

Sacred Heart Parish

THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 8, 2023

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

4:00PM (Vigil) Special Intention for Michael Walsh Of Kevin & Terri

Sunday, January 8

7:30AM Brahim Kazanjan Of Fr. Paul Stenson

Monday, January 9

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, January 10

8:30AM Tommy Stenson Of Fr. Paul Stenson

Wednesday, January 11

8:30AM Rev. Msgr. Francis Urbanowicz Of Family

Saturday, January 14

4:00PM (Vigil) Thomas McGehrin Of Family

Sunday, January 15

7:30AM Ann McFadden Stuhlman Of Dolores McLoughlin

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, January 8

9:15AM David Scott Of Fr. Paul Stenson

Sunday, January 15

9:15AM Phyllis Herman Of Classmates

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 January

Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori

Health for Kristin Curry

Thomas McGehrin



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.

Open Mass Intentions Sacred Heart in January
January 29 February 4, 19, 21, 26, 28

Open Mass Intentions St. Hedwig in January
January 22, 29

Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 7-8

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



Mass Celebrants Weekend of January 14-15

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

Prayer For The Epiphany

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen



Taking down the church decorations Monday January 9th at 9:30AM

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

"Many hands make light work"

Thank you!

The Archdiocesan Rosary on Zoom **MONDAYS at 8PM.**
Pray the Rosary weekly.

Visit phillymissions.org for the link and more info.

Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The first thought I had after thinking of today's ensemble of Readings was that of an eclipse of the moon. It's a picture of a slowly creeping darkness overcoming brilliance completely, at least for a brief time. The familiar conflict of virtue against sin that we experience almost daily comes to the birth story of Jesus, and the present day life of His Church, our Church too.

The extended Christmas story easily conjures up the struggles we all have against negative powers. Almost as soon as the last notes of the beloved Christmas carols fade from our hearing, we got the jolt of St. Stephen's cruel martyrdom on December 26. That was followed up with the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, with an easy application to modern day abortion.

In all of that, we are taught by the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, not to give in to any Pollyanna outlook on life. Or about the process of our redemption. It involves crisis and the Cross before any rejoicing over the Resurrection.

We professed followers of the true Messiah, Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, have to be ready for repeats, in substance, of all the pain and setbacks recorded in Church history over the centuries.

Another image, like that of an eclipse that entered my mind is that of an imaginary "Gloomy Gus Association" at its annual convention. All members must dine on cold pea soup with bland crackers for three days and learn what to do with the fresh pin cushions distributed to them with an assortment of newly minted pins. Each pin represents a potential negativity they can introduce into anything positive in the coming year. King Herod would of course be a charter member of the group.

Returning to reality, I'd like to ask my fellow optimists to celebrate today this outbreak of the Good News of Christ. To free it from any confinement to a past time and place. This news came via the Magi visit to the vastly wide world of the Gentile nations. That should elicit an "Alleluia" from us all. That leads me to this easy depiction of the problem out there in Secular City:

Once upon a time an optimist invited a pessimist to go duck hunting. The optimist wanted to show off his newly registered hunting dog that could do things no other dog could. The pessimist looked at the dog and said, "Looks like a mutt to me."

At that moment, a flock of ducks flew over. The optimist shot one of the ducks and it fell into the middle of the lake. He snapped his fingers and his new dog ran out on the water, picked up the duck, and ran back on the water. The optimist took the duck from the dog's mouth, turned to the pessimist and said, "What do you think of the dog now?" The pessimist replied, "Dumb dog—can't even swim."

God love you and give you His peace.



Say the Word

I (Sr. Theresa Marie) have spent this last week at the Seek23 Conference, hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) in St Louis, MO. It is a gathering of both college students and Parish leaders from across the country and around the world.

One of the highlights on the first day was a conversation with two young women who had been friends since they met each other in a Religious Ed class as children. They continue to support each other in their faith journey and attend events like Seek23 to deepen their faith and learn how to share it with others.

Prayers for PREP

Lord Jesus, you grew "in wisdom and in stature" within the community of believers in Nazareth. May our PREP students also grow in wisdom and grace within our Parish communities, supporting one another on their walk with You. May they continue in their young adult and adult years to know that You have called them by name, and may they help one another to respond to that call. Amen.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– December 25, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	49	\$1,841.00
Loose		<u>734.00</u>
Total		2,575.00
Loose		

St. Hedwig - December 25, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	11	\$590.00
Loose		<u>458.00</u>
Total		1,048.00

Christmas 2022 Collection

Sacred Heart—December 25, 2022

Christmas Envelopes	49	\$3,343.00
Loose		<u>385.00</u>
Total		3,728.00

St. Hedwig—December 25, 2022

Christmas Envelopes	27	\$2,530.00
Loose		<u>110.00</u>
Total		2,640.00

Sacred Heart– January 1, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	34	\$2,189.00
Loose		<u>194.00</u>
Total		2,383.00
Solemnity of Mary		495.00
Christmas		100.00
Maintenance		16.00

St. Hedwig - January 1, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	21	\$837.00
Loose		<u>85.00</u>
Total		922.00
Solemnity of Mary		340.00
Christmas		400.00
Maintenance		10.00

Thank you to all who have given so generously 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 by mailing in your weekly offerings or use the electronic giving in order to keep our parish operating.

