

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.



**“I am
baptizing
you with
water,
BUT ONE
MIGHTIER
THAN I
IS COMING.”**

LUKE 3:16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2021

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS*All Masses are now celebrated in the Church!***Saturday, 3rd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)****December 11 Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18**

5:00 PM Anthony Liberto
r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family

Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent**December 12 Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18**

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Daniel Bettinger
r/b Bill and Marie Wilde
 11:00 AM Joseph Godiska
r/b wife, Toni

Monday, Saint Lucy**December 13 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27**

8:00 AM John Ozdinec
r/b wife, Roseann

Tuesday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest**December 14 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32**

8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominicans

Wednesday, Advent Weekday**December 15 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23**

8:00 AM Sharon Dlugos
r/b late husband, Michael

Thursday, Advent Weekday**December 16 Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30**

8:00 AM Jason Scott Burd
r/b Family

Friday, Late Advent Weekday**December 17 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17**

8:00 AM Diana Fields
r/b Kathy Christopher

Saturday, 4th Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**December 18 Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45**

5:00 PM MaryAnn Schuster
r/b Schuster Family

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent**December 19 Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45**

7:00 AM Mary Ann Eckard
r/b Julie Kowal
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Jeanette Weber
r/b Von and Jane George

SCHEDULE OF MASSES**Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM****Sunday Mass: 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM****Weekdays:****Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM****THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE****Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 pm****Thursday during Adoration at 7:00 pm****Monday through Friday mornings****7:30 – 7:50 am****Anytime upon reasonable request****BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

are burning from
 December 10 through December 16
 for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

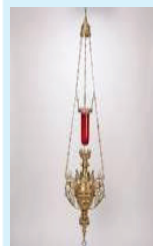
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THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 December 10 through December 23

for the repose of the soul of**Sheila Hall*****r/b Mother*****NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****Thursday, December 16****6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church****Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm**

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

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| 12/18- 12/19 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Lectors Tom Rothrock Bill Wilde Beth Skinner Chris Gonella | Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris | Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- Vincent Santostefano Mia Arbushites |
| 12/24 (Christmas Eve) 4:00 PM (Auditorium) 4:00 PM (Church) 7:00 PM | Lectors Christina Gehringer Joan West William Donczek | Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Mary Toczek | Altar Servers Mia Arbushites Joshua Maruscak Peter Valance |
| 12/25 (Christmas) 12:00 AM (Midnight Mass) 9:30 AM 11:00 AM | Lectors Beth Beers Tom Weber Bill Wilde | Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Tom Rothrock Deacon Lewis Ferris | Altar Servers Mason Santostefano -- -- |

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES**EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2021**

- In concert with the other Bishops in Pennsylvania, the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days returned effective August 15th.
- Effective the week of August 16th, all daily Masses will be held in Church.
- There are no longer any seating or capacity restrictions in the Church. All pews are open again and reservations are no longer needed for any Mass!
- Ushers are now required to wear a facemask when greeting parishioners and when taking up the collection. Masks are also required for the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister at the distribution of Communion. Face masks are not required for anyone else on diocesan property. Those who wish to continue to wear one are free to do so.
- The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.
- With the exception of these items, most other liturgical restrictions are relaxed/eliminated.

**ONLINE MASS
WITH FATHER BUTERA**

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with the Parish and current events and to stay connected spiritually through the livestreamed liturgical services!

Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:
Facebook: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath>)

Twitter: follow @sacredheartbath
(<https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath>)

Periscope: follow @sacredheartbath
(<https://www.pscp.tv/sacredheartbath/follow>)

Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

<https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath>

**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic
meeting will be held on Saturday,

December 18 from 8 am to 12 pm (noon)

in the Father Post Room
of the Burkhart Building.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
Joyce Olivi
mother of
Michael Olivi of Sacred Heart**



SACRED HEART PARISH
CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

Reverend Dominic Pham
Parish Center
84 N. Center Street
Ringtown, PA 17967-9731

Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky
Holy Trinity Rectory
4102 South Church Street
Whitehall, PA 18052-2415

Deacon and Mrs. Lewis Ferris
5431 Congress Way
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Reverend Jason Stokes
Holy Family Parish
538 Sunbury Street
Minersville, PA 17954*1016

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



CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 19 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.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

December 11 and 12



On December 11 and 12, 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.



JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR
CURRENT SPECIAL!
3 LOTTERY CALENDARS
FOR ONLY \$25.00

Increase your chances by buying 3 for \$25.00 with the January Lottery Calendar! What a great gift/stocking stuffer for Christmas! Remember you can win from \$25 up to \$100! Lottery calendars will be inserted in the December bulletins. Extra calendars will be available on the wooden table in the Church vestibule, parish and school offices.

This is a fun way to help support our parish!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE
JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR !!!!!

CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Christmas spiritual bouquet cards are available during Advent in the Church vestibule and at the pick-up station in the Burkhardt Building.

A donation of \$10.00 per card is suggested.

The 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass 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 donations in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Monday December 13 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary/7:30pm Meeting - Both In-Person and Zoom**

**Monday December 27 – Monthly Officers' Meeting
7:00pm – Burkhardt Building and Zoom
“All Brothers are invited to attend”**

“Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in 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.

Did you know: Our Council continues to accept donations for our Christmas Food Baskets donated to families in our Parish in need of help at the holidays. Canned and packaged goods may be deposited in the Food Bins at the Ramp Entrance of the Church. To donate perishable food items and gift cards, please contact Brother Bob Wilkin at (610) 746-4211 or at nancinator@aol.com. If you know of children in the Parish in need of a winter coat, please contact the Parish Office, our Council is participating in the Coats for Kids Program.

For additional information about joining our Council; go to www.KofC14464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

**PARISH FAMILY OF THE MONTH
FOR DECEMBER 2021**

Father Jacob W. Post Council 14464 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that the family of **Frank & Deborah Molchan** has been selected as the parish's **Family of the Month for December, 2021**. Please join us in congratulating them for their great example. This monthly award is given to a parish family that models Christian values and visibly lives them each day. Your nominations for other families to be considered for the award in the coming months will be greatly appreciated. To be selected Family of the Month, each family should stand out as a model to others in the parish. Your nominations can be put in the collection basket or sent to the parish office. Put “Family of the Month nomination” on the envelope. It should be noted that all parish families are eligible for nomination not just families of Knights of Columbus. All honorees receive a framed certificate. If you haven't picked yours up yet, they are in the first room in the Burkhardt building.

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

\$2 per envelope

Oplatky are available from the sacristan before weekend Masses or at the Burkhardt Building drop-off/pick-up station during parish office hours.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BLESSING

**Sunday, 12th December 2021
At all Masses**

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, 14th December 2021
6:30 pm**

Multiple priests available to hear confessions

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

**Friday, 24th December 2021
4:00 pm—Parish Auditorium
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 12 Midnight—Church**

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Saturday, 25th December 2021
9:30 am, 11:00 am**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Saturday, 1st January 2022
5:00 pm (Friday, 31st December) Vigil**

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

**Saturday, 1st January 2022, 4:50 pm,
prior to Vigil Mass**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

There are two major cases coming up at the Supreme Court concerning abortion; "Texas's Heartbeat Law" and Mississippi's "Gestational Age Act," both of which will drastically cut down the time in which a pregnant woman will have in order to get a legal abortion in those States. Because of this, the pro-abortion groups will dredge up the "Turnaway Study." This study looked at what happens when "its too late to get an abortion."

This "Turnaway Study" compared women who were unable to get an earlier abortion with those that were. It also included women who carried their babies to term because they were unable to get an earlier abortion. The results were that the women who were turned away had more anxiety, faced greater poverty, and were less likely to achieve aspirational goals, (whatever that is). Also, the study leader says that "a woman being denied an abortion makes it more likely she will have a child that she lacks the financial and emotional resources to raise."

