

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 9, 2022

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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, Baptism of the Lord (anticipated)

January 8 **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

5:00 PM Erma LePage (5th anniversary of death)
r/b daughter, Denise LePage

Sunday, Baptism of the Lord

January 9 **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

7:00 AM Tom and Agnes Wilde
r/b Bill Wilde

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM David Lack
r/b Family

Monday, Weekday

January 10 **1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14- 20**

8:00 AM Anthony Christopher
r/b Rick & Regina Gower and family

Tuesday, Weekday

January 11 **1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21- 28**

8:00 AM Carl Kuniega
r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Wednesday, Weekday

January 12 **1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29- 39**

8:00 AM Donald D. Bundra
r/b Rich and Eileen Badesso

Thursday, Saint Hilary, Bishop

January 13 **1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45**

8:00 AM Mrs. Dolce Marshall
r/b Gonella Family and Evelyn Orogo

Friday, Weekday

January 14 **1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12**

8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

Saturday, 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time (anticipated)

January 15 **Is 62:1-5, 1Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11**

5:00 PM Ronald Landsiedel
r/b Natalie, Cathryn and family

Sunday, 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 16 **Is 62:1-5, 1Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11**

7:00 AM John and Mary Keglovitz
r/b Keglovitz Family

9:00 AM Betty Haldaman (anniversary of death)
r/b Haldaman Family

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

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

January 7 through January 13
for the repose of the soul of



Julia Marasco
r/b Bem Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from

January 7 through January 13
for the repose of the soul of



Vincent Marasco
r/b Bem Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

January 7 through January 20

for the repose of the soul of

John Kondikoff

r/b wife, Betty



**NEXT EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Thursday, January 13th

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

1/15-1/16

5:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Lectors

Tom Rothrock
Bill Wilde
Frank Molchan
Chris Gonella

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Edward Saukulak
Deacon Lewis Ferris
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Altar Servers

Peter Vallance
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Mia Arbushites
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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>

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES


are burning from
January 7 through January 13
for the repose of the soul of



John Kondikoff
r/b wife, Betty

BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING**SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM****January 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!



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

**Margaret Sakasitz
of Sacred Heart Parish**

and

**Stephen Phillips
formerly of Sacred Heart Parish**

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS

If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph or at the Tabernacle, please call or visit the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **SUNDAY - JANUARY 9TH, 2022**

January 9th, 2022 marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

Although, Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified the water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The rosary reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our prayers to her we honor and worship her Son, who is more than happy to listen to His mother's pleas on our behalf.

Praying the Rosary is not just simply about reciting prayers. It involves reflecting on the grace of God.

Praying is a powerful act that lets us develop and strengthen our relationship with God and the Rosary offers the same beautiful reward. By praying the Rosary, we meditate on the events in the life of Jesus Christ and this lets us know God more.

Praying the Rosary for ourselves and others will strengthen the bond with God.

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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name from the mailing list of the printed
newspaper.



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

Monday January 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting

Burkhart Building and Zoom

Monday January 24 – Monthly Officers' Meeting

7:00pm – Burkhart Building and Zoom

“All Brothers are invited to attend”

All the good works the Knights of Columbus do are formed by our four Core Principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Beginning today we will explore the meaning and effect of each.

CHARITY: Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention: “Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

**START THE NEW YEAR
WITH PEACE AND HEALING
THROUGH THE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (John 20:21-23).

If you haven’t been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You’ll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.



**December
SACRED HEART MEMORIAL
FUND DONATIONS**

In Memory of John Dinunzi
Pearl Dinunzi

In Memory of Diana M. Fields
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Metz*
***in addition to those donors previously listed**

In Memory of Michael P. Talipan
Annette Vliet

Please consider remembering your loved one in the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund. A donation to the Memorial Fund assists the mission of the parish and benefits the person remembered through the fruits of Holy Mass offered every First Friday.

Memorial Fund Remembrance Cards are available in the Parish Office.

TODAY!**HELP NEEDED WITH UN-DECORATING**

Christmas Decorations
will be taken down and stored
Sunday afternoon, January 9,
beginning at 12:30 PM.

The more volunteers, the less time it will take.
Your help will be most welcome.

**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.

**2021-2022 SYNOD****THE HOLY FATHER WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Pope Francis has announced a Synod of Bishops and called on each Bishop around the world to listen to members of their flock – including those who are marginalized or who have fallen away from the Church — and get their feedback on issues important to the Catholic Church today.

“The Holy Father wants to know how Catholics experience and express their faith in these challenging times,” Bishop Schlert said. “The goal is to listen to all Catholics, wherever they find themselves in their faith journey or relationship to the Church, so that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we may discern the best ways of addressing the challenges we face as a world and work together on a path of healing and unity through our Catholic faith.”

More information about specific Listening Sessions can be found below and at allentowndiocese.org/synod

**PARTICIPATE IN THE SYNOD!**

We hope that wherever you are in your relationship with the Lord and the Catholic Church, you will consider participating in the Synod by attending a listening session or completing the online survey on our website.

THE CHURCH IS LISTENING.**Individuals with Disabilities & Caregivers**

JAN 15 2022 | 3PM | Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem
 JAN 29 2022 | 3PM | Holy Guardian Angels, Reading

LGBT Community

JAN 27 2022 | 6:30PM | St. Francis Center for Renewal

Young Adults & College Students

FEB 10 2022 | 5:00PM | Holy Ghost Parish, Bethlehem

Parish Listening Sessions

Various Dates | Listing available by county on website below

Your Stewardship Report - December 26

First Collection	\$7,232	<i>Other collections</i>
Christmas	\$14,030	<i>- from envelopes</i>
Other Collections	\$203	<i>dated other than</i>
Other	\$50	December 26
Total Collections	\$21,515	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - January 16****First**
Sunday Collection**Second**
Facilities Repair**ONLINE GIVING UPDATE**

As you may remember, back in the spring of 2020 we implemented a new online giving platform that enabled payment/giving through credit card. Many parishioners remained on the legacy platform and we maintained giving through both platforms for over a year.

If you have any questions about the migration or need any help with the new platform, please call the Parish Office at 610-837-7874.

If you do not give online and would like to set-up an account, visit our website at sacredheartbath.org and click on the red box that says "Donate."

Thank you!**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!

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.

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!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**ON****MONDAY, JANUARY 17th****IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
DAY**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

With the advent of a possible Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade, and Doe vs. Bolton on the horizon, the National Right to Life organization went over the three major problems with these two Supreme Court decisions:

Firstly: According to the Biological textbook: "The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology" "Human life begins at fertilization..." In other words, to quote Horton the elephant; "a person is a person no matter how small."

Secondly: The Supreme Court justices who decided the Roe case, used extremely shoddy logic in defining that within the 14th amendments' "right to privacy" the right to abortion was somehow included by the original founders. An obvious absurd conclusion given that abortion was at that time against the law in most States. Yale Professor, John Hart Ely, "it is bad because it is bad constitutional law, or rather because it is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be."

Thirdly: Roe is undemocratic. It struck down all of the anti-abortion laws in all of the States, without any input from the people or their rightly elected representative governors of those states.

Repealing Roe and Doe will rightfully put the decisions on abortion laws back into the hands of the States where it should have stayed to begin with. Note that none of the reasons Roe is bad law has anything to do with religion. They are all either biological or legal.

—Deacon Lewis Ferris



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 January 11th 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!



THE MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 21, 2022



The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country.

Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states.

It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...

TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

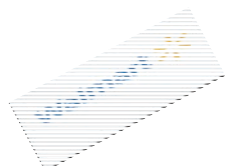
BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

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





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OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from the sales of the
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**Please stop by the school office or call at 610-837-6391 Monday through Friday
 between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM to purchase gift cards.**

Available Gift Cards below



(and many more available, not listed...)



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

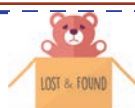
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DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?

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**

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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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