

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH

117 Washington Street,  
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

## OUR MISSION

*Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a defined community of the Roman Catholic Church which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the fullness of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught by the authentic teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church.*

*We profess unity in belief, worship, and morals with our Holy Father and our Bishop. We seek to provide the fullness of life in the Church through the Sacred Liturgy, prayer, education, religious formation, outreach, and service to our neighbors and each other.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019



**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:** Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209  
**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:** Sister Meg Cole - Telephone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Second Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**  
**December 7** **Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12**  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 8** **Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12**  
 7:00 AM Herman Wieder  
*r/b Rebecca Wieder*  
 9:00 AM John C. Volk - 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death  
*r/b wife, Rosemary*  
 11:00 AM Tony Luciano  
*r/b Jean Luciano*

**Monday, Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
**December 9** **Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-12 Lk 1:26-38**  
 8:00 AM William Wahl, Sr.  
*r/b Dr. and Mrs. Alan Stangl*

**Tuesday, Advent Weekday**  
**December 10** **Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14**  
 8:00 AM Linda Wagner  
*r/b Klardie Family*

**Wednesday, Saint Damasus**  
**December 11** **Is 40:25-31/ Mt 11:28-30**  
 8:00 AM Anthony Liberto  
*r/b wife, Florence and family*

**Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**December 12** **Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38**  
 8:00 AM William Kroeck  
*r/b Rimmel and Wyatt Families*

**Friday, Saint Lucy**  
**December 13** **Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19**  
 8:30 AM Benefactors and Alumni of SHS

**Saturday, Third Sunday in Advent (anticipated)**  
**December 14** **Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11**  
 5:00 PM Rose and Louis Derrico, Sr.  
*r/b Stan and Diane Petko*

**Sunday, Third Sunday in Advent**  
**December 15** **Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11**  
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church  
 9:00 AM Camille Bartholomew  
*r/b Diane and Lou Hammer*  
 11:00 AM Richard Zuercher  
*r/b Mom and Dad*  
 5:00 PM Anglican Use Mass



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
 THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**

**Margaret Bird, Paul Deutsch and Alfred Sommers**  
 of Sacred Heart Parish  
 and  
**Frederick Linck**  
 brother of Charles Linck of Sacred Heart Parish

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday Mass:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Holy Day Vigil:** 7:00 PM **Holy Day:** 8:30 AM & 4:30 PM  
**Weekdays:** Refer to current Mass Schedule on the left

**DEVOTIONS ON FIRST FRIDAY**

Benediction and Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Saturday** 3:45 – 4:30pm  
**Thursday** during Adoration at 7:00pm  
**Monday through Thursday mornings** 7:30 – 7:50am  
**Friday Morning** 8:00-8:20am  
 Anytime upon reasonable request

**ADVENT SACRAMENT OF PENANCE****MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

In addition to the normally scheduled confessions, Fr. Butera and visiting priests will be available to hear confessions on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. Please consider attending in preparation for the birth of Christ.

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

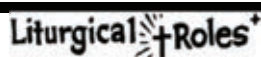
are burning from December 6 through December 12  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Jackie Birk**  
*r/b family*

**SOLEMNITY OF  
 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Since December 8, 2019 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.

**12/14-12/15****Lectors****Deacons/EMHCs****Altar Servers**

5:00pm

Lisa Wilde Barnhorst

Deacon Ferris

Collin and McKenzie Brandon, Vincent Santostefano

7:00am

Bill Wilde

Deacon Saukulak

Zachary Bazzett

9:00am

Frank Molchan

Deacon Ferris

Blaise and Cael Anderko, Mary Kate O'Reilly

11:00am

Chris Gonella

Deacon Saukulak

Nicholas Coulter, Gabriel Horn, Joseph Troelsch

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

December 9 - Mason Santostefano

December 16- Zachary Bazzett

**CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS****Sunday, December 22 starting at 12:30 pm**

Typically, it takes 1-1/2 - 2 hours, depending on the number of volunteers.

