

Sacred Heart Parish

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

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 (Rosary AFTER Mass)

St. Charles Thurs, Fri, Sat

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 4:30-5:15PM before Vigil, 6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday before 1st Friday

St. Charles 9:15-10:00AM on the First Saturday of the month

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.

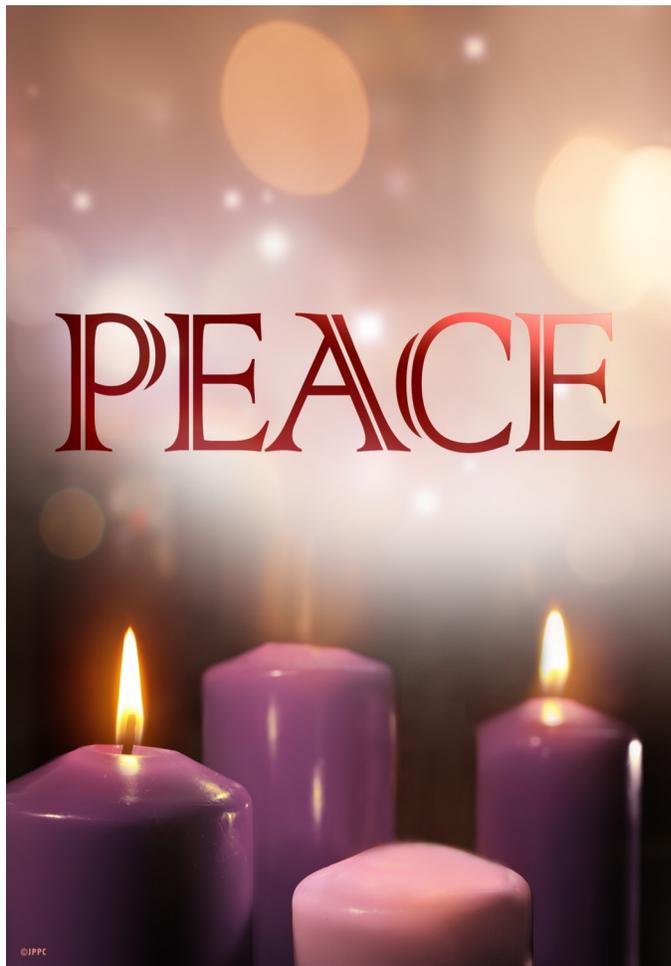
WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Joseph Zaleski

Deacon, John Farrell

Pray
For
World
Peace

"When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others."



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ DECEMBER 6, 2020

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

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Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM + Arturo D. Vitug Of Harry & Tiffany

Sunday, December 6

7:30AM + Ernesto Lelii

Monday, December 7

8:30AM + Alfred & Yolanda Tertel

Tuesday, December 8

12:00PM + Jennifer Wallace Of Ronald & Eileen

7:00PM— Intention of the Barrett Family Of Tom & Helene

Wednesday, December 9

8:30AM + Deceased Family Members

Saturday, December 12

4:00PM + Thomas McGehrin Of Children

Sunday, December 13

7:30AM + Frances Kaminska Of Lenski family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, December 6

9:15AM + Walter & Tessie Kuchinski

Sunday, December 13

9:15AM + Catherine & Walter Kowalski

Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Churches
will be open Monday through Friday
9:00A.M to 1:00P.M.

2021 Mass Books are Open
All Mass Intentions are now \$10.00

Candles for the Month \$20.00

If possible try not to call on Tuesdays

Christmas Wafer

Oplatki will be available in the Church Only

\$2.00 per pack

Please see Mark, our sexton, following Mass

Candles for the Month of December Sacred Heart

+ Tina Mori + Ernesto Lelii + Thomas McGehrin
+ Victor, Alex & Regina Didzearkis &
Edward & Elizabeth Burns

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Sunday Holy Mass

Live Streamed

From

St. Charles Borromeo Church,

Drexel Hill

10:00AM

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA--

TELEVISION MASS

Sunday mornings at 5:30AM: WPVI—Channel 6

EWTN with Sunday Mass at 8AM, 12Noon and 7PM

11:00 AM Cathedral Basilica, Philadelphia

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Word on Fire

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 7, 2020

(Vigil of the Holy Day)

St. Charles Borromeo Church – 4PM Vigil Mass

Please note: due to COVID precautions, the 7PM Vigil

Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church, with Mass and Confirmation, will be restricted to the Confirmands, the Sponsors and parents. ***It will be livestreamed as well.***

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

(The Holy Day)

St. Charles Borromeo Church: 8:30A.M.

