

Sacred Heart Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 4, 2022

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

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

4:00PM (Vigil) Matthew Wufsus Of Family

Sunday, December 4

7:30AM The Grassa Family Of Henry Grassa & family

Monday, December 5

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 6

8:30AM Gary Schnell, Romeo D'Orazio & Karen Flower

Wednesday, December 7

8:30AM Claudia Fagioli Of Stella & Tom Pyfer & family

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

12:00Noon Vincent Ryan Of Tom & Helene Barrett

7:00PM Claudia Fagioli Of Perfetti family

Saturday, December 10

4:00PM (Vigil) William Cioci Of Tom & Janet DiCola & Family

Sunday, December 11

7:30AM Frances Kaminska Of Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, December 4

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Sunday, December 11

9:15AM Walter & Tessie Kuchinski Of Judy

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
- Health of Kristin Curry

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8, 2022

Holy Day Masses

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

Sacred Heart

12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 3-4

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr Sperger

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 10-11

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please give generously.



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.

Candles for the month are \$20.00 Mass Intentions for 2023 \$10.00

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

Decorating The Church For Christmas Wednesday, December 14 ~ 9:30AM

*(If there is a funeral we will decorate after the service.)
"Many hands make light work" Thank you!*

Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It seems plain to me that if there ever were an academy founded for prophets, there would be many an empty classroom. The way of life, while definitely a calling from God, seems foisted upon those called, largely against their will and desire. It's true that they have divine backing, but their task usually involves berating their people for their faults and urging them to change their way of living. And this with dreadful punishment to come upon those who ignore the summons.

Advent presents us with two men of the type, Isaiah and John the Baptist, who make their Scriptural "debut" this weekend. First comes great Isaiah, who has accepted his role and touts his message with promises of grandeur about the future. The gloomy present is going to be shaken awake by the bright lights of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and fear of the Lord. This coming person, this "Shoot from the stump of Jesse" will be a new kind of judge. His judgments will exude fairness and introduce a type of peace among men not seen before. Even the Gentiles will get to enjoy their inclusion in His invitation. Knowledge of the Lord will dominate the human terrain.

Then Matthew presents us with John the Baptist, a strange hunk of a man in some ways, judging by his clothing and diet, and his choice of living in that desert wilderness around the Jordan river. Soon enough, his admirable and single-minded focus on "one who is coming." He claims only to be "a voice crying out in the desert," but at the same time makes the demand that the baptism he endorses is an act of repentance. That baptism he says must be followed by the production of "good fruit." John further describes the sandal-wearing Person coming as baptizing "with the Holy Spirit and fire" to burn away the selfishness within us and the frequent hypocrisy of our lives.

I don't believe either man would be welcomed with joy into any modern Catholic congregation, especially in our present culture of "going along to get along." The Baptist, even more than Isaiah might even stir the church ushers to action in an attempt to remove him from the room.

After all, we're not bad people. Just a bit over polite and anxious to keep our religion a private matter not invading the days beyond Sunday. But we can't keep these two men, and St. Paul as well, locked between the covers of our bibles. Try to bury them and their message under a pile of Christmas tinsel. They are the medicine we need for our weak condition. But the relief they bring is spectacular.

Say the Word - O When the Saints Went Marching In

"This Saint was born in 1894 and died in 1941 in Poland. His Feast Day is August 14. At age 10, he had a vision of Mary with 2 crowns. He founded the Knights of the Immaculate (Militia Immaculata) and was ordained in Rome. He was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Auschwitz. While in prison, a prisoner escaped, and as a punishment, the Gestapo sentenced 10 men to death. Father stepped forward to take one of the prisoners' places and be put to death. Father was killed by an injection of carbolic acid after being starved for almost two weeks. Is this St. Francis of Assisi? St. Maximilian Kolbe? St. Vincent de Paul? or St. John Neumann?"

Do you know? Many of our students did. Our Young Disciples visited our PREP classrooms recently to share about their favorite Saints. They gave information about each Saint and the students had to guess which Saint they were describing. They brought posters of the Saints and gave out prizes (Saint prayer cards, of course:). Everyone enjoyed it and the Young Disciples did something they weren't sure they could do!

These Young Disciples are recently Confirmed 8th and 9th graders from St. Charles Borromeo and St. Andrew the Apostle parishes. They are putting to good use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit they received at Baptism that were strengthened in their Confirmation. They are learning about Parish prayer and service opportunities by meeting parishioners involved in those ministries and helping them. They are learning to love God and are having a good time doing it. If you know an 8th or 9th grader, please mention this to them and their parents. Perhaps they'd like to join us!

Prayers for PREP

Come, Lord Jesus, as we celebrate the Holy Season of Advent, may our Young Disciples be shining lights to the youngsters they witness to at PREP and may they encourage one another on the path to holiness. St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– November 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	43	\$1,451.00
Loose		<u>175.00</u>
Total		1,626.00
Loose		77.00
Thanksgiving		102.00
Maintenance		34.00

St. Hedwig - November 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	17	\$707.00
Loose		<u>47.00</u>
Total		754.00
Thanksgiving		125.00
Maintenance		30.00
All Saints		45.00

Sacred Heart– November 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	35	\$1,073.00
Loose		<u>179.00</u>
Total		1,252.00
Loose		84.00
Thanksgiving		60.00
Christmas Flowers		311.00
Maintenance		10.00

St. Hedwig - November 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	19	\$665.00
Loose		13.00
Total		678.00
Thanksgiving		10.00
Christmas Flowers		225.00

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

Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2023 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. These make a great Christmas or Birthday gift! **Thank you for supporting all the fundraisers at Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Hedwig's Chapel. It is a great help!**

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 are accepting donations of non-perishable items for our food drive for Christmas. **Please see Phil or Gina.**

Hospitality Sunday at St. Charles

December 11th following the 10AM Mass at St. Charles. Hosted the PREP Catechists.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires. Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you." Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of "parched land" or desert, some place where we feel "defeated" or "trapped," we hear the words, "Our God will come to save us!" The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: "Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me." Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that "Our God will come to save us" because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Saturday March 4, 2023 will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Don't miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!

Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

Cold & Flu Season and Attending Mass

We would never ask anyone to not attend Mass but since we are under harsh circumstances these days people feeling ill or having a nagging cough might consider staying home until they feel better in order not to spread sickness, especially to our seniors. **At the Sign of Peace** refrain from shaking hands if you haven't felt well or feel you may be getting sick! **We wish all our parishioners good health so they can attend Mass weekly.**

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.

Neighborhood Parish Penance Services

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Saint Anastasia, Newtown Square

EXTRA TIMES FOR DECEMBER

Thursday, December 15, 2022
6:30-7:30P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Wednesday, December 21, 2022
1:30-2:30P.M. & 6:30-7:30P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

Thursday, December 22, 2022
1:30-2:30P.M. & 6:30P.M.-7:30P.M.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

Friday, December 23, 2022
1:30-2:30P.M.

Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights

America Needs Fatima

Please join us as we pray the Mysteries of the Rosary.
Rosary Rally and Christmas Caroling
To keep Christ in Christmas



December 10, 2022 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sidewalk outside McDonald's, 1891 South State
outside the Bond Shopping Center State Road and
Lansdowne Avenue, Drexel Hill PA 19026
Upper Darby Township granted permission for this event.

Rain or shine, prepare for the weather!

Questions? Catherine 610-299-5107

Please text first. Thanks.

March for Life 2023 The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announces the 2023 March for Life. Mark your calendar for Friday, **January 20, 2023** for the 50th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The March will begin following a rally on the Mall at noon. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned and has allowed more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, there is still a need for prayer and advocacy at the national level. The goals of these continued national efforts are not only to change laws, but to change hearts and minds to usher in a culture of life. Please visit MarchForLife.org to learn more.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the

"Joy-Filled Marriage" program for engaged couples.

Marriage Prep will introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are delivered in a live online format until further notice. For more information and to register, please visit PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com.

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