

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 19, 2023**

# *Sacred Heart Parish*

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

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

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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) Alexander Oleykowski Of The Barrett family

#### Sunday, March 19

7:30AM Jeffrey Webb Of Leona & Vince Papale

#### Monday, March 20

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

#### Tuesday, March 21

8:30AM Anne Pontarelli Of Berberian family

#### Wednesday, March 22

8:30AM Mary Wickle Of Fr. Paul

#### Saturday, March 25

4:00PM (Vigil) Mildred Salute Of Family

#### Sunday, March 26

7:30AM James Dingman Of Family

### St. Hedwig's Chapel

#### Sunday, March 19

9:15AM Joseph Sewruk Of Hanna

#### Sunday, March 26

9:15AM Walter & Marie Blumenkrantz Of Ted & Bonnie Chism

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 5,19 May 2,3

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 18-19

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. McGowan

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



### Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 25-26

#### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

#### St. Hedwig's Chapel

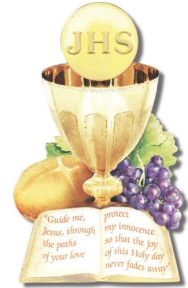
9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

#### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Sperger

10:00AM Fr. Stenson

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



**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](http://www.phillydisciples.org/goforth)

### The Annual Archdiocesan Eucharistic Liturgy with Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers.

This annual Liturgy is held once a year at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

A light reception is held following the mass. All are welcome. This event will be held at 3PM on **March 26, 2023**. Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist.



**FORMED** is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum. We pray that all of these resources draw us deeper into the mystery of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection.

#### DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for the next Delco Parishes Pro-Life monthly meeting on Wednesday, **March 22**, at 7 PM in St. Dorothy's Rectory in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

#### Bereavement Support Group St. Bernadette's Church Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks Begins April 4, 2023

7:00 to 8:30 The Wright Center, 1st Floor, St. Bernadette's Church, Harper Ave. Drexel Hill, Pa, 19026. Park in lot between School and Church on Harper Ave. More Information: Call George Salloom @ 610 306- 0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com. There is no fee for the program and the program is non- denominational. Experienced bereavement group facilitator.



**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

#### THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2023

##### Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>.

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

##### Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo Church

12Noon – Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

##### 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 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**

#### HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS 2023

##### Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### Confessions at Sacred Heart Church

1:00-2:00P.M. and 7:00-8:00P.M

##### Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

##### Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

1:00-2:00P.M. and 7:00-8:00P.M.

##### Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

##### Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

11: 00A.M.-12:00P.M.

##### Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

##### Confessions at Sacred Heart Church

11:00-12Noon

##### Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

3:00-4:00P.M.

#### MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

##### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 3, April 4, April 5

##### Masses at Sacred Heart Church

8:30A.M.

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.

**The Pro-Life Union** is sponsoring a Life Advocate Resource Day to help parishes become more effective in their pro-life advocacy. Saturday, **April 1, 2023** at St. Matthew Parish Hall, 219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Lunch provided, Registration required (email [pcorbett@prolifeunion.org](mailto:pcorbett@prolifeunion.org) or call 215-885-8150.



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

#### **Sacred Heart— March 12, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	46	\$1,568.00
Loose		<u>223.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,791.00</b>
Loose		80.00
Parish Maintenance		81.00
Military Services		35.00
Latin America		165.00

#### **St. Hedwig - March 12, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	18	\$602.00
Loose		<u>8.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>610.00</b>
Parish Maintenance		5.00
Latin America		75.00

**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.

### **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](mailto:rectory@scbdh.org)

Attention: Tony Antonio

### **Our Partnering Parishes Lenten Programs**

#### **Into The BREACH For Men**

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 24th Suffering in Christ**

**March 31st: Private Prayer**

**The Legion of Mary** will hold its annual ACIES celebration on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA. Mass starts at 11:00am. Active and auxiliary members are invited to attend. A Reception will follow in the Church Hall.

#### **Cleaning St. Hedwig's**

We will clean the church on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30AM or if there should be a funeral at 7:30AM. Call David at 610-485-1274 if you have any questions.