**Your help will be most welcome.****ADVENT EMBER DAYS****Wednesday, December 18, 2019****Friday, December 20, 2019****Saturday, December 21, 2019**

During the Season of Advent, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all. Traditionally, Embertide was also dedicated as a time to pray for priests. Ember days are no longer included in the Universal Roman Calendar, but they are not abolished. On these days, Bishop Schlert is asking for abstinence from all meat products, fasting, and a Holy Hour by the clergy. The People of God of the Diocese of Allentown are encouraged to join this practice as a sign of healing.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

**Are you interested in attending the Traditional Latin Mass?**

**Please go to St. Stephen of Hungary's website for the Latin Mass schedule [www.lehighvalleylatinmass.org](http://www.lehighvalleylatinmass.org).**

**FATHER BUTERA'S INSTALLATION AND INDULGENCES**

**Bishop Schlert will install Father Butera as our pastor on Sunday, December 8 at the 11am Mass.**

**As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:**

† **A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the Bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.**

† **A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to the parish church at the time of the Bishop's visitation.**

**NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****Thursday, December 12****6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church****Confessions start at 7:00 p.m.****DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic Meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 14** from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Father Post room.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY****December 15**

Last year, we began a new tradition at Sacred Heart. On December 15, the third Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate Bambinelli Sunday, a custom popularized by St. Pope John Paul II which continues to this day. Just as Pope Francis will bless the figures of the infant Jesus brought to St. Peter's Square, we invite everyone -- most especially the children of our parish -- to bring the figure of the infant Jesus from their home nativity scene for blessing by the priest at the end of each Mass. This blessing is a sign of the true meaning of this holy season, and of our willingness to take the hope of the Gospel message from our church and into our hearts and homes.

**BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send email to [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) by noon on **December 11 for December 22 bulletin.**



**FOOD BANK**

The food in our Food Bank bins is donated to Catholic Charities in Allentown and St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. **The next food distribution is Tuesday, December 10 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on December 9** beginning at 8:30 am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Access is at the rear of the church. Thank you for your time and donations!

**PARISH GIFT FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

If you would like to contribute to a parish gift to acknowledge and congratulate Father Butera on his appointment as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Parish Gift for our new Pastor" and place it in the collection basket or drop off at the parish

office no later than **Monday, December 16**. Individuals as well as parish groups are welcome to contribute. Please include your name(s) as you would like it to be acknowledged with the gift.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL**  
**SATURDAYS 9-10:30AM****UPCOMING DATES**

December 21



We will begin the study of the Book of Judith from the supplemental Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, "TOBIT, JUDITH and ESTHER", which may be purchased online or at local Catholic gift/book shop. Please contact Deacon Lew Ferris at lferris\_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions!

**OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)**

are available during Advent. A donation of \$2 per envelope would be greatly appreciated. Please see the sacristan after Mass.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:** The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

**Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

DIRECT Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs**, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J.,**

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator - 610-332-0442

**COURAGE - Diocesan Help Line:** 610-217-5557

**CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING DEADLINE!**

**The deadline to return all giving tree gifts and/or donations is THIS weekend, December 8!** This is necessary so that the agencies we are working with have time to sort and distribute the gifts (our deadline corresponds to their deadlines.)

Cash or gift card donations can be placed in the offertory collection baskets. Please mark the envelope "Giving Tree".

The tags have disappeared quickly from our trees and it is so exciting to watch the donations come in! Thank you for blessing others with your generosity and caring hearts.

If you are available to help deliver donations to agencies, or if you have any questions concerning the Giving Tree Project, please call **Debbie** at (610) 837-9064.



**Did you disconnect your land line?**  
**Please call the parish office at 610-837-7874**  
**to update your parish record.**  
**Thank you.**

**HELPING HANDS**

**Would you like to help**  
**other parishioners in need?**  
**Are you in need of help?**



If so, please email Cindy Markovcy at [cindy.markovcy@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.markovcy@gmail.com)  
or Stephanie Horn at [shornpharmd@gmail.com](mailto:shornpharmd@gmail.com).  
Thank you!

**Your Stewardship Report - November 24**

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$8,206</b>	<b><i>Other collections -</i></b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$2,467</b>	<b><i>from envelopes</i></b>
<b>Other Collections</b>	<b>\$254</b>	<b><i>dated other than</i></b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>76</b>	<b><u>November 24</u></b>
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$11,003</b>	<b><i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i></b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**

**Next Week's Collections - December 15**



***First***  
***Sunday Collection***

***Second***  
***Christian Refugee Relief Fund***

**CATHOLIC REFUGEE RELIEF COLLECTION**  
**DECEMBER 14 and 15**

The second collection at the Masses for the weekend of December 14 and 15 will be for the **Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund**. Christians are at risk in areas all around the world, but particularly in Iraq and Syria where Christians have been murdered, enslaved and driven from their homes in staggering numbers. Pope Francis has called the conditions in which Christian refugees live as intolerable. He has called what they endure genocide. In response to the crisis, the Knights of Columbus has established the Christian Refugee Relief Fund to provide housing and medical care to persecuted Iraqis, Syrians and other refugees. These refugees are our brothers and sisters in faith and desperately need our support. Please be generous in this collection.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

**Support aging religious.** Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medication, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART INCLUDE:**

**Monday, December 9** – Monthly Business Meeting  
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg.  
**Saturday, December 14** – Annual K of C Christmas Party, Church Auditorium  
**Sunday December 15** – Caroling to Shut-Ins  
1:00pm – Meet in Lower Parking Lot

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To continue with our December theme of  
“**10 Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas**”,  
noted below are 3 more:

- ♦ Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read a few Bible verses and discuss as a family the *True Meaning of Christmas*.
- ♦ Attend a Christmas church service together with your family. If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.
- ♦ Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message. This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmastime. If you've already bought the reindeer cards-no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.

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Did You Know: Over 600 Catholic Men attended the Mens' Conference at Desales University on Saturday November 23. Were you one of them? If not, consider joining us in 2020.

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For **additional information** about joining our Council, the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights go to [www.KofC14464.org](http://www.KofC14464.org).



**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS MEETING**

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Center  
1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield  
Tuesday evening, December 17  
after the 7:00 PM Mass

Please come and join us for prayers and sharing to help us become more effective means of passing on the faith to our families.

[www.sacred-heart-school.com](http://www.sacred-heart-school.com)



Sacred Heart School

[office@shschool.org](mailto:office@shschool.org)

# **SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

## **THIS WEEKEND**

### **Church Auditorium**

**Saturday, December 7, 5pm - 8pm**

**Sunday, December 8, 8 am - 1 pm**



**Join us for a unique family holiday  
shopping experience**

**We have select handmade items  
from local crafters, gift cards to  
over 200 stores, hot food and a  
homemade Cookie Bar.**





### **SAINT MARY CHURCH - PARISH CENTER** **HOLIDAY BREAKFAST AND GIFT RAFFLE**

122 Union Street, Catasauqua

Sunday, December 8 from 8:30am to noon

**Five different breakfast options to choose!**

The menu includes: eggs made to order, freshly grated potatoes, choice of toast, pancakes, sausage gravy & biscuits, fresh country sausage or carved ham, and cream dried beef over toast. Breakfast dishes range from \$5.50 to \$8.50 and include a small orange juice and coffee or tea. Add-ons to breakfast options will be available at an additional cost. Child (ten and under) portions with small orange juice or hot chocolate is \$6.00. Santa will arrive at 9:00 and remain with us for the entire morning. We will hold our Holiday Gift Raffle and Bake Sale in our Heritage Room.

**For info, please email the Parish Office at**  
**[kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com) or call 610-264-0332**

### **NEW AND IMPROVED BULLETIN**

It is hard not to notice we have a new look to our Bulletin! December 1st marked the introduction of our bulletin with a new publisher, the John Patrick Publishing Company, Inc. **Why the change?** As you might imagine, we are frequently approached by different vendors trying to get our business. John Patrick Publishing offered more features, including color printing throughout the bulletin, up to 12 pages each week, up to 20 free inserts per year and more reliable customer service!

**Isn't a bulletin with more pages, especially all in color, going to cost more?** You may not know that there is no cost to Sacred Heart for the publishing of our bulletin. The publishing company is responsible for selling advertisements for the bulletin and the ad revenue is how they make their money. Better yet, if the advertising revenue exceeds a given amount, Sacred Heart Parish gets a percentage of the revenue. John Patrick is offering larger ads, which is a benefit to the companies who are advertising in our bulletin. They also have sold more ads than our previous publisher, so you can look forward to two pages of ads in each bulletin. **Please make sure when you buy from the companies who advertise in our bulletin that you thank them for advertising with us.**

Let us know what you think of the new bulletin! We are always open to suggestions for Bulletin articles!

As a reminder, if you have an announcement or full page "flyer" for the bulletin, please submit it to the parish office or to [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication date of the bulletin.

Any questions, please contact the parish office. Thanks!

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

Bath Area Community Chorus presents

*Christmas Memories*

on Sunday, December 8 at 4pm

Saint John's Lutheran Church (Sanctuary)

206 East Main Street, Bath

A freewill offering will benefit Bath Area Food Bank

### **CHRISTMAS CANTATA** **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

4456 Main Street, Whitehall

Sunday, December 15 - 4pm

Featuring our parish Adult, Hand Bell, and Crossfire choirs. Following the Cantata, the parish Pastoral Council will host a buffet dinner in the parish hall for all who attend—parishioners, family, friends, and guests of the parish. There will be no charge; however, a voluntary free will offering will be accepted and will be presented to three charities—*Mercy School for Special Learning, Ecumenical Soup Kitchen, and the Allentown Veterans Clinic*. All are invited to come and experience the joy and splendor of the Advent and Christmas season!

### **CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR** **CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF** **SAINT CATHARINE SIENA, ALLENTOWN** **DECEMBER 15, 1-5 PM**

**Tickets required - \$20**

**Purchase in advance**



To purchase tickets, send a check payable to  
The Women's Alliance  
c/o Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena  
1825 West Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104.  
Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope to  
have tickets mailed to you.

**For more information, contact**

Mary Kovacs at 610-437-5933

or [thekovacs4@aol.com](mailto:thekovacs4@aol.com)

or Ceil Kastrava at 336-408-6051

or [ckastrava@me.com](mailto:ckastrava@me.com)

DID YOU **LOSE** SOMETHING?  
Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or  
ask an usher for help.



DID YOU **FIND** SOMETHING?  
Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX  
**Do not** take it to the sacristy

The **Lost and Found Box** is located in the stairwell to the choir loft on the Blessed Mother side of the church.  
**On the weekend of January 25 and 26, 2020 all articles will be displayed in the ramp area.**  
**After that weekend all articles will be donated or discarded.**

**Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Card List****Rev. Dominic Pham**St. Joseph Rectory  
14 E. Oak Street  
Sheppton, PA 18248**Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky**Holy Trinity Rectory  
4102 South Church Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052**Deacon and Mrs. Lewis Ferris**5431 Congress Way  
Bethlehem, PA 18017**Reverend Jason Stokes**St. Michael the Archangel Rectory  
538 Sunbury Street  
Minersville, PA 17954**Deacon and Mrs. Edward Saukulak**5385 Colony Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-9255**Reverend Luigi Palmieri**Holy Family Villa  
1325 Prospect Avenue  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-4916**Reverend Msgr. Robert Kozel**3276 Oakland Square Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18020-1292**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS  
PILGRIMAGE****Saturday, December 14****Notre Dame Church****1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem****Mass - 8am - Father John Pendzick, celebrant****Rosary after Mass at Abortion Facility****31 South Commerce Way in the  
Bethlehem Industrial Park**

*The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.*

Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.

Contact Info: <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>

St. Francis Retreat House  
3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA 18045  
Phone: 610-258-3053**Monday Mini-Retreat****December 16, 2019****EVERYDAY HOLINESS: WHOLE-HEARTED LIVING****A Franciscan Christmas**

Join our Retreat Committee and  
your St. Francis Retreat House family  
for a Franciscan Christmas  
filled with singing, cookies, prayer,  
and a showing of the  
film "The Fourth Wise Man."

**PRESENTERS**Fr. Henry Beck, OFM  
Joanne Conley  
Kim Denyes  
Carol Herman**THE RETREAT EVENING**

<b>Dinner</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Presentation</b>	6:45 – 9:00 pm.
<b>Donation</b>	\$30
<b>Register by</b>	December 9, 2019
<b>Telephone</b>	610-258-3053, extension 10
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org">www.stfrancisretreathouse.org</a>



### **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

On **Sunday, December 29**, the Church celebrates the **Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. In order to help strengthen families and revitalize parishes, the Knights of Columbus invites all families in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to consecrate themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

To help all families live out the joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is the model for every father.

**The formal consecration will take place at all Masses on December 28 and 29.** Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church. Serious and mindful preparation for at least a week prior is a major aspect of this program.

To ensure that all members of the parish are fully participating and readying themselves, it is suggested that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred. Families are encouraged to intentionally fast from something for at least a week leading up to the consecration. Each family member is also encouraged to go to confession before the consecration.

In order to aid in preparation, Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards will be in all the pews on December 21 and 22. Please take one home to use with your family as preparation.



### **CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS**

Christmas spiritual bouquet cards are available during Advent after all Masses. A donation of **\$10.00 per card is suggested**. The **9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass in Church** will be offered for all those to whom you send a card and there will be a remembrance at all Masses throughout the Christmas Season. All donations will go to Sacred Heart Church Saint Vincent de Paul Society. **Please place all donations in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.**

### **2019 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION**

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2019 contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket, and include your envelope number on the request. **Due to the cost of postage, you MUST include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request or pick the statement up in the parish office during regular business hours. NO FAXES.** We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially supported the parish family of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the year.

**PARISH INFORMATION****SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY**

210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625

**PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING**

Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Rectory and Parish Office:**

610-837-7874, Fax: 610-837-4570,

Email: office@sacredheartbath.org

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**Sacred Heart School:** 610-837-6391

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dre@sacredheartbath.org

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cyodir@sacredheartbath.org

**Mrs. Karen Brynildsen**, Pro-Life Coordinator:

nannybepop@ptd.net, 610-762-2122

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

**GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS**

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

**WELCOME**

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

**PARISH MEMORIALS**

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