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.

EPIPHANY



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LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

OF THE LORD

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct</u> 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, Epiphany of the Lord (anticipated) January 1 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

5:00 PM Roman and Jean Pietrzak

r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord

January 2 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM James Seifert

r/b O'Reilly Family

11:00 AM William I. Stubits

r/b Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nuss

Monday, Christmas Weekday

January 3 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00 AM Diana Fields

r/b Carmella and Frank Maroski

Tuesday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 4 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

8:00 AM David Lack r/b Family

Wednesday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

January 5 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

8:00 AM Marie Stubits

r/b Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stubits

Thursday, Christmas Weekday

January 6 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

8:00 AM Margaret Yob

r/b O