

Sacred Heart Parish

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

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

Sacred Heart 8:30AM Mon, Tues, Wed with the
Rosary following Mass
St. Charles 8:30AM Thurs, Fri, Sat

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

St. Charles (Vigils) 4:00 & 7:00PM, 8:30AM
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday
St. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday
St. Charles 4:30-5:15PM before Vigil,
6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday before 1st Friday.
And 9:15-10:00AM on the First Saturday of the
month

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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.

"Hallelujah, the God of joy comes among us."

"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 12, 2021

Rev. Msgr. George A. Majoros, M.Div., M.S., Pastor

Rev. Joseph S. Zaleski, Resident; Deacon John H. Farrell

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM + Anna Rabatin Of Children

Sunday, December 12

7:30AM + Frances Kaminska Of Family

Monday, December 13

8:30AM + Sook Hee Lee Of Sr. Lucia

Tuesday, December 14

8:30AM + Peter Ngai Nguyen Of wife, Maria

Wednesday, December 15

8:30AM - For the Health of Kristen Curray Of The Pyfer Family and The Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Saturday, December 18

4:00PM + Hilda Rizzo Of Betty McGehrin

Sunday, December 19

7:30AM + Margaret Wufsus Of Mark & Michael Wufsus

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, December 12

9:15AM + Tessie & Walter Kuchinski Of Judy Kuchinski

Sunday, December 19

9:15AM + Nancy Tokarowski

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 December

Sacred Heart

+Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

+ Thomas McGehrin

St. Hedwig

+ Walter Babicki, Jr. + Bill McCloskey

Candles for the month are \$20.00

All Mass Intentions are \$10.00

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA--TELEVISION MASS
Sunday mornings at 5:30AM: WPVI—Channel 6

Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 11-12

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Zaleski

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Zaleski

10:00AM Fr. Anderson

4:00PM Fr. Sperger



Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 18-19

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Zaleski

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Anderson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Sperger

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Zaleski



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.

Christmas Anticipation Prayer



Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

Third Sunday of Advent

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist. We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask: Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow.

The Third Sunday of Advent offers the practical advice of Saint John the Baptist in response to the question of the crowds, "What should we do?" (Luke 3: 10), in preparation for the Savior. The Baptist directs those experiencing his baptism to do tangible things, to treat their neighbors in concrete ways of charity and justice. This is in preparation for the One who is mightier and will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Likewise, we must ask ourselves the question, what should we do to prepare for the Birth of Jesus? Our preparation also must include tangible things—a renewed sense of conversion from sin, a greater awareness of God among us, and a focused concern for our neighbor. Nothing Compares to Being There reminds us that with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we receive in person the grace, the divine gift, to turn way from sin, to turn toward God, and to serve more generously our neighbor.

Say the Word

A snapshot of our Level Two Classroom from the Catechist: As I was introducing the students to the Advent Wreath, I explained how the circle of the wreath represents the eternity of God: He always was and always will be. Carter added the connection that God created everything, which led to a deep discussion of how God created us. Taylor said that "technically, we're all related because God is our Father." That opened a door for me to discuss how we're all children of God, we're brothers and sisters in Christ, we're a family of faith, etc. The children were looking around the classroom claiming themselves as brothers and sister...it was lovely! Then Mae ended the discussion by saying she was glad to finally have some sisters because she doesn't have any at home, but she already has enough brothers (as she threw her hands in the air in exasperation). It was perfect!

Prayers for PREP

Eternal Father, we thank you for this family of faith, which we entered into through our encounter with Christ in Baptism. May we always treat each brother and sister with respect and love, just as you love us. Amen.

Calendar Club Winners

November 15 (\$50) – Eileen Bradley
November 16 (\$50) – Mary Ann Dalessandro
November 17 (\$50) – Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt
November 18 (\$50) – Diane Horan
November 19 (\$50) – Eleanor Crane
November 20 (\$50) – Kathleen Kozak
November 21 (\$100)- Anne Marie Dolceamore
November 22 (\$50) – Louis A. Pontarelli
November 23 (\$50)-Anne Marie McGinnis
November 24 (\$50)-Antonia Pettineo
November 25 (\$250)-Anna Marie Cedrone

Calendar Club Winners

November 26 (\$50) – M/M Thomas J. Brown
November 27 (\$50) – Lou Volpe
November 28 (\$100) – B. Benedict
November 29 (\$50) – Lou Volpe
November 30 (\$50)- Maryellen Oxner
December 1 (\$50)- Robert Taylor
December 2 (\$50) – Justin Vent
December 3 (\$50) – English
December 4 (\$50) – Regina Kulick
December 5 (\$100) – Monica Townsend

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I've often felt sympathy for anyone new to our country who has to learn English "from scratch." Just take the case of those homonyms: words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Allow a clergyman's pet peeve here; the confusion of "alter" with "altar." The first describes the tailor's task changing the length of a pair of pants. The second refers to the sacred table used at worship. Sad to say, I have seen many publications over the years from respected Catholic sources who either skipped the proofreader or didn't realize their mistake and let an item get published with the error on bold display.

