

# 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

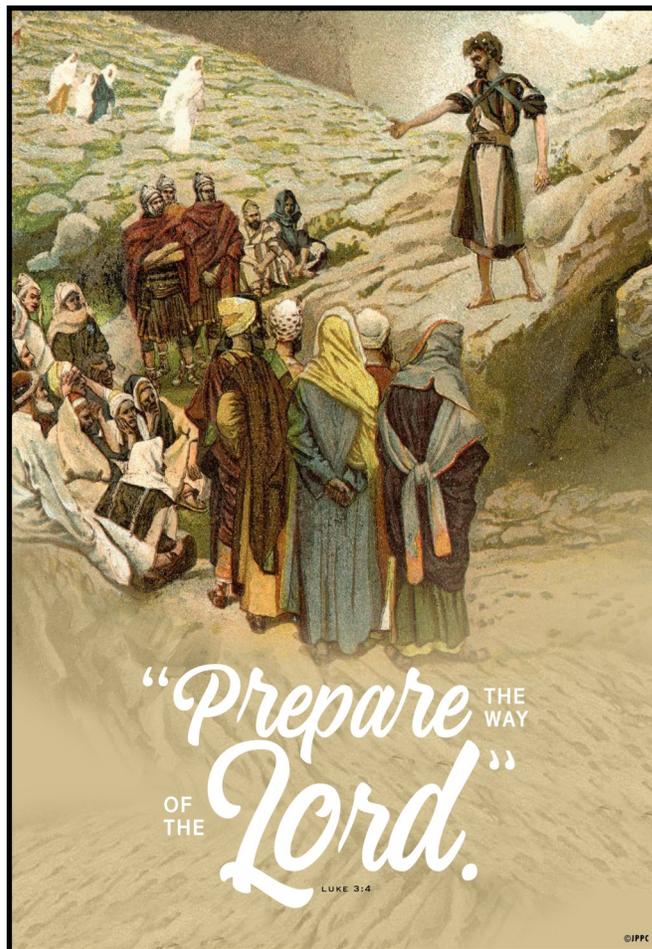
St. Charles (Vigils) 4:00 & 7:00PM, 8:30AM  
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

### 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.*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 5, 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 + Joan Longhi (1st Anniv) Of Crawford Family

#### Sunday, December 5

7:30AM + Romeo D'Orazio Of Family

#### Monday, December 6

8:30AM + Peter Ngai Nguyen Of wife, Maria and the Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, December 7

8:30AM + Meena Cecelia Gay Of Grandparents and The Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

12:00 Noon + Steve Jun Of Sr. Lucia

7:00PM + Henry, Stella (Kaminski) & Edward Grassa Of Henry Grassa & Family

#### Saturday, December 11

4:00PM + Anna Rabatin Of Children

#### Sunday, December 12

7:30AM + Frances Kaminska Of Family

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

#### Sunday, December 5

9:15AM + Phyllis Of Family

#### Sunday, December 12

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

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

### The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

#### December 7th

Vigil Masses at St. Charles Borromeo  
4:00PM & 7:00PM

#### December 8th

St. Charles Borromeo 8:30AM  
Sacred Heart 12:00 noon & 7:00PM

### Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 4-5

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Zaleski

7:30AM Fr. Anderson

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Zaleski



### 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



**Celebrants Are Subject To Change**

### Saint Gerald

In the latter half of the eleventh century, the archbishop of Toledo named Bernard, was delegated by the Pope to bring about an ecclesiastical reform in Spain. He called in various French clerics and monks, among whom was St. Gerald, Abbott of Moissac, who was appointed choir director of the Cathedral of Toledo.

So well did this saintly man fulfil his duties and so much did he influence the people for good, that when the See of Braga became vacant, Gerald was selected by the clergy and people of that city to be their bishop. Gerald visited his diocese eradicating the abuses that had cropped up, especially that of the administering of ecclesiastical investiture by laymen.

This man of God was called to his heavenly reward on December 5, 1109, at Bornos, Portugal.

**His feast day is December 5th.**

**Blessing of Manger Infants  
Next Weekend, December 11-12,  
please bring the Infant Jesus from  
your special Nativity Set to be  
blessed at all Masses.**

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.

## *Second Sunday* **Advent** ©JPPC

### *Say the Word*

In honor of Priesthood Sunday and Thanksgiving, the PREP children made Thank-you notes for the priests of our parishes. Some of their "Thank you's" are copied here.

