

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 5, 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) Diane & Dan Wadas Of
Alexandra & Helen Danicki

Sunday, March 5

7:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Monday, March 6

8:30AM Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, March 7

8:30AM Catherine Engel Of Tom & Stella
Pyfer & family

Wednesday, March 8

8:30AM Special Intention for Alexandra
Danicki

Saturday, March 11

4:00PM (Vigil) Mario Pasion Of Leoncio &
Macapagal families

Sunday, March 12

7:30AM Ludwik Danicki Of Alexandra & Helen
Danicki

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, March 5

9:15AM Anna Drybala Of children, Debbie &
Eddie

Sunday, March 12

9:15AM John & Alexander Panfile Of Christine

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, 26

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 4-5

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Anderson

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Sperger

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Stenson

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Stenson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of March 11-12

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Stenson

7:30AM Fr. Stenson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

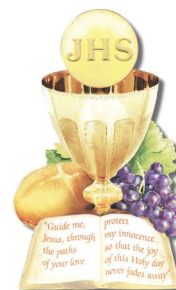
9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

The Season Of Lent



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 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.



RECONCILIATION WEEKEND

Friday, March 10, 2023;

1:00PM – 8:00PM

Saturday, March 11, 2023;

9:00AM – 12:00 noon

**Locations: Holy Cross Church and
St. Laurence Church**

Priests from various surrounding parishes will be available during these times and at these locations to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an excellent opportunity to go to Confession in preparation for the celebration of Easter! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving

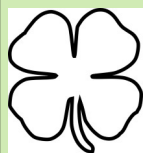
The Catholic Charities Appeal will hold a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, on **Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The generosity of CCA supporters is fundamental to the success of the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

Mission Youth Philly Apostles

The Mission Youth Apostles are missionaries living in Ridley Park who are dedicating a year to serving the poor in Kensington, Philadelphia and to accompanying young people who join them on their mission days. The goal of the Apostles is twofold: to enable young people to take ownership of their faith through regular, thoughtful service opportunities and to bring hope to those who are suffering from homelessness and addiction. **Holy Martyrs, Oreland, PA** will be hosting a fundraiser dinner on **March 9th at 5:30pm** where the Apostles will be present and available to share their testimonies and stories about the encounters they have had on the mission. Apostles, visit missionyouthphilly.com

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.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2023

Daily Masses

Sacred Heart Church

8:30A.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St. Charles Borromeo Church

8:30A.M. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo Church

7:00P.M. – Friday, March 10th

12Noon – Good Friday, April 7th

Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church

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

7:00P.M. – Good Friday, April 7th

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

3:00-3:45P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
Sacred Heart Church

4:30-5:15P.M. – Saturday before the Vigil Mass at
St. Charles Borromeo Church

Additional Confession Times

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

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

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

The Second Week of Lent

We continue the first part of Lent, during which we learn, along with those preparing for Baptism, wonderful lessons in our faith. We can feel the rhythm developing. Sunday is always our celebration of the Lord's resurrection, and establishes our theme for the week. Wednesdays and Fridays remind us of our commitment to a change of heart. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday re-introduce us to wonderful scriptures for our journey. Saturday is always uplifting and joyful. The Opening Prayer of the Liturgy each day continues to guide our prayer. As we experience how simple these prayers are, and how easy they are to make our own, we find ourselves praying together in the same Spirit, with one another on this journey, around the world.

Lenten Patterns: Eating

Lent is a great time to change our eating patterns. This is not about "losing weight" or "getting in shape," though for most of us, paying attention to what we eat, will make a difference in our overall health. This is about being more alert. Anyone who has tried to diet knows that something changes in us when we try to avoid eating. The whole purpose of fasting is to aid prayer - to make it easier to listen to God more openly, especially in times of need. The other powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that puts us in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen, when we think about those people in the world who have so much less than we do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart— February 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	59	\$2,007.00
Loose		<u>311.00</u>
Total		2,318.00
Loose		82.00
Ash Wednesday		521.00
Care of Aging Priests		5.00
Fuel		25.00
Military Services		177.00

St. Hedwig - February 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	21	\$801.00
Loose		<u>83.00</u>
Total		884.00
Care Aging Priests		40.00
Fuel		20.00
Military Services		195.00

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.

Lotto Winners

Congratulations to our lucky Lotto Winners, especially our \$1,000. winner!!!

Special thanks to everyone from our Partnering Parishes who purchased a ticket which helps us continue to keep our parish afloat.