The issue of word meanings comes into play with the theme of this weekend's Scripture choices, namely "joy." It's not a matter of one word sounding like another as much as misunderstanding of the one word only. The First Reading, for example involves urging pilgrims returning from exile in Babylon to be joyful. That meant recognizing that Yahweh walks with them on their march homeward. Then comes St. Paul urging his Philippian community to rejoice in God's peace, which is a special joy.

The problem, even for people who are native English speakers, involves the frequent mixing of "joy" with "happiness." They are not the same. For our bible study and our spiritual lives, it is important to know the difference.

"Happiness" is rooted in the Middle English word "hap" or "luck." It is a matter of chance, not destined to last long. The happiness brought on by someone's good joke well told at a Christmas party. The happiness of Christmas morning with family. "Joy" however is different. It is lasting, truly permanent, arising from the deeper parts of our nature and God's design.

Living as I do now only a short car ride to the ocean makes a certain analogy come to the fore. You could say that happiness is a surface item, riding the waves where all the changing moods of the ocean happens, bringing unique sounds, temperature changes, smells and colors.

Joy is found way down deep near the seabed. It's not affected by storms or anything stirring the waves far above. It rarely changes. Particularly applicable comparison with the inevitable pain that comes like an unexpected wave in life, when trusting in the Lord is our only safeguard from despair.

At the bedside of a dying loved one, for example, there is scant happiness, but there can also be the comforting joy in believing our loved one is about to begin a new life in heaven with God.

It is joy that the Baptist brought into the world as Christ's precursor. A new time of salvation has finally come. God the Father's early promise made at Eden's gate has been kept. With it comes a deeply felt leap of the heart in a serene experience of joy.

As an annual "spelling lesson", I offer you this way of remembering joy: "J" is for "Jesus;" "Y" is for "you;" and the "O"? That's for "nothing in between."

God love you and give you His peace.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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National March for Life Friday January 21st, 2022, 1 pm National Mall, Washington DC

All are invited to the Philadelphia Pilgrims' Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception preceding the March for Life. Mass will begin at 10 am. Following Mass, all are invited to meet up and march behind our seminarians at the March for Life. To plan your trip, or to learn more, please visit our website or call the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500. To learn more: Visit our website: www.phillycatholiclife.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– December 5, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	48	\$1,812.00
Loose		<u>442.00</u>
Total		2,254.00
Loose		106.00
Retired Religious		420.00
Christmas Flowers		142.00
Immaculate Conception		30.00

St. Hedwig - December 5, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	32	\$1,575.00
Loose		<u>104.00</u>
Total		1,679.00
Retired Religious		137.00
Christmas Flowers		63.00
Immaculate Conception		120.00

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.

Decorating The Church For Christmas Wednesday, December 15

At 9:30AM

*(If there is a funeral we will
decorate after the service.)*



Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2022 to Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart chances are \$25.00 each. You choose a 3-digit number of your liking and watch the evening PA Lottery Drawing to see if you are a winner.

Extra forms in the church vestibule!

Christmas Wafer

Oplatki will be available in the Church Only

\$2.00 per pack

Please see Mark, our sexton, following Mass.

Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's



We will be accepting donations of non-perishable items for our food drive for Christmas.

Please see Phil or Gina. 092-5

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

The Partnering Parishes

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights and St. Charles
Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Regular Schedule

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights
All Saturdays at 3:00 -3:45P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill
All Saturdays at 4:30 -5:15P.M.

EXTRA TIMES

Monday, December 13, 2021
6:30P.M. – 8:00P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Wednesday, December 15, 2021
4:00-5:00 & 6:30-7:30P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Thursday, December 16, 2021
6:30P.M.-7:30P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Wednesday, December 22, 2021
1:00-2:00P.M. & 6:30-7:30P.M.

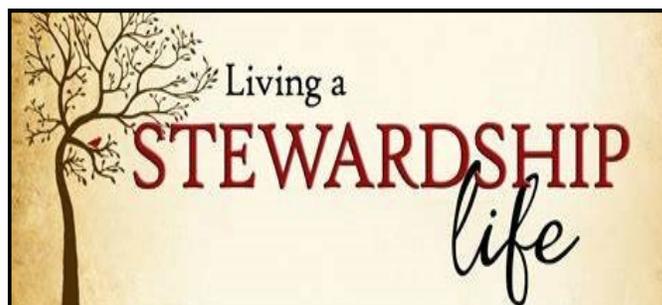
Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Thursday, December 23, 2021
1:00-2:00 & 6:30-7:30P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Friday, December 24, 2021
1:00-2:00P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill



Thank you to all those parishioners who have already donated to our Stewardship/Block mailing. The definition of Stewardship is giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

Each donation, whatever it may be, is very much appreciated. If you haven't already returned your donation, please do so before the end of this year.

If you would like to be included on the Sacred Heart **e-mail chain** for important updates or emergency issues please send your e-mail address to sacredheartchurch@rcn.com