

Sacred Heart Parish

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

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

Sacred Heart 8:30AM Mon, Tues, Wed with the
Rosary following Mass
St. Charles 8:30AM Thurs, Fri, Sat

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

St. Charles (Vigils) 4:00 & 7:00PM, 8:30AM
Sacred Heart 12:00 Noon, 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart 3:00-3:45PM Saturday
St. Hedwig Chapel 9:00AM Sunday
St. Charles 4:30-5:15PM before Vigil,
6:30-7:30PM on the Thursday before 1st Friday.
And 9:15-10:00AM on the First Saturday of the
month

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

St. Charles Borromeo
3:00PM- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00P.M. – Holy Hour



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.

*"To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul."*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

Rev. Joseph S. Zaleski, Resident; Deacon John H. Farrell

Masses For The Week

Sacred Heart Church

4:00PM + Mario Blanco Of Heverling family

Sunday, November 28

7:30AM + Daniel & JoAnne Kenney Of Mark & Donna

Monday, November 29

8:30AM + Bernadette Varacalli Of John Jerzak

Tuesday, November 30

8:30AM + The Holy Souls

Wednesday, December 1

8:30AM + Victoria Stockton Of Tom, Stella & Family and the Living & Deceased of Sacred Heart

Saturday, December 4

4:00PM + Joan Longhi (1st Anniv) Of Crawford Family

Sunday, December 5

7:30AM + Romeo D'Orazio Of Family

St. Hedwig's Chapel

Sunday, November 28

9:15AM + Joseph Sewruk Of wife, Hanna

Sunday, December 5

9:15AM + Phyllis Of Family

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 November

Sacred Heart

+Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
+ Thomas McGehrin

St. Hedwig

+ Laura Babicki, Walter, Sr. & Mary Koszalinski
+ Romatowski, Sewruk & Szczech Families

Candles for the Month of December

Sacred Heart

+Ernesto Lelii & Tina Mori
+ Thomas McGehrin

St. Hedwig

+ Walter Babicki, Jr. + Bill McCloskey

Mass Celebrants Weekend of November 27-28

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Msgr. Majoros

7:30AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Fr. Anderson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Fr. Sperger

10:00AM Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM Fr. Anderson



Mass Celebrants Weekend of December 4-5

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Fr. Zaleski

7:30AM Fr. Anderson

St. Hedwig's Chapel

9:15AM Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM Fr. Sperger

4:00PM Fr. Zaleski



Celebrants Are Subject To Change

2021 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, November 29, for the 2021 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

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The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. Encourage vocations. Pray for the gift.

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Dear Church Family:

I hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was delightful and delicious as you gathered with family and friends to share God's blessings. The Giving Trees are present in our sanctuaries inviting us to show our grateful hearts by helping others in need as we make this Christmas special for all. The Church, ever wise and maternal, gives us the Season of Advent to help us get ready to welcome the Lord.

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday, November 28th. As we enter this new liturgical year we begin a new cycle of scriptural readings –Year C, make use of the Advent wreath, and the priests and deacons wear the dark purple vestments reminding us of the penitential nature of this short four-week period of preparation leading to Christmas.

Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise, we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these reasons, the season of Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Let us try to weave into our day times to reflect and pray on the God's Word, receive the Sacraments frequently, especially the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, and do acts of charity and kindness as we await the coming of the Lord.

Please remember that the Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Church on **Thursday, December 2nd**- which is the Thursday before First Friday, from 6:30-7:30P.M.

First Friday, December 3rd- Morning Mass at the regular time; 3PM Chapel of Divine Mercy; and then a Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00P.M.

First Saturday, December 4th–Morning Mass at the regular time; the Sacrament of Penance from 9:15-10: 15A.M, and First Saturday devotions.

The Holy Day: Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. The schedule of Masses at St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill and Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights are as follows:

Tuesday, December 7- Anticipated Masses for the Holy Day
St. Charles Borromeo Church Vigil Masses at 4:00P.M. and 7:00P.M.

Wednesday, December 8th, Holy Day Masses will be celebrated
St. Charles Borromeo Church at 8:30A.M
Sacred Heart Church at 12Noon and 7:00P.M.

The Celebration of First Penance for the Children of our Partnering Parishes will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 11AM at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

God bless,
Monsignor George A. Majoros

Say the Word

"Why November?" a child asked when I said that we prayed especially for the souls in purgatory during this month. I had to think a minute and then told them that November is not only the end of the liturgical year, but when we look outside we can see plants, flowers, and trees coming to the end (or apparent end) of their lives. This makes us think of people who have come to the end of their lives on earth. We want to pray for them, so that if they are in purgatory, the "waiting room" of Heaven, they will be able to go to Heaven soon.

One way we did that this year was to ask each child to write down the names of their deceased friends and family members on a page for our PREP Book of Remembrance. I have been taking this book around to each class and we have been praying for all those whose names are written inside. This is a simple way to share our spiritual gifts with one another. Please join us in praying for these souls, **and if you would like me to add the names of your deceased friends or family members**, please send me an email at srtheresam@scbdh.org.

