

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 12, 2023

Sacred Heart Parish

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) Mario Pasion Of Leoncio & Macapagal families

Sunday, March 12

7:30AM Ludwik Danicki Of Alexandra & Helen Danicki

Monday, March 13

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish and the DeLeonardis Family

Tuesday, March 14

8:30AM John Hamilton Of Joseph & Amelia Moffitt

Wednesday, March 15

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Saturday, March 18

4:00PM (Vigil) Alexander Oleykowski Of The Barrett family

Sunday, March 19

7:30AM Jeffrey Webb Of Leona & Vince Papale

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, March 12

9:15AM John & Alexander Panfile Of Christine

Sunday, March 19

9:15AM Joseph Sewruk Of Hanna

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 March Sacred Heart

Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori Thomas McGehrin

Open Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart
Weekday: March 29 April 4, 5, 19

Candles for the month are \$20.00

Mass Intentions are \$10.00

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

Paul Stenson's Homilies

If you would like to receive a copy of Fr. Stenson's weekly homilies Email: P_Stenson@yahoo.com

Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 11-12

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

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. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 18-19

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 Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



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.

You can still subscribe to receive texts from Archbishop Perez weekly for the rest of the year!
Text **goforth** to 84576 or go to www.phillydisciples.org/goforth



During This Season Of Lent Or Anytime

Remember you can go to our Parish Website to find many different prayers.

www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net

Click on the **Sacraments** tab
Scroll down to **"For your Spirituality"**

or copy this link

www.sacredheart-cliftonheights.net/for-your-spirituality/

Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving

The Catholic Charities Appeal will hold a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, on **Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The generosity of CCA supporters is fundamental to the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we thank you for supporting our vital mission.

The Catholic Charities Appeal brings hope where hope is needed most. From center city, to the suburbs, from the suburban communities to our most distressed communities, almost a million people each year receive hope through the Catholic Charities Appeal.

The Third Week of Lent

With this week, we conclude the first part of Lent. We continue our lessons in the faith, as our practices of Lent become deeper and more full of grace. We enter into this week reflecting upon the Scrutiny that makes up our intense prayer for those Elect, preparing for Baptism. And, as we beg, as Church, that they be freed from sin and from all anxiety, we ask those same desires for ourselves. The simple and powerful words of the Opening Prayer guides our daily prayer. We continue to wake each morning, pausing to ask for the graces we desire for the day. Throughout each day, the background of our thoughts and feelings is more and more taken up with what this journey means for our personal change of heart, the renewal of our Baptismal commitment to be placed with Jesus, and our growing desire to act in solidarity with the poor. We go to bed each evening, after pausing to give thanks for the gifts of the day.



**Pierogi will be made
March 20-31**

PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY

Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077
Rectory at 610-623-0409 after 9AM.
\$8.00 per dozen

Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour

Donations may be brought to the rectory or placed in the vestibule of the church.

CASH is also a great help in defraying costs.

Cash donations can be put in an envelope and dropped in the Sunday collection basket marked "**pierogi**."

LEARN to make pierogi call Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077



Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's

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

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2023

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 17th, 24th 31st.

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo Church

12Noon – Good Friday, April 7th

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

3:00-3:45P.M. – Saturday—Sacred Heart Church

4:30-5:15P.M. – Saturday—St. Charles Borromeo Church

Additional Confession Times

Sacred Heart ~March 15, 22 ~7:00-8:00PM

St. Charles ~March 23, 30 ~ 6:30-8:00PM

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Friday's 6:00PM Light Dinner, Stations of the Cross 7:00PM

Sunday's before Mass Gorzke Zale (Lamentations)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Church/Gorzke Zale



Join the Pro-Life Union at the First Annual

Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 1, 2023
10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

St. Matthew Church Hall
219 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA 19428

- ♥ Become a more effective advocate for the unborn
- ♥ Make your church Right to Life Group more effective
- ♥ Start a church based Pro-Life Group if you do not have one
- ♥ Motivate other pro-life minded people to get involved

Many of our Member Organizations will be sharing their pro-life missions. Meet them and learn of the services they provide to women and families.



**This is a free event, but
registration is required.**

Register by emailing
pcorbett@prolifeunion.org or
calling 215-885-8150.

Lunch will be provided

A parishioner has **offered to drive** anyone who would like to attend this conference. Please call the rectory and we will contact you to this generous parishioner.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart— March 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	45	\$2,543.00
Loose		<u>212.00</u>
Total		2,755.00
Loose		119.00
Parish Maintenance		336.00
Military Services		5.00

St. Hedwig - March 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	29	\$1,621.00
Loose		<u>161.00</u>
Total		1,782.00
Parish Maintenance		362.00
Ash Wednesday		6.00

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.

A SPECIAL RETREAT WEEKEND

March 17-19

Malvern Retreat House's Caenaculum Weekend

This weekend is not just for men. A simultaneous retreat for women is being offered to our wives and daughters.

Father Mike Speziale is directing the retreat. The **Women of Hope** group will be led by a team of women speakers. For more information, please call 610 644-0400 at Malvern Retreat House.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

All are encouraged to participate in OPERATION RICE BOWL, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. **Lent Alms change lives** www.crsricebowl.org



If you choose to use the
Rice Bowl boxes
PLEASE NO COINS.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Prayer

God our Creator, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Guide us as we work to demonstrate that love this Lenten season, and beyond. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds so that we may embrace all our neighbors, wherever they may be. In answering your call, may we strengthen each other through the gifts we share. Amen.