#### **St. Hedwig's Maintenance Fund**

**In Memory of Frances Kwapisz:** Paula Korenkiewicz \$25.

### **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.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org)**

*If you choose to use the Rice Bowl boxes*

**PLEASE NO COINS.**

### **The Fourth Week of Lent**

With this week, we begin the second part of Lent. We ask more and more deeply to be with and like Jesus. We desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy. Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and the Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But, we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

#### **Lenten Patterns: Practicing Penance**

When you sprain your ankle, part of the healing process will involve physical therapy. It's tender, and perhaps it is swollen. It may be important to put ice on it first, to reduce the inflammation. You may want to wrap it and elevate it and stay off of it. Then you will need to start moving it and then walking on it, and eventually, as the injury is healed, you will want to start exercising it, so that it will be stronger than it was before, so that you won't as easily injure it again. Penance is a remedy, a medicine, a spiritual therapy for the healing you desire. The Lord always forgives us. We are forgiven without condition. But complete healing takes time. With serious sin or with bad habits we've invested years in forming, we need to develop a therapeutic care plan to let the healing happen. To say "I'm sorry" or to simply make a "resolution" to change a long established pattern, will have the same bad result as wishing a sprained ankle would heal, while still walking on it. Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. Lasting healing needs the practice of penance. Putting It All Together - Alone and With Others. In the end, the prayer of St. Augustine places us in the right spirit for Lent: *O Lord, our Lord, you have created us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* Lent is indeed how God draws us home, as individuals. But, it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how "lonely" we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When you can share your experience with even one other close friend, or with your regular worshipping community, you can enjoy and share the support and environment that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for each other on this journey, especially those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Last Christmas I watched part of a holiday concert held in New York City by Andrea Bocelli accompanied by his talented son and daughter. They joined the New York Singing City choir for several carols of the season. Naturally the power and beauty of the renowned tenor's voice dominated the performances. As we know, Bocelli is blind. But that has no effect on his singing and his mastery of several musical instruments. He brings joy to audiences all over the world. I could say he is a point of light in the darkness of the world.

We are not told of any special talent held by the blind man in our gospel story from John chosen for this Lenten Sunday. We know that he was deprived of sight from his birth, unable to enjoy the world that we so easily do. But because of Jesus' compassionate healing, he is suddenly brought into the ranks of the "children of light."

But like what frequently happens when Jesus works a miracle, so here too the Pharisee onlookers, representing the usual cynics among us, begin a series of hair-splitting maneuvers involving the Law. They devise calculated threats, upsetting the man's parents along the way, all done to counter the good news in what they witnessed. Of course our evangelist wants us recognize the fact that they are the real blind men.

True, in a world lit only by fire, the unnamed blind man's affliction was doubly painful. Even for his sighted peers, when the sun went down the world could be a dangerous place. But at least they could see each other's faces by oil lamplight. Or follow a path with ease. Blindness was mostly a burden. Some saw it as a curse. Yet the love of family was always there to help.

Flash forward across the centuries, and we can understand why the Church presents us with this story at the mid-point of Lent. We have a potent reminder that we can all be blind to our own sins at times. But we also have the occasion this day to be joyful not only because we have Christ's light available to see where we need correction and a Sacrament of confession to affect our healing.

In the meantime we have another life lesson as illustrated by the story of Samuel. Here is a good man, a prophet, but he has to learn that he does not see as God sees. Ah, and so do we! When we experience the twists and turns of life here below; the natural disasters that ruin our calm; and the personal setbacks that torture our confidence, we need not let them rob us of our hope. A hope based not in just any person, place, or thing but in our resurrected Lord.

### Say the Word

"God is here!" the little girl next to me proclaimed during the middle of Mass, pointing to the front of the Church. Her mother and I looked at her with surprise. "What do you mean?" I whispered. "I see the light, so God is here," she said matter of factly. (I had told her two weeks before that when we see the red candles, it means that Jesus is present in the Church.) A couple minutes later she wanted to know where God was in the Church. It was time for the distribution of Holy Communion, so I pointed out all the people in line and said that they were going up to the front and the man in front was giving them something that looked like bread, but is really God. She didn't look so certain, but she watched me get in line with interest on her face.

It's amazing what children pick up and what they remember (and what they don't remember:). Let's keep planting those seeds and following up with the little ones in our lives.

### Prayers for PREP

Jesus in the Eucharist, may our parishes' children come to Church with a sense of wonder, open to Your presence in their lives. Amen.