However the study did not report the following: "Within a week after their 'denial,' even before the baby was born, 35% of those women were no longer willing to say that having the abortion would have been the right decision. After the birth, we know that 86% were living with the baby; 59% perceived their relationships as good or very good; and nearly half 48% had full time jobs."

As Catholics, we see each child saved as a triumph, and a blessing. Apparently, so too, did many women who were "denied" abortions. Pray that the Supreme Court upholds these States rights to make their own decisions on this critical issue.

Deacon Lewis Ferris

SACRED HEART FLEECE JACKETS FOR SALE!

Looking for a great gift for a friend or a loved one? We got you covered! Keep them warm and looking stylish with a Sacred Heart fleece while also supporting Sacred Heart Parish.

Full-zip fleece jacket embroidered with Sacred Heart's logo! Navy blue with

bright blue contrast piping.

Sizes: Adult Women: XS-SM-MED-LG-XL

Adult Men: MED-LG-XL

\$40 each

To Order: Please stop by the Parish Office during regular Office Hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am – 4 pm; closed 12-1 for lunch) to pick out your size. Cash or Checks made payable to "Sacred Heart Church"

Thank you for your support!

**BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for our bulletin submissions. These shortened time frames will run through January 16th 2022. Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. If you have any specific deadline questions for upcoming bulletins, you may email bulletin@sacredheartbath.org

BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM

January 8 and 22

February 5 and 12

We will be studying the Gospel according to St. Luke, using Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. Please contact Deacon Lew Ferris at lferris_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions!

2021 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2021 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, please!** Statements will be sent in mid-late January 2022. 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.



Your Stewardship Report - November 28

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|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| First Collection | \$6,086 | <i>Other collections</i> |
| Christmas Flowers | \$1,432 | <i>- from envelopes</i> |
| Thanksgiving | \$592 | <i>dated other than</i> |
| Other Collections | \$244 | November 28 |
| <u>Other</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <i>Other - donations,</i> |
| Total Collections | \$8,354 | <i>candles, etc.</i> |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - December 19****First**
Sunday Collection**Second**
None**SPECIAL COLLECTION****SECOND COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 12, 2021**

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

- † Are you or your family in need of help? Do you know a parishioner family in need of food or children's coats?
- † Sacred Heart of Jesus has many generous supporters who typically make donations around the holidays to help those parishioner families in need.
- † Donations in past years have included monetary gifts, frozen turkeys and other holiday food. In addition, our Knights of Columbus council is very faithful at collecting food donations and putting together amazing food baskets for families in need this time of year. The Knights are also sponsoring a children's coat drive this year.
- † Many times it is hard to know who needs our help. Please ask.

Contact the parish office if you would like to request this type of aid or to submit the name of a family/person in need.

Email us at office@sacredheartbath.org or phone at 610-837-7874.

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

⇒ Mail your envelopes to:

Sacred Heart Church
210 E. Northampton Street
Bath, PA 18014

⇒ Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at www.sacredheartbath.org. Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.

⇒ Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!

THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent delay or confusion when the time nears for the sacraments (and sacramental preparation), reception is not governed by where one attends school nor by where you attend Mass nor receive Religious Education. For example, if you live in the territorial boundaries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and your 2nd grader attends Good Shepherd School in Northampton, they will receive their Religious Education from Good Shepherd School, but receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you!

POPE JOHN XXIII'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.



GIVING TREE NEWS

1. **Take a tag!**
Gift cards should be purchased in the **SCHOOL OFFICE.**
2. **Purchase the item on the tag.**
3. **ATTACH the tag to the gift or gift card envelope.**
4. **Return gifts to Giving Tree; Return gift cards (in marked envelope) in the Offertory collection or at the Burkhardt Building.**

Please return ASAP to allow for distribution.