Sacred Heart Church: 12Noon and 7PM

Decorating The Church For Christmas

Wednesday, December 16

At 9:30AM

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

We will follow CDC guidelines~ Please Wear A Mask

“Many hands make light work” Thank you!

Annual Stewardship (Block) Collection

In September, we announced the start of our Parish Appeal of Treasure. In the weeks that followed, our Appeal successfully raised \$9,529.00 Thank you for your generous support and involvement to carry out our mission as a parish and Catholic community. Your charitable gift allows us to continue and expand our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home, grow our parish, and provide care and resources to those in need.

As this Appeal demonstrated, together we are one family building a more vibrant, loving Catholic community. Thank you for your support. Donations will be accepted until the end of the year.



Thank you.
Msgr. George Majoros



Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's

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

Pantry Shelves Are Bare!

The Saint Vincent DePaul Society needs your help!

Our pantry shelves are almost bare. We are desperately in need of **tuna, pasta sauce, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly and canned soup**. Donations can be dropped off in the back of either Church. If you are homebound and would like to make a donation please call Linda (610) 626-4186 for a pick up.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Livestream at 2:00PM
Sunday, December 6, 2020

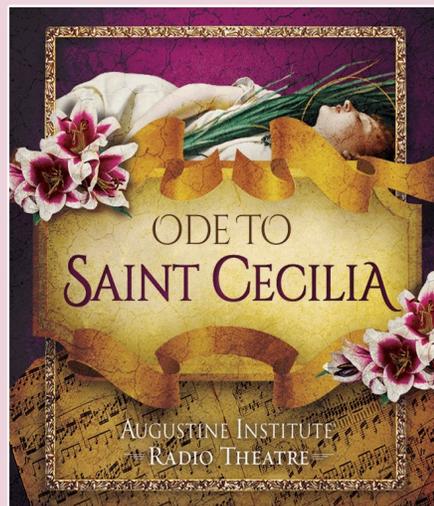
<https://joyfulfilms.com/scbschristmasconcert/>

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To join as a **new user** go to formed.org Select **sign up** and then choose **I belong to a parish or organization** then type in St. Charles Borromeo OR 19026 and follow the easy instructions. If you are **already a member** of formed all you need to do is type in your email address and you are automatically signed in.

You no longer need a password.



Ode to Saint Cecilia tells the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life transcends time to influence poets, composers, sculptors, and painters. A patron saint to some, a muse to others, Cecilia has inspired George F. Handel, John Dryden, Henry Purcell, Stefan Maderno, John Waterhouse, Paul Simon, and scores of other artists over the past 20 centuries.

Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's Ode to Saint Cecilia includes cinematic sound, original music, and the award-winning talents of highly-acclaimed British actors, including: Hayley Atwell, Sir Derek Jacobi, Brian Blessed, Dame Siân Phillips.

Set against the backdrop of the great sacrifice of her martyrdom, Ode to Saint Cecilia is ultimately a celebration of the important role of the arts in showing us the love of God through profound beauty.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This weekend we have our annual encounter with that strange man with an even stranger message. The Church wants us to hear from him each Advent season, so he becomes in fact “the man of Advent”: John the Baptist. His is a call to lift our minds and hearts up from undue concern about earthly prep for Christmas 2020 and consider the superior importance of spiritual preparation for the next coming of Christ.

After all, the ultimate reason for Christmas is the incarnation, the taking on of a human nature of the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He truly becomes the “Emmanuel” foretold by the prophets, a title which means “God with us.”

In this early part of Advent, the focus turns to the matter of Christ’s second coming because that event should have a profound personal impact on how we live each day. The first Coming, we know, is all joy and glory to God in the highest. That’s as it should be, as we note God’s eternal plan slowly coming to fruition with the birth of the holy Babe. The second coming is described in more frightening terms because then this Babe will have matured and will be coming as our Judge. That will also mark the end of the universe as we know it. So that inescapable moment of judgment we each face could well have a background we can only imagine. Frightening beyond words.

