

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 2, 2023

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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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. Hedwig Chapel 9:15AM (Rosary before Mass)
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

3:00PM- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00P.M. – Holy Hour

First Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo

8:30AM Morning Mass
Exposition, Devotions, Confession, Benediction

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:45PM

Easter Sunday

10:00A.M.

Please Note: NO 4PM Mass

Sacred Heart Church

7:30A.M., 12Noon

St. Hedwig Chapel

9:15A.M.

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM (Vigil) Alexander Oleykowski Of
Nenita Heverling & family

Sunday, April 2

7:30AM Grassa & Kaminski Grandparents Of
Family

Monday, April 3

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 4

8:30AM Mary Ryan Of Patti Schnell

Wednesday, April 5

8:30AM Joseph Kane Of Theresa Czerwinski

Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday

12:00 Noon Blessing of the Food

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Ludwik Danicki Of Alexandra &
Helen Danicki

12:00 Noon Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio &
Karen Flower Of D'Orazio Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, April 2

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowlaski

Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Blessing of the Food

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

9:15AM Jane & Frank Sontowski Of Kathy &
Sam Oller

Parish Office Hours

Holy Thursday April 6

The parish office will close at 12:00 Noon

Good Friday April 7

The parish office will be **CLOSED**

Easter Monday April 10

The parish office will be **CLOSED**



Candles for the Month of April Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

Candles for the Month of April

Nancy Tokarowski & Eugene
Bush

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Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 1-2

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 8-9

Sacred Heart

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

12:00 Noon Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

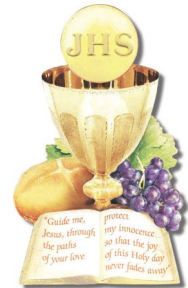
9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

7:45PM Vigil Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. McGowan

No 4:00PM Mass



Celebrants Are Subject To Change



Flame of Love Holy Hour Thursday evenings

6:30-7:30PM

Saint Charles Borromeo Church

*All are welcome to join as we
pray for the intentions of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

You can still subscribe to receive texts from
Archbishop Perez weekly for the rest of the year!

Text **goforth** to 84576 or go to
www.phillydisciples.org/goforth

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. All donations to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal can be sent directly to the following address: Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Charities Appeal, P.O. Box 95000, Philadelphia, PA 19195-4710. Visit www.catholiccharitiesapeal.org for more details .

Paul Stenson's Homilies

If you would like to receive a copy of Fr. Stenson's
weekly homilies Email: P_Stenson@yahoo.com

Dear Church Family:

Today is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. We celebrate and commemorate Our Lord Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. All the four Gospels speak about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and how the people shouted His praises. For us, it marks the beginning of Holy Week and those very special days of the Sacred Triduum which bring us great grace even today.

The Sacred Triduum: The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Sacred Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Although chronologically they are three separate days, they are liturgically one day which unfolds the Paschal Mystery of Christ's love for us. It marks the end of the Lenten season and propels us to the Mystery of Easter—both the Solemn Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Although the days of the Sacred Triduum are not Holy Days of Obligation, they offer us graced-filled moments revealing God's great love in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of His Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I strongly encourage you and your family to come and celebrate Holy Thursday, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church. In this time of the Eucharistic Revival, come and renew your love and reverence for His Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, and for the gift of the Priesthood. After the evening Mass, take part in the ancient custom of visiting at least three Churches that evening, recalling the Lord's prayer in the Mount of Olives and His unjust arrest. St. Charles Borromeo Church will remain open to 10PM.

Good Friday is a Day of Fast (limit to one full meal and 2 smaller meals) and Abstinence from meat. We fast and abstain to honor Christ's Crucifixion and Death, and to show by our sacrifice that we will never forget His tremendous love that gives us the hope of our salvation. **Come and take part in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3PM at St., Charles Borromeo Church and contemplate His Cross -a constant reminder of His love for us.**

Holy Saturday---there is no Mass until the Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:45PM. It is a day that we continue to observe the fast and abstinence from Good Friday as we quietly reflect on the Lord's Passion and Death and make final preparations to celebrate Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, the Solemn Feast of feasts, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, who conquered sin and death. Come to Holy Mass and renew your Baptismal Promises so that you can be a more faithful missionary disciple of the Lord spreading His joy and hope in our world today!

Continue to bask in the light of God's eternal love by coming to Church every Sunday (or at the anticipated Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings). Sunday, April 16, 2023, is the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy. We will celebrate the First Holy Communion of 11 children from our Partnering Parishes at the 10am Mass. We will also have special Divine Mercy Devotions beginning at 12Noon to 3pm that day as well.

God bless,

Monsignor George A. Majoros

Say the Word

"You'll be there? Oh good, I'll know someone!" This response, from one Confirmation student to another, illustrates the universal desire to belong. From families to classes to friend groups, from office culture to Churches, we all want to belong. This is because we are made in the image and likeness of God, Who is Three Persons in One God.

Part of our mission as a PREP family is help our young people know and experience that they belong and are loved in the Catholic Church. The main exemplars and witnesses of this love and belonging are our catechists and classroom aides. Last weekend they had a chance to join with other leaders in faith formation in our Archdiocese for a *Catechetical Convocation*, where their own faith was nourished and they were given the opportunity to experience the larger faith family of which they are a part. Being a catechist/aide is a calling from the Lord to share the faith handed on to you. We invite all our parishioners to ask God where He is calling them to share the gift of faith. Perhaps He is asking you to fill in an empty seat at the next Catechetical Convocation!

Prayers for PREP

Jesus, Our Savior, as You prepared for Your Passion, You spent Your last week on earth teaching by word and example. We beg You to pour out grace on our catechetical family as we seek to follow You in building up the family of faith. Amen.