**Call Debbie at 484-281-8017
with questions.**

**Merry Christmas, everyone!
God Bless You!**



CLOTHING SHED IS NOW OPEN

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7

Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot

Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the
US and in third world countries.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES
OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Belts Blankets Clothing Drapes Purses

Sheets Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps Household goods Rags Toys

FOOD BANK

The food in the Food Bank bins is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Bath Area Food bank at St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Cay Galgon Life Center on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed.



The next food distribution is
December 14th from
9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm
at St. John's Lutheran Church
in Bath.

Access is at the rear
of the church;
food will be brought to you.
Thank you for your donations!

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

ADVENT EVENT

Sunday, December 12, 1:00-3:00 pm
St. John the Baptist Church,
10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville,
in the main church.



Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to *The Joyful Mysteries: An Advent Reflection* on Join us for an afternoon of talks, music, and prayer to help you prepare for Christmas.

**RSVP: Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the
Homeschool Community
(kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)**

Happy



New Year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. John the Baptist Church
Social Hall
924 N. Front Street
Allentown PA 18102
Friday December 31, 2021

**New Year's Eve Celebration
Featuring CHASBAND
6:30 PM dinner 9:30 - 12:30 AM Music!
Tickets are \$30.00/person for dinner, music
BYOB**

Seating is limited - Advanced Tickets ONLY

Deadline is December 15

**Reservations Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505
Tickets available in the rectory
Monday-Friday 8 AM - 3 PM**



Come to Sacred Heart for your Christmas shopping!

Scrip gift cards are a wonderful way to purchase gifts as well as give them as gifts. There is something for everyone!

There are over 750 stores available. See the full list of stores and restaurants available on our website. Stop by the school office Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm to purchase cards or call 610-837-6391



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TARGET



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| Gift Card | Percentage Earned | Denominations | Gift Card | Percentage Earned | Denominations |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Barnes & Nobles | 8% | \$10 | Applebee's | 8% | \$25 |
| Bed, Bath & Beyond | 7% | \$25 | Buffalo Wild Wings | 8% | \$25 |
| Best Buy | 4% | \$25 | Chili's | 11% | \$25 |
| Home Depot | 7% | \$25 | Chipotle | 10% | \$25 |
| Kohl's | 4% | \$25/\$100 | Cracker Barrel | 8% | \$10 |
| L.L. Bean | 16% | \$25 | Domino's Pizza | 8% | \$10 |
| Target | 2.5% | \$25 | Dunkin Donuts | 3% | \$10 |
| Walmart/Sam's | 2.5% | \$25 | Olive Garden | 8% | \$25 |
| Red Lobster | 8% | \$25 | Panera | 8% | \$10 |



SACRED HEART MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

Must be reliable, self-directed, and motivated. General custodial, maintenance, grounds keeping, mowing and snow removal. Electrical and/or mechanical knowledge and experience helpful but not required.

If interested, please call the Parish Office to inquire at 610-837-7874. Resumes may be submitted to parish office at office@sacredheartbath.org.



NEW AND APPROVED AD TIMES ONLINE

Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

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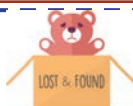
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- ⇒ Use this link (smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799592) when buying on Amazon!
- ⇒ By using our link, Amazon donates a percentage of your total purchase amount to our Parish.

Your donations help us carry out our mission.



DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?

Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or call the office at 610-837-7874



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.

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:

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

Email: office@sacredheartbath.org

Website: www.sacredheartbath.org

Pastor: Rev. Christopher S. Butera**Deacons:** Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak**Director of Accounts:** Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz**Bulletin Editor:** Ms. Karen Shimko

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Chris and Marcia Tallarico

ctallarico@sacredheartbath.org, 610-442-3589

Safe Environment Coordinator: Ms. Karen Shimko

office@shschool.us 610-837-6391

Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse

shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

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.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone

Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth ProtectionPamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,
Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs**, **Sexual Abuse Policy**, and **Code of Conduct**, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line: Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.



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