The Level 1 children would like to thank our priests for the following:

- Keeping us safe.
- Telling us stories about God.
- Teaching us about God and Jesus
- Being in our church.
- Celebrating Easter.
- Going to church and praying.



The Level 2 PREP class from St. Charles, St. Andrew and Sacred Heart is sending this note in honor of Priesthood Sunday.

- Thank you for helping me with my prayers.
- Thanks for helping me believe in God.
- Thank you for helping me follow Jesus.
- Thank you for being a good example of the Ten Commandments.
- Thanks for Sharing the Gospel of Jesus.
- Thanks for praying for us.



### *Prayers for PREP*

During this season of Advent, we thank you Lord, for the gift of the priesthood and the many ways our priests are conduits of your grace. Please help us to support them in prayer and word. Amen.

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I imagine him to be a perfectionist. His Greek is the most refined of all four Evangelists. He notices small details about matters, such as Jesus' sweat in Gethsemane becoming "like drops of blood." Then there is the testimony of St. Paul that he was a doctor (Col. 4:14). Some commentators hold that he was Our Lady's doctor, based on information he gives us that only she would know. Author Taylor Caldwell calls him a "Dear and Glorious Physician" in her novel of that title. I refer to St. Luke. His gospel is my favorite, and that ranks him high on my list of people I hope to meet in heaven, presuming I get there.

In today's excerpt from Luke, Chapter three, I always conjure up the feel of a drum roll as I read his precise list of "who was who" in the list of rulers active at the time that the Word of God comes to John the Baptist. Thus began the quiet revolution that ultimately changed the world. Up until then, the world was controlled by the forces of the evil one, imprisoned in a dungeon of despair. Heaven's gates were locked shut due to sin.

The proclamation of John was about to set the world spinning in a different direction. God's plan is to be set in motion. His divine Son is about to exit His three decades of voluntary seclusion.

John, the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first of the New, reaches back to claim Isaiah's words as his own description as "a voice crying out in the desert." His preaching urges anyone who hears him to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." What a confident announcement! People could only wonder "Is this the end of our long wait for redemption and relief?"

All of this brings you and me to Advent 2021. It is the season for us to recall those four centuries Israel waited for her Redeemer. An opportunity to fast before the feast. To do a little penance as our prep for the Feast of Christmas as we do it more intensely during Lent as prep for Easter.

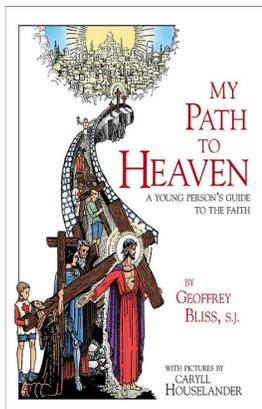
Advent and Christmas will find us this year still suffering from the effects of the gray ghost of Covid hovering over us. Yes, we still live in a politically divided country. We are members of a weakened Church from various scandals. Obviously we need this Advent season to uplift us. To regain a Faith perspective that reminds us that "this too shall pass."

May I humbly suggest that we take new notice during the next few weeks of little details in life that St. Luke the doctor and evangelist did? The gifts of family and friends that are with us all year? The anticipation of children counting off the days before Christmas? The smile on the face of a supermarket cashier? The frost on the pumpkin? The satisfaction of a good football win? The unexpected Christmas card? The making of a conscience-clearing confession?

Here's one more detail that rings true for many of us that I found: "*One of the nice things about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with a present.*"

God love you and give you His Advent peace.

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**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

**Sacred Heart– November 21, 2021**

Sunday Envelopes	46	\$1,676.00
Loose		<u>142.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,818.00</b>
Loose		100.00
Maintenance		59.00
Thanksgiving		85.00
All Souls		15.00

**St. Hedwig - November 21 , 2021**

Sunday Envelopes	21	724.00
Loose		<u>70.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>794.00</b>
Thanksgiving		130.00
Maintenance		20.00

**Sacred Heart– November 28, 2021**

Sunday Envelopes	42	\$1,988.00
Loose		<u>72.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,060.00</b>
Loose		101.00
Thanksgiving		30.00
Maintenance		105.00
Christmas Flowers		261.00

**St. Hedwig - November 28 , 2021**

Sunday Envelopes	32	\$849.00
Loose		<u>46.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>895.00</b>
Thanksgiving		5.00
Maintenance		17.00
Christmas Flowers		447.00

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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:30P.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill

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 as soon as possible.

**Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's**

**Thank you to everyone who donated for Thanksgiving!!**



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

**Please see Phil or Gina.**