Our Winners:

*Amanda McFadden, Diane McFadden,
Thomas Kane, John Komorowski
Maryellen Oxner, and Marie Simpson.*

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).

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C.! Held on **April 22, 2023** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, B.B.V.C. is a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship, and food. For more information and to register, visit HeedtheCall.org/BBVC

Our Partnering Parishes Lenten Programs

Into The BREACH For Men

You're Invited to join this Lenten Program for Men, with Monsignor Majoros. It is an opportunity to learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage in saving our souls and that of our families. That's why the Knights of Columbus have produced **Into the Breach**, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The **Into the Breach** series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. **Please register and indicate morning or evening session by emailing Monsignor Majoros: mma-joros@scbdh.org Dates: Monday, March 6, March 13, April 3, April 10, April 17 Morning Session: 6:30am.-7:30am. Sacred Heart Rectory, Clifton Heights OR Evening Session: 6:45pm.-7:45pm. St. Charles Borromeo Rectory**

Lenten Lectio will be held at Sacred Heart

Do you want to hear God speaking to you when you read His Word? Lectio Divina is a prayerful reading of Holy Scripture, that helps us to connect God's Word to our daily lives. We will gather together this Lent to learn about and practice Lectio Divina, **led by Sr. Theresa Marie.** **Meetings will be held at 9:15AM on Wednesdays** after the 8:30AM morning Mass **in the Sacred Heart Rectory Conference Room**

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

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, March 5th following the 10AM Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

Sunday Matinee Movie Series

Sponsored by The Legion on Mary

Sunday, March 12th. Following the 10:00AM Mass and held in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.

St. Hedwig's Maintenance Fund

In Memory of Frances Kwapisz: Marie Simpson \$25.

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sooner rather than later a young person setting out on their future realizes that connections count. For instance, having a parent with a famous name in a certain field automatically gives "a leg up" to his son or daughter.

In a certain sense the same applies to any of us seeking a closer union with Christ. Through our baptism, our parents brought us to the front and right then and there established a connection with Christ. All that's left for us to do is to keep it alive and healthy. But that's easier said than done.

Even though Abram (later Abraham) preceded the institution of the sacrament of Baptism, his wholehearted "yes" to the Lord's "marching orders" to leave his home to settle someplace else was nearly equivalent. He stayed connected to his God. He found a certain inner peace in knowing that he cooperated with God's plan. He not only became "the father of many nations" but also "our Father in Faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer asserts.

Jesus also left His "native place" in heaven in obedience to His heavenly Father. He thus became connected to us as the subject of our faith while still remaining connected to the Father.

In this remarkable story of the Transfiguration, proclaimed to us this weekend, we have a perfect illustration of how the divine connection persists. It is the Bible at its best, with a gospel message of encouragement, as we strive through our Lenten penance to upgrade and enhance our connection to Christ.

The "wiring" of our connection may have frayed by how we have lived spiritually since last Easter. So the Church presents us with Lent and this story right at the early part of the season to make the necessary repairs. There is an ancient tradition which held that the Transfiguration of Jesus happened 40 days before Good Friday. At any rate, the event reminds us why and for whom we pray, fast, and give alms during this significant season.

We can face up to our failures and try to make amends. We can change for the better with God's help. We can be calm and courageous while all around us is the swirling chaos of a world that ignores Christ. Staying connected with Him is the one way that will enable us one fine but unknown day to look at the smiling Face of Jesus. Then each of us might well borrow from St. Peter's reaction and say: "Lord, it's good for me to be here!"

Say the Word

"You're up in front, so when you genuflect, even if your legs are hurting, you are helping everyone else in the Church to remember to genuflect. This is a little sacrifice we can make to thank Jesus for the sacrifice He made for us on the Cross." The looks on their faces told me they were "feeling the burn" of genuflecting while we practiced for the Stations of the Cross.

When we enter a Catholic Church and genuflect towards the tabernacle, we do so in honor of Christ the King, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He stays there in the tabernacle so that we can come and visit Him and so that He can be taken out to the sick who are unable to come to Him in the Church. The small signs of reverence that we make as Catholics are a powerful teaching tool for both visitors and the young. Genuflecting, kneeling when the tabernacle is open, speaking quietly in the Church, etc. - show that we believe Jesus is truly present in our Church. This is a lesson worth passing on.

Prayers for PREP

Jesus Eucharistic, we pray that the children in our PREP program, and especially our Level 2 students, know, believe in and experience the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Amen.