St. Hedwig Maintenance Fund

In Memory of Joseph S. and Justina M. Kubicky:

Joseph J. Kubicky \$50.

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!**

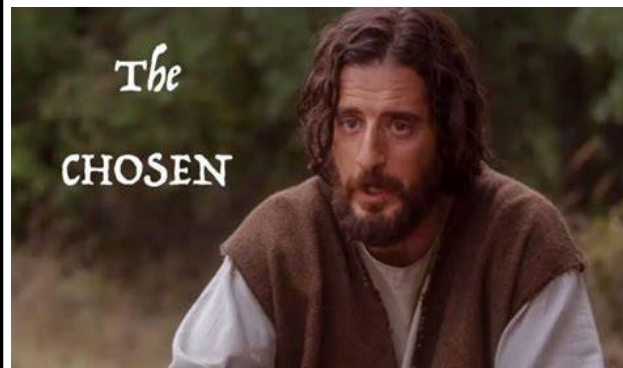
Extra forms in the church vestibule!

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.**



ARE YOU WATCHING "THE CHOSEN"?



Catholic Commentary on The Chosen aims to help Catholics actively engage with the immensely popular TV series depicting the life of Christ.

In this episode, Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber unpack Episode 1 of The Chosen, "I Have Called You By Name." They discuss the theological importance of names, the archeological remains of Magdala, and the Scriptural roots of the episode.

Watch Episode 1 of The Chosen Commentary here: <https://watch.formed.org/the-chosen/season:1/videos/i-have-called-you-by-name-the-chosen-episode-1>

Sacramental Sponsors and Godparents

Godparent and Sponsor are more than honorary titles. We remind our parishioners that a Letter of Eligibility to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent certifies that the person is someone who:

- is at least 16 years of age;
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church;
- is a registered parishioner of the parish for at least 6 months
- attends Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;
- receives the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation often;
- lives in conformity with the teachings of our Catholic faith; and
- if married, has been married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church

Schools of Missionary Discipleship

Join **us at St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill** for a powerful and practical training in the habits and skills of missionary discipleship.

Part 1, the School of Discipleship, will help you grow deeper in personal friendship with Jesus through prayer and personal conversion.

Part 2, the School of Mission, will then equip you with the skills you need to go forth as "fishers of men," seeking to win souls with and for Jesus.

A new cohort of the School of Discipleship (Part 1) will be offered on 6 Thursdays beginning on **March 2** from **9:15am-12:15pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill.

For full details, visit phillyevang.org/schools and see the flyer on the parish websites.

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. **Friday, January 20, 2023** is 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.

ST. BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WINTER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Starts: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks. St. Bernadette's Parish, The Wright Center, 1st Floor, Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave. More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610-306-0252 or george-salloom@hotmail.com. George has over 25 years' experience as a bereavement group facilitator. Program is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a family.

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Saint Philomena Parish in Lansdowne will host a video based biblical study beginning on Thursday, **January 19th**, called **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**. Did you know that the prayers and readings of the Mass are richly and deeply rooted in the Bible? You'll come to see and hear the Mass in a whole new way. There is a book connected with the series. The cost is \$15.00. If you want a copy, contact us and we will order it for you. You'll get the book and pay for it the first night of the study (Jan 19). Everyone is welcome, especially those who are new to Bible study: please join us. For more information, contact Theresa and Paul Haggerty at haggerty83@msn.com or at 610-504-5558.

Calling all Knitters & Crocheters

Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord using your God given talent? "PROJECT LINUS" is a nationwide project where knitters or crocheters donate their handmade blankets for hospitalized children from Premies to Teens. For more info, call 610-328-0741.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHOIR CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

Join us for "A Night to Shine On" at Paxon Hollow Country Club **January 27, 2023** -- Open Bar -- Hors d'oeuvres Entertainment including Michael Boyce and Paddy O'Furniture. This adult social brings together alumni, parents and supporters from the past and the present to celebrate CCC and all that it has meant to hundreds of families over the years, while looking ahead to the future. 21 and older – 7:00pm – 10:30pm \$65/ person

Ticket Link: <https://ccc.ticketleap.com/shineonatccc/>

Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA Thursday March 16 - Sunday, March 19, 2023

God longs for us to believe that we indeed are who He says we are: His beloved daughters, carefully created, infinitely loved and valued beyond measure. Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the memories, the moments, the circumstances that caused dis-integration within us. With Him, we will untwist distortions, renounce lies, expose the habitual ways we get stuck in anxiety, fear or overwhelm and, most importantly, open to Jesus' Love, which is the true balm for our wounded hearts. Come...and let Him Restore you! <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat> or email De at de@youaremadenew.com.