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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. CHARLES

Join us for a
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND MOVIE
Hosted by The Legion of Mary

Following the 10AM Mass in the St. Charles Parish Hall.

Featured film is Finding Fatima (run time 90 mins.)

This film explores the journey of the three children of Fatima and how their courage and belief changed the face of Portugal

Our Partnering Parishes Lenten Programs

Into The BREACH For Men

March 13, April 3, April 10, April 17 Morning Session:
6:30am.-7:30am. Sacred Heart Rectory OR Evening
Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory

Lenten Lectio will be held at Sacred Heart

9:15AM on **Wednesdays** after the 8:30AM morning Mass in the Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room, led by Sr. Theresa Marie.

Being Set on Rock—A Catholic Faith Series

Friday in Lent 1:30-2:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo Rectory
Fr. Paul Stenson will teach on the following topics:

March 17th: Eucharist and Reconciliation

March 24th Suffering in Christ

March 31st: Private Prayer

Please register at rectory@scbdh.org

Dispensation From Eating Meat on St. Patrick's Day.



The observance of the memorial of St. Patrick and the Lenten Obligation to Abstain from meat on **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), **grants a dispensation** to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2023.

Let's Generate Fun At Our Partnering Parishes

Purpose: Bring us together, strengthen our Catholic faith, and have good times with good friends!

For instance: Pancake Breakfast; Spaghetti Dinner, Dances and other social events that we can plan.

Please share your thoughts and level of interest by contacting:

rectory@scbdh.org
Attention: Tony Antonio

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Like the petals of a springtime tulip or a summer rose, this story that St. John presents opens up from a simple beginning to a wonderful end. In its long form we are given so many details to unpack that analysis of them would not fit the confines of this space. Allow me to cite just two, and offer what I trust will be helpful reflections.

Both details involve the reactions of people to Jesus: first the disciples and then, of course the unnamed woman who comes to the well. The disciples play a minor role in the story, but they provide some matter for meditation. They have just returned to the spot where they left Jesus, because they had gone to buy lunch food. (Note that Jesus in His human nature could get hungry at times just like us.) Meanwhile, He had also gotten thirsty, so He asked the Samaritan woman for a drink from the well.

Meanwhile, the disciples arrive and they are "amazed." Perhaps shocked. The Master is talking with a woman!! At midday in broad daylight! And with a Samaritan woman no less! All of this strictly forbidden by their laws. We might say "They couldn't handle it!"

But notice how, despite the obvious disregard for law, none of them dare ask Jesus: "Why are you talking with her?" I propose that somewhere in their time with Jesus, they learned that He didn't mind ignoring their laws, but always for a good reason, which He would explain. So they had gotten used to it. Their initial shock would dissipate.

Does Jesus sometimes shock you? Upset your complacency with a comfortable Christianity you've gotten used to, rather than the actual one? Lent asks you to think about that. The anti-Christian world of 2023 in present day America can seep into our thinking so easily.

Now we come to the unnamed woman and her dialogue interplay with Jesus. She tries to deflect Jesus from further pursuing her situation as a woman with six men posing as husbands at various times with a little flattery: "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet." From there, Jesus gives her the whole truth about worshiping God as being Spirit unconfined by any locale. And then His "bombshell": "I am he (the Messiah), the one speaking with you."

How would you or I react if Jesus were to appear to us in a familiar location and remind us that He is God? More to the point: have we avoided paying attention to the teachings He gave us that are inconvenient? Like those on matters sexual? Or that gossip can be sinful? Or that racism is never justified?

The Samaritan woman is refreshingly honest and excitedly happy about her sudden discovery of who Jesus is. Perhaps we are not told her name because she represents everything we need to change if we are to be missionary disciples. We too can be her partners in reform. As you go about that task this Lent, remember that "inflation has affected everything except the wages of sin."

God love you and give you is peace.

Say the Word

"The Church is God's House...the Altar is like the kitchen table...the Baptismal Font is where we become a member of God's family..." As the Young Disciples gave a tour of the Church to the Level One students, they came to the Confessionals. A little girl peeked in and said, "Is this the dressing room?" When they looked up to the choir loft, they were asked what they thought it was used for. The same little girl noticed the small round mirror on the organ and suggested, "I think that's where they do their make-up." What great connections she made, looking for similarities to her own home. How many people have thought that a Confessional was about the size of a closet? and I'm sure that same kind of mirror is sitting on many a counter to help a mother put on her make-up!

When we visit the Church, do we look around and wonder with child-like wonder? "What is that?" "Why do we do this?" "What does that mean?" can be a great help in growing in our understanding and participation in the liturgy when we come to Mass. It also reinforces our relationship with God, as our loving Father. When I come to Mass, do I come for a visit with my Dad in Heaven? Do I share my stories? Do I listen to His stories? Like a parent whose children or grandchildren come to visit regularly, God is always glad to see us and always invites us to return.

Prayers for PREP

Father God, thank You for inviting us to Your House, for feeding us with the Bread of Life, and bringing us together in this family of faith. May all the families in our parishes come to visit You each time You call us together, and may it be an occasion of love. Amen.