God via our baptism. Yet we must pass a test of our own. Call it our "temptations." Sometimes they are small, no bigger than a candy bar lifted sneakily from the shelf at a Wawa convenience store. At other times they are very large, like casually ignoring a divine command and a Catholic Church precept to participate in Mass on the Lord's Day.

However clever we can be at rationalizing what we know deep down are wrong choices, in the end our consciences will not leave us alone. We are, after all, made for God, and as St. Augustine famously wrote: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord."

Fortunately, we have our hero, Jesus Christ. Like us in all things but sin, He faced the same three most powerful temptations of power, wealth and fame that we do. Satan still wants us to be on his side. Jesus, on the other hand only asks that we try our live like He did. He knows our struggles. If we do our best, He promised to give us His best. That will include an eternity where the climate is perfect.

God love you and let Lent improve you.

**Mary Mother of Captives** is a support group for those coping with a loved one in prison. The group meets every second Thursday of the month in the St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill, PA at 7PM. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 13th**. For more information, please contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org). Attendees remain confidential.

#### **Visit the imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal**

In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pals are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more information ,please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

### 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!

As an incentive, we are offering a discount rate of **\$10.00** (until 3/10/25) which will include the retreat, lunch and a free T-shirt. After 3/10/25, tickets are \$20.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact [sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com](mailto:sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com).

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