third sunday of easter ~ may 4, 2025 Sacred Heart Parísh

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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.

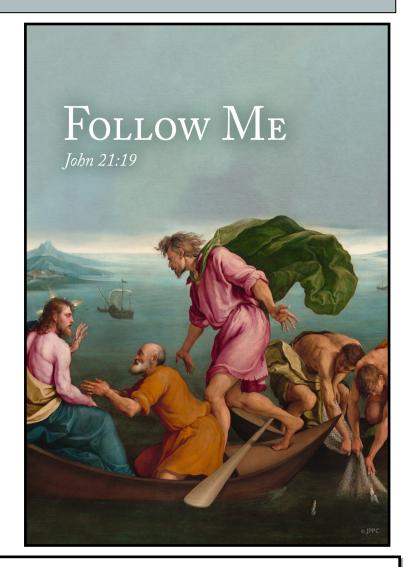
Sunday Schedule Of Masses Sacred Heart (Vigil) 4:00PM, 7:30AM St. Charles Borromeo 10:00AM, 4:00PM

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

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Dear Church Family,

May 4, 2025

May 4th is the Third Sunday of Easter—a time for us to deepen the mystery of the Resurrection of the Lord in our lives and bring His special grace to everyone we meet, and everything we say and do.

We commemorate Saint Peregrine, Patron Saint of victims of cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases. The lesson of Peregrine's life is not that God worked a miracle, but that a faithful, trustful servant placed himself, unconditionally, in the hands of our Lord. Peregrine's trust in God can be a model for us in dealing with the pain, sickness and crosses of our lives. Saint Peregrine, pray for us!

The Month of May

May is a perfect time to renew our tradition and dedicate ourselves, our families, our Church, and world to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through the ages, Mary, the Mother of God has been a faithful advocate and helper to all her children.

Throughout the month of May try to

-Pray the rosary as a family and meditate on the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of Our Lord through the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

-Make the Five First Saturdays to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary's request when she appeared at Fatima, Portugal, 1917.

-Pray one of the Litanies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

-Do the 33 days in preparation of a formal Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

-Consider joining the Legion of Mary which meets every Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries.

-Join fellow parishioners in the Cenacle of the Flame of Love Devotions, Thursday evenings, 6pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 is MOTHER'S DAY! LET US HONOR, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AS OUR MOTHER! We will crown the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child at both of our Churches at all the Masses, make a Personal Act of Consecration, and sing the Hail Holy Queen. Weather permitting, we can crown the BVM Statues outside in the SH and SCB Grottos. You are encouraged to bring floral tributes to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to seek her help and protection for our families, Church, and world.

May Mary's prayer for us, the gift of a mother's love, be for us, a joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart, draw God's Holy Spirit to rest on us, her children. Amen. God bless,

Rev. Marge George a Thajoron

Third Sunday of Easter Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Let's face the fact: God believes in second chances. Throughout history, the concept of a second chance has captivated hearts and minds, reminding us that redemption is always within reach. That is another "plus" for us who desire it as we live out our days on earth. The bible tells of several "second chance people" whose lives took unexpected turns, often leading them down paths fraught with mistakes. Samson and David come to mind from the pages of the Old Testament. But for us today the spotlight falls on St. Peter, the man featured in two of our three Readings for today's Mass.

We read of Peter's denial transformed into steadfast leadership of the Church. As we delve deeper into his remarkable tale, I think we can take encouragement and enjoy the Holy Spirit's inspiration that lets us embrace our own imperfections and even seek new beginnings in our own lives. After all, Peter is a saint and our first pope!

We know that Peter was one of Our Lord's closest disciples. Yet he was also a person who experienced a major failure in loyalty to Christ. You remember Holy Thursday night in the High priest's courtyard. "I tell you I do not know the man!" Peter swore to the maid. As Bishop Sheen put it: "Judas got His lips, but Peter got His eyes." With that, Peter wept bitterly. This is the same impetuous man who had confidently declared that he would never deny Jesus, even if it meant facing death. However, when the moment of testing came, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times as Jesus was arrested and taken to trial. That denial was not just a failure of courage, but a deep betrayal of the One he had vowed to follow. Awful! But that is truly you and me when we sin.

But what do we read or hear today? That after Jesus' resurrection, Peter's shame and regret were met grace! In one of the most moving scenes in the New Testament, Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love Me? –mirroring the three times Peter had denied Him. With each response, Jesus restored Peter and gave him a new mission to "feed His sheep" and continue the work of spreading the Gospel, as he does courageously before the Sanhedrin in today's excerpt from Acts. "I shall obey God rather than men and continue to preach His name!"

So, today's main takeaway is this: Our failures do not define us! Jesus offers forgiveness, restoration and purpose even after our worst moments of betrayal. This is the Gospel. And today He comes to us in Holy Communion. Does God believe in second chances? Count your own number and answer the question, if you will. God love you and give you His peace.

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Paul & Claudia Fagioli Of Hartel family Sunday, May 4

7:30AM Enrico & Rita Iannacone Of Family

Monday, May 5 8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Tuesday, May 6 8:30AM Vincent Salute Of Family Wednesday, May 7 8:30AM All Souls

<u>Saturday, May 10</u>

4:00PM (Vigil) Living & Deceased Mothers of Sacred Heart Parish <u>Sunday, May 11</u> 7:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers of Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches will be open Monday through Friday 9:00A.M to 12:00 Noon

Open Mass Intentions

July 22

August 2, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15 (7PM), 23, 26, 27

September 2, 10, 17

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.





Candles for the Month of May

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

Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 3-4

Sacred Heart

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

St. Charles Borromeo10:00AMFr. Stenson4:00PMFr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of May 10-11

Sacred Heart 4:00PM Fr. Stenson 7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros 4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Candles for the month are \$20.00 Mass Intentions are \$10.00

Call the Rectory at 610-623-0409 if interested.

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. For more information, please email <u>marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org</u> or contact John or Sue at 610-259-3178. Attendees remain confidential.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

www.praydevinemercy.com

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



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.

Collection - April 27, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	35	\$1,030.00
Loose		<u>388.00</u>
Total		1,418.00
Easter		430.00
Mothers Day		189.00
Loose		169.00

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.

You are welcome to bring flowers to honor the Blessed Mother all through the month. The church is open 9-12 daily or you may leave them daily or over the weekend before Mass begins.



Frozen Pierogi Available at Sacred Heart Rectory \$9.00 per dozen Call the rectory at 610-623-0409 for pick-up

Sacred Heart is collecting only "NEW" (not used) infants clothing & accessories for new born babies.

Please place your donations in the bassinet as soon as you enter the Church.

> We are starting Saturday, April 26th and ending Saturday, May 31st

These women choose to not have an abortion. Let's support them by help clothe their babies!

Suggested Items for Baby: Please note that our babies are only with us until they are 6 months old.

Baby Formula (Similac Advance and Sensitive) powder or ready to feed Diapers (Sizes NB, 3, 4, 5, 6) Wipes (Unscented) **Baby** Lotion Baby Wash Strap on Baby Carriers New and gently used Baby Clothing (Sizes Newborn; 3-6; 6-9: 9-12: 18-24) No toddler sizes New Receiving Blankets Crib Sheets, new only New bibs Undershirts/Onesies (Sizes Newborn; 3-6; 6-9; 9-12; 18-24) Socks Laundry Detergent (Dreft or unscented) Infant strollers Humidifiers Infant rear-facing carseats

St. Anthony and The Infant Jesus

St. Anthony, your love for the infant Jesus made him present for you to see and hold in your arms. Help us to see and cherish Jesus in all children of the world. Move us to feed and clothe Jesus in the children of the poor and care for him in all unwanted, abused, neglected and abandoned children. And lead us, for Jesus' sake, to reverence and protect human life always from its first beginning to its end.

Holy Hours For The Papal Conclave

Sunday, May 4

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Philadelphia 5:30PM—Basilica- English

Monday, May 5

St. Mary Magdalen, Media-7:30PM in Adoration Chapel English

Tuesday, May 6 St. Katharine Drexel, Chester-7:00PM -English, Spanish

Wednesday, May 7 Sacred Heart, Clifton Heights, 11:00AM - English

Please Note: St. Charles Borromeo Rectory is now CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY 092-4

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Heart to Heart: Archdiocesan Gathering of Young Adult Women 2025 Saturday, June 7, 2025

As Catholic young adult women living in the modern world, there are many voices that try to obstruct the beauty of our identity as women. Yet, we know that we have been given a special call as woman and daughters of God! One of the most amazing ways to be encouraged in this truth is to be surround by a community of sisters in Christ, letting heart speak to heart. The theme for the 2025 gathering is Daughterhood! "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you" (Matthew 9:22). Our speakers and panelists will unpack this topic of how our truest identity is found as daughter of Christ.

Register: <u>secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Xt9rXW</u> Contact: hearttoheartya@gmail.com



Registration for Quo Vadis 2025 is now open! Join us ~ June 23 - June 26.

Quo Vadis is a 4-day, 3-night camp for high school men filled with great talks and activities, lots of fun and many prayer opportunities and takes place from June 23 - June 26. Held at BlackRock Retreat Center, this camp is facilitated by the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians. **The registration deadline is May 23, 2025**. Visit: Heedthecall.org/ QuoVadis

Dear Friends of Camp Guadalupe,

Together with our partners at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Media, PA, we are happy to announce that Camp Guadalupe registration for 2025 is now open!

Please join us for another fun week of play, music, art and learning about our Catholic faith!

Campers - ages 4-12 Teen Volunteers a.k.a. "Prayer Warriors" - ages 13-17 Adult Volunteers - ages 18+ (with required clearances)

CAMP GUADALUPE JUNE 23-27, 2025 ST. MARY MAGDALEN, MEDIA, PA Register Now! at <u>livingbridges.org</u>

Pre-Cana at St Gabriel's in Norwood PA The second Friday of each month. 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If interested, please call St Gabriel's Rectory at 610-586-1225.

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 chose to companion with a spiritual director during the week or participate without spiritual direction.

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

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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.



"A patient is a person, no matter how small." William Lile, M.D.

The most amazing and heartwarming presentation ever delivered by a pro-life physician!

Friday, May 9, 2025 7:00 - 8:30 PM Saints Simon & Jude Church 8 Cavanaugh Court West Chester, PA

The Pro - Life Doc

Dr. Bill Lile (rhymes with smile 😳) is an OB/GYN from Pensacola, Florida, with a website at www.ProLifeDoc.org. In videos, diagrams and words, which are medically accurate and layman-understandable, Dr. Lile tells the amazing story of the extensive life-saving and life-enhancing surgeries and other treatments on children in the womb that he and other medical professionals routinely accomplish, with current updates on these now born children. Almost all who see and hear Dr. Lile believe that his presentation of the pro -life message is the best that they have ever seen or heard. By clearly demonstrating that children in the womb are medical patients, Dr. Lile presents a powerful argument that all these children deserve to be welcomed in life and protected by law. There is no charge for the event, a free will offering will be requested. Registration and donations are encouraged by visiting https://chescoprolife.org/