As if to shake us out of the sentimentality associated with Christmas, the Church presents us with Mark’s gospel, where he hurries past the birth tale to Jesus’ adult baptism in the Jordan. It marks the beginning of Our Lord’s brief time being personally present as God’s best emissary. Jesus launches His “campaign” if you will. We will come back to this event in a few weeks to mark the liturgical end of the Christmas season early next year.

God knows we Americans are very familiar this year with the notion of “campaigns,” as we have just lived through months of one for the highest office in our land. I think the vitriol we saw on both sides causes us to look back in wonder that we could ever stoop so low to make a point.

Meanwhile, we must be careful not to turn John the Baptist into a kind of campaign manager. Rather, is he Our Lord’s precursor, the one who gets us ready to hear the Good News? Salvation history has come to its final chapter, after centuries of hoping for it. Thus does John the Baptist straddle both biblical testaments as the last prophet of the Old and the first of the New. The era of ultimate choice has arrived, and John is the first to make it known. In blunt terms, it is between Jesus and Satan.



Satan, you ask? Oh yes, he’s still around and very real. He is evil personified. We may not automatically think that way but every one of our sins is a vote cast for the evil one. This culture of ours has found a somewhat sleazy way out of living by objective morality by making everything subjective. So somebody might justify drinking too much at a Christmas party by thinking he/she deserves it “because 2020 has been a very bad year.” We should wonder just how such an excuse would hold up on Judgment Day. Tough and sober truth.

So, allow me to put an Advent twist on the well-known lyric of a Christmas song, “You better watch out; you better not cry, you better not pout, I’m telling you why: Jesus Christ is coming to town.”

At any rate, God love you and give you His peace.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– November 22, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | 33 | \$973.00 |
| Loose | | <u>155.00</u> |
| Total | | 1,128.00 |
| Loose | | 89.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | | 20.00 |
| Thanksgiving | | 76.00 |

St. Hedwig - November 22, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | 17 | \$556.00 |
| Loose | | <u>6.00</u> |
| Total | | 562.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | | 40.00 |
| Thanksgiving | | 70.00 |

Sacred Heart– November 29, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | 40 | \$1,113.00 |
| Loose | | <u>105.00</u> |
| Total | | 1,218.00 |
| Loose | | 43.00 |
| Thanksgiving | | 95.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | | 230.00 |

St. Hedwig - November 29, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | 17 | \$525.00 |
| Loose | | <u>31.00</u> |
| Total | | 556.00 |
| Thanksgiving | | 27.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | | 305.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | | 20.00 |

November 22 (\$100) – Charlotte Morris
November 23 (\$50) – Francis Barron
November 24 (\$50) – Jague Guy
November 25 (\$50) – Jane Brooks
November 26 (\$50) – Frances Kwapisz
November 27 (\$50) – Sheila Williams
November 28 (\$50) – Mr. & Mrs. John C. Schmidt
November 29 (\$100) – Helen Chomnski
November 30 (\$50) – Joseph Wasaconis, Jr.
December 1 (\$50) – Winnie Chiorazzi
December 2 (\$50) – Jane Scala
December 3 (\$50) – John & Maureen Dolceamore
December 4 (\$50) – Mary & Lawrence Heyman
December 5 (\$50) – Kathryn Stierle

Thank you to all who donated the calendar club

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal

From forming our future priests and deacons, to educating the hundreds of lay men and women who study at the seminary, St. Charles' influence is far reaching. Please consider supporting our seminary by making a gift today using one of the envelopes found in the back of the church or in the Parish Office. To make your gift online, please visit:

www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM For Our Partnering Parishes

Please return all gift cards, in an envelope or gift bag, and place in the receptacle by either tree by December 13th before 4:00 pm Mass at St. Charles church.

A Giving Tree will be in each church Sanctuary from through December 13th. In place of the gift tags we are asking for donations of gift cards. The gift cards should be to any of the following stores: **Kohls, Target, Walmart, Giant, Acme and Rite Aid**. These cards will be used by the families and individuals to shop for food, clothing and toys.

To help make your Christmas shopping easier, St. Charles sells all these gift cards listed and many more as Script!

Please call the Rectory and we will prepare your Script order for you to pick up. Rectory hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Those we help in our community will benefit from your generosity.

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.

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