MASSES
Monday, Tuesday &
Wednesday at 8:30AM
April 3, April 4, April 5
Sacred Heart Church

CONFESSIONS

Monday, April 3rd

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church
1:00-2:00P.M. and 7:00-8:00P.M.

Tuesday, April 4th

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church
1:00-2:00P.M. and 7:00-8:00P.M.

Good Friday, April 7th

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church
11:00A.M.-12:00P.M.

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church
11:00-12Noon
Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church
3:00-4:00P.M.

Into The BREACH For Men

April 3, April 10, April 17 Morning Session: 6:30am.-
7:30am. Sacred Heart Rectory OR Evening
Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

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
If you choose to use the Rice Bowl boxes
PLEASE NO COINS.

Good Friday Collection

Each year the Holy Father invites Catholics to support fellow Christians and sacred shrines in the Holy Land

As Catholics commemorate Jesus' passion on Good Friday, the Vatican is asking us to support the church in the Holy Land with their prayers, financial contributions and possibly by making a pilgrimage. The global Holy Land Collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on **Good Friday, April 7**. Funds gathered support young families, parishes, seminaries, schools, hospitals and clinics, refugees and small businesses.

EASTER Triduum



April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday

7:00P.M. – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Church will remain open until 10PM.

April 7, 2023, Good Friday

9:00A.M. – Morning Prayer at St. Charles Borromeo Church
11:00-12:00P.M – Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo
12Noon – Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo
3:00P.M. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion with the distribution of Holy Communion at St. Charles Borromeo
2:00P.M. – Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo
12:00-2:00PM . – Lamentations and Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig
7:00P.M. – Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart

April 8, 2023, Holy Saturday

9:00A.M. – Morning Prayer at St. Charles Borromeo
10:00AM -Blessing of Food at *St. Hedwig Chapel*
11:00-12Noon – The Sacrament of Penance at Sacred Heart
12Noon – Blessing of Food at Sacred Heart
3:00-4:00P.M. – The Sacrament of Penance at St. Charles Borromeo

EASTER SCHEDULE

7:45P.M. – Solemn Easter Vigil at
St. Charles Borromeo Church

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

Sacred Heart Church

7:30A.M.

12Noon

St. Hedwig Chapel

9:15A.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:00A.M.

NO 4P.M.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as your act of praise to God for all HE has given you.

Sacred Heart– March 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	49	\$1,466.00
Loose		<u>185.00</u>
Total		1,651.00
Easter Flowers		92.00
Ash Wednesday		4.00
Parish Maintenance		5.00
Loose		148.00

St. Hedwig - March 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	24	\$692.00
Loose		<u>195.00</u>
Total		887.00
Easter Flowers		60.00
Parish Maintenance		10.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously as we struggle to make ends meet please pray about what you might be able to do, given your own needs, to continue your parish support by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

Let's Generate Fun At Our Partnering Parishes

Purpose: Bring us together, strengthen our Catholic faith, and have good times with good friends!

For instance: Pancake Breakfast; Spaghetti Dinner, Dances and other social events that we can plan.

Please share your thoughts and level of interest by contacting:

rectory@scbdh.org
Attention: Tony Antonio

Palm Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I take my cue this most solemn weekend from a little book mostly unknown outside of priestly circles called "The Or-do." As you might guess, the name means "order." It means in this case the proper order for the Liturgy of the given day, in both the Liturgy of the Hours and the Mass. For this Palm Sunday, it tells the priest or deacon that "for pastoral reasons, one or both Readings before the Gospel may be omitted." In one sense, that is sad, owing to the appropriate beauty of today's first two Readings. But the Passion Narrative, this year from Matthew, has such central importance for Holy Week that it commands our focus.

Allow me to add that "pastoral reasons" may be a kind way of describing potential chaos and frayed tempers in the church parking lot as the Masses are longer than usual and the time between celebrations shortens. All things considered, it behooves the celebrant also to be brief with his homily. It may well be that his thoughts could interfere with those of the congregation.

My own handling of the matter is to invite the congregation to be seated (if they had been standing), relax and close their eyes (to be free of external distractions) and for a few minutes to think about what they just heard.

For the sake of brevity, then, I close these thoughts so that you can profit from your own. Have a spiritually profitable Holy Week.

God love you and give you His peace.

**Today marks Jesus triumphal
entry into Jerusalem**

It is also the beginning of Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Also known as Passion Sunday, this Sunday before Easter remembers Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem near the end of a public ministry spent almost entirely outside Israel's capital city. When Jesus entered the city with his entourage, people laid palm branches on the road before him and greeted him as the long-awaited Messiah, shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Their celebrating didn't last long. As they heard his teachings and saw his behavior, both religious leaders and people on the streets turned against Jesus. Within days, the adoring crowds were shouting, "Crucify him!" Each Gospel relates the next few days differently, but the common elements are:

* Jesus entered Jerusalem and began to teach the people about the Kingdom of God and the leaders about their hypocrisy and God's coming judgment;

* He threw money-changers out of the Temple and sparked a growing conspiracy against him; he shared a "last supper" with his friends;

* He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, one of his key disciples; and, after being arrested, was handed over to the Roman authorities for execution as an enemy of Caesar. Palm Sunday worship typically begins with a Procession of Palms and then moves on to chronicle the rest of the week with a somber reading of the Passion Gospel in which the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus are on full display and Christians are reminded that their faith originates in Jesus' humble submission to death on a cross. Worship typically ends in silence, and the stage is set for Holy Week.