

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ APRIL 9, 2023

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. 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

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. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday

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, April 9 Easter Sunday

7:30AM Ludwik Danicki Of Alexander & Helen Danicki

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

Monday, April 10

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 11

8:30AM Tom Cunniffe

Wednesday, April 12

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, April 15

4:00PM Stasia Oleykowski Of Elizabeth Ziolkowska

Sunday, April 16

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

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

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

Sunday, April 16

9:15AM Henry P. & Regina E. Bienkowski Of Maxine & family

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

Have a Blessed, Healthy, Peaceful and Happy Easter

The parish office
will be **CLOSED**
Easter Monday April 10



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 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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 15-16

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

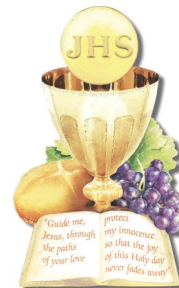
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St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Sperger

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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

Into The BREACH For Men

Two Sessions Remain

April 10, April 17 Morning Session: 6:30am.-7:30am.

Sacred Heart Rectory OR Evening

Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

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 Wufsus 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!

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.

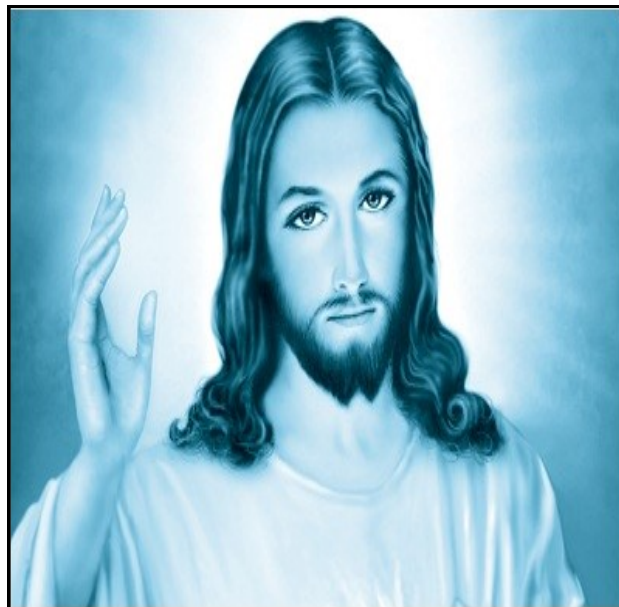
Thank you for being the example of mercy when you ministered to and saved a thief while you suffered your own death. Your love covers a multitude of sins! I repent of my sins and ask you to cover me with your love and help me love others deeply.

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!



April 15-16, 2023

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

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.

Say the Word

"I do not make that decision in my household," the first-grader said. Who makes the decisions in your household? For some decisions, we look to the head of the household - mom, dad, grandma, etc. For some decisions, we look to our boss or to a faith leader for guidance. Ultimately, as a Christian, we have to decide how we will respond to Christ's invitation. A few years ago, when I was doing door-to-door visitation, I met a man who was baptized Catholic but not practicing his faith. We had a short conversation, but nothing phenomenal. Three years later I met him again and he said that after our conversation, he was reflecting on how much the Church was under attack in our society. He felt like he was being called to make a decision, whether to be a Christian in earnest or to walk away. He chose to embrace his faith and walk with Our Lord. Praise God!

Each of us is called to make such a decision. What is your answer?

Prayers for PREP

"If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods of consumerism, or the gods of the self-aggrandizement and technocracy, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Amen. (adapted from Joshua 24:15)

Easter Sunday

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

On a day not long ago, I happened to be stopped at a red light behind a large dump truck. There it was, filling my windshield and blocking any forward view, belching out its air brakes and plastered all over on its tailgate were red and yellow reflectors. High up on the top of its tailgate, were these words professionally printed: "It is what it is." Call that what you will, for yours truly it was a sample of "Dump Truck philosophy."

That puzzling proclamation - "it is what it is" - came to mind as I pondered what to produce as a spiritual reflection for this "Feast of feasts." From day one, the secular world has sought to deny that it ever happened. Whatever it is, it certainly is the basis of our faith and simultaneously a test of it.

St. Peter's early sermon presented in Acts today "nails it", as we might say. Hear him again: *"this man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible."* John's gospel proclaims that this same Peter accompanied by the younger disciple, presumably John, "saw and believed."

Despite all of Our Lord's prior hints, together with His outright predictions of it, still "they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead." It makes me ask myself and you at this juncture, "Do we understand"?

Dear sisters and brothers, I think we do understand that Jesus had to rise. We conclude that if He had not, then Jesus' story winds up in the ash heap of historical fiction. His death makes no sense. Happily we benefit from the truth of it. The empty tomb holding nothing more than the burial linens, appeals to our minds. But our hearts rejoice from the truth that Jesus is risen, never to die again. His promises are stamped with approval by God the eternal Father. His preaching ratified by the Holy Spirit.

Even though we are not always the best proclaimers of it, we believe that Jesus' resurrection saves us from any persistent pessimism we may feel as we note the way evil seems to prosper. Our baptismal promises, made for most of us through our godparents, make sense as a way of life in response to Christ's promises so wonderfully kept.

So, with our Scriptures at hand and our faith in our hearts, revitalized by the Easter proclamation, and backed up by Christ's very Church, we can face any skeptics with the truth of what we have heard and seen. In simple terms, sometimes found in the unlikeliest of places: "It is what it is." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Hedwig Easter Food Collection

Special thanks to everyone who donated canned goods for those less fortunate. May God Bless You for all you do!

Dear Beloved 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday and the Celebration of First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for the Children of our Partnering Parishes will take place next Sunday, April 16, 2023, Divine Mercy Sunday, at the 10:00 A.M Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Our children have been preparing all year to receive Our Lord Jesus as the Bread of Life. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May they become what they eat—more like Christ!

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions for our Partnering Parishes are as follows 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!**