

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 26, 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) Mildred Salute Of Family

Sunday, March 26

7:30AM James Dingman Of Family

Monday, March 27

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 28

8:30AM The Holy Souls

Wednesday, March 29

8:30AM Richard Czerwinski Of Theresa Czerwinski

Saturday, April 1

4:00PM (Vigil) Alexander Oleykowski Of Nenita Heverling & family

Sunday, April 2

7:30AM Grassa & Kaminski Grandparents Of Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, March 26

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

Sunday, April 2

9:15AM Catherine & Walter Kowlaski

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: April 19 May 3, 9, 17, 18 (12noon & 7PM)

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 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



Mass Celebrants Weekend of April 1-2

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

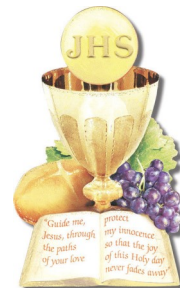
9:15AM Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. All donations to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal can be sent directly to the following address: Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Charities Appeal, P.O. Box 95000, Philadelphia, PA 19195-4710. Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org for more details .

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

Visit phillymissions.org for the link and more info.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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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.

**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. Program is open to adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend 18 years or older. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available.

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 or call 215-885-8150.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER



Pierogi

**Order early this week
to avoid being put on the
waiting list.**

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



**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 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

St. Charles ~March 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 (12-2PM)

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS 2023

Monday, April 3rd

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church

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

Tuesday, April 4th

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

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

Good Friday, April 7th

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

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

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church

11:00-12Noon

Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo Church

3:00-4:00P.M.

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**MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK**

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

**Masses at Sacred Heart Church**

8:30A.M.

And Jesus said to them “...remain here and  
**keep watch with me.” ---Matthew 26:38**

We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE  
Eucharistic Adoration chapel at **Holy Cross Parish  
in Springfield**, where JESUS is waiting for  
YOU. In good times and in bad, **JESUS LOVES  
YOU.**

We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to  
maintain our current adoration schedule. Please  
consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel,  
open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. For more  
information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

#### **Sacred Heart– March 19, 2023**

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| Sunday Envelopes | 46 | \$1,851.00      |
| Loose            |    | <u>340.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>     |    | <b>2,191.00</b> |
| Loose            |    | 77.00           |
| Easter Flowers   |    | 335.00          |

#### **St. Hedwig - March 19, 2023**

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| Sunday Envelopes | 18 | \$742.00      |
| Loose            |    | <u>37.00</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>     |    | <b>742.00</b> |
| Easter Flowers   |    | 363.00        |

**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. If you have questions about electronic giving or have no online access, please call the Rectory Office.

### **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 31st: Private Prayer**

### **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.***

*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 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.*

### **The Fifth Week of Lent**

#### ***This week is filled with drama.***

We continue to prepare ourselves to be open to God's graces. We continue to try to choose Lent, to act Lent, in very concrete ways. We are examining our patterns and realigning our priorities. Our hearts are being renewed, as we experience God's reconciling love and beg for the gift of healing. All this is wonderfully supported by the drama of the daily liturgies. We begin with the raising of Lazarus (if we are celebrating the Scrutinies) or with the story of the religious leaders who bring Jesus a woman caught in adultery and his compassionate response. Then, after the Annunciation readings, we have the powerful stories about the healing image lifted up in the desert, the three faithful witnesses who survive the fiery furnace, the account of God's covenant with Abram, Jeremiah's fearful trust in the midst of the plot against him, and Ezekiel's incredible vision of restoration of the nation - that God will make a new and everlasting covenant.

Each of these readings is matched with a gospel from John. We hear about witnesses and testimony and judgment, about his being lifted up (on the cross and in glory), about the freedom/liberation he has come to bring, about himself as the fulfillment of God's covenant, the new and everlasting covenant. And, we can feel the opposition rising against him. And we grow in devotion, and grace, as we realize that it is all "for me."

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Identity theft is scary, as is any widespread evil. We either know that from personal experience, or from a friend who has shared his/her story and its residual effects. Millions of dollars have been spent on insurance policies whose purpose is to provide protection from it. All of us have become acutely aware of guarding our Social Security number as if it were a talisman against this new type of thievery.

Why the worry? Because in this high-tech world of interlocking data there lurks the opportunity for evil plotters to succeed in wiping out our bank accounts. Instantly gone then is our status as financially stable. Of greater moment is our loss of confidence and peace of mind. I know of what I write in this instance.

Raising all of this concern about personal identity to a higher level brings us to consider it at the supernatural level. There our identity is based on our baptism. As Christians, we are thus bonded by our connection to Jesus Christ. He becomes our purpose in being. In turn, His identity with us is paramount.

We live in a time and place where His Church's teaching has had the added benefit of accumulated wisdom stemming over 20 centuries. The people present for this long ago miracle recorded in this amazing Gospel scene of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These witnesses had to choose the name of His identity. All the evidence then available pointed one way, but that was impossible for them. The fact that a man so like themselves could possibly be God. One person looked at the evidence and concluded rightly. Her name was Martha. Saint Martha for us.

Yes, it's the same Martha who at one of Jesus' prior visits to her home complained about her sister's choice, and who becomes right here a real hero of the faith. Listen to her: "If You (Jesus) had been here my brother would never have died." Where did that sure identification of Jesus come from? Observation of Him surely. Pondering over Him likely. But I vote for the influence of the Holy Spirit in her life.

To be sure, Satan prefers his influence in our life. Because He does not believe in Our Lord's credentials, and because of his intense hate of God Wants to steal our identity not with just one way at his disposal but with at least a thousand. So he goes about his own thefts. With just a foothold on the world wide web he wreaks havoc through the widespread use of pornography by both sexes, trapping the addicts of it, ruining marriages and family life with the infection that reaches down to snare ever younger children.

Never make the mistake, by the way, of thinking the devil is passe. That no sophisticated person thinks he's real. He loves when that happens because then it is much easier to steal our identities as friends of God.

The Lazarus story, read to us this last Sunday before Holy Week, is meant for us to keep before our minds as we soon enough watch Jesus killed on a cross. It is so tempting to tear up our spiritual ID card as Christ's follower. But so rewarding is it to stand next to His Mother at the foot of that cross and staying faithful to the end. Fully knowing who we are and carrying proof of it.

God love you and give you His peace.

### **Say the Word**

"I can be like Saint Athracht by caring for the homeless. She founded a hostel to care for travelers and the homeless." Part of the preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is to choose a Saint you want to take as a special patron saint. You are given that Saint's name at Confirmation and they will help you to be conformed to Christ, as they were in their lifetime. I was reading through some of the Confirmation students' saint reports during PREP on Monday night when I read about Saint Athracht. I had to smile, because as I read the report, our Confirmation students were caring for the homeless by making casseroles!

This Monday turned out to be a casserole-making day, as our Confirmation class and Level 5 students made casseroles at St. Charles, and our Young Disciples made casseroles at St. Andrew's! When I mentioned it to one of the mothers of a younger student, she wanted to know if there were opportunities for the younger children to serve in the community as well. Jesus said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Our children recognize the love shown by the Saints and want to be a part of it! Let's give them the opportunity.

### **Prayers for PREP**

Jesus, You washed the feet of Your disciples at the Last Supper and told them to go out and do the same. Help all our parish families show our love for You through our service to others - in the home, on the playground, and in the community. Amen.