Prayers for PREP

Good shepherd. We lift up to you all grieving families and all the deceased loved ones of our PREP children. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Volcanoes, even when they are dormant, mark the places where the possibility of violent destruction always looms over the landscape. History provides the record. East of Naples, Italy, stands the imposing cone of Mt. Vesuvius. It had an explosive eruption in 79 A.D., which buried Pompeii and Herculaneum. Our only record of that is the site of petrified bodies of those people caught by the surprise of it.

Closer to our time, who among those of us living can forget the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helen. We saw the videos that showed us the most significant eruption to occur in the contiguous United States since the much smaller 1915 eruption of Lassen Peak, California.

But while God seems to permit the earthly forces He created to be capable of violence, as when a volcano has one of these “coughing fits”, so to speak, He prefers calm and silence as the backdrop for His special works. Consider the Annunciation and the very private encounter of Archangel Gabriel and the subsequent Nativity on a silent night when “all was calm and bright.”

In like manner comes the lovely little season of Advent that begins this weekend. In our country, it seems to arrive so suddenly but quietly, like cat’s paws on carpet, so soon after the happy but noisy family gatherings only last Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The joyful white vestments have suddenly transformed into the much more solemn purple of penance. Penance has been the long standing Christian preparation for a major feast.

One could call Advent “a little Lent” or even “Lent light” because it features elements of fasting and repentance. But the accent is more on that of hope and anticipation, first by recalling that this world as we know it has a final destination, known only by its Creator, and then by the encouragement of a bright future brought about by our Savior’s entry into our history.

I think we can all acknowledge the added difficulty for prayer and silent reflection brought on by how the outside world approaches these weeks before Christmas. Having all but eliminated any serious contemplation of the world’s future, except under the heading of climate change, it hardly acknowledges the birth of Jesus as the central focus. Look at the pitched battles every year on where and whether to set up the creche scene. Therefore the onus is ours as believing Christians to strike a balance. No need to be volcanic.

One of the most famous books of all time is Edward Gibbon’s “Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,” in which Gibbon traces what happened to that mighty empire and how it disintegrated from within. He says this concerning the Church within the empire: *“While the great body (the Roman Empire) was invaded by open violence or undermined by slow decay, a pure and humble religion gently insinuated itself into the minds of men, grew up in silence and obscurity, derived new vigor from opposition, and finally erected the triumphant banner of the cross on the ruins of the Capitol.”*



ADVENT: Rethinking the Season (22 mins.)

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it’s a season that isn’t about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this Lighthouse Talk audio presentation, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the ‘pre-season’ of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

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1st Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

This Bulletin Went To Print Early

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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

Sacred Heart– November 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes

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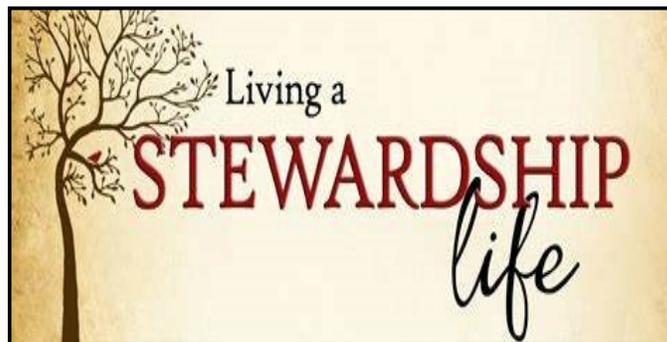
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Thank you to all those parishioners who have already donated to our Stewardship/Block mailing. The definition of Stewardship is giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

Each donation, whatever it may be, is very much appreciated. If you haven't already returned your donation, please do so as soon as possible.



Decorating The Church For Christmas

Wednesday, December 15

At 9:30AM

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

Christmas Wafer

Oplatki will be available in the Church Only

\$2.00 per pack

Please see Mark, our sexton, following Mass.

PIEROGI THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to **Joanne & Gene Bidoli**, who coordinated our pierogi fundraiser and **Barbara & Bill Schwindt** who act as advisers. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in some way. If you worked one day or every day, donated items needed, or purchased pierogi, you were a special part in this fundraiser. It is very hard work but also rewarding to work with friends and help your Parish during the two weeks. We must thank St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Clifton Heights for the use of their facilities and giving us "a new home".

Enjoy your delicious pierogi!

Winter Lotto ~ January 1, 2022 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.

Extra forms in the church vestibule!



Holiday Food Drive at St. Hedwig's

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

Please see Phil or Gina.

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Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Next Weekend December 4-5

Elderly religious need your help.

Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift for the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more.

In 1988, US Catholic bishops initiate the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the deficit in retirement saving among religious communities. Proceeds for the collection help communities across the country to provide for the ongoing needs of aging members.

Any donation you can share will be so worthwhile, along with prayers for God's blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Please be generous.

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on
#GIVINGTUESDAY™



THE official Catholic initiative of #GivingTuesday, which is a national day of observance for making gifts to nonprofit organizations.

#GivingTuesday is observed every year

on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

For 2021, November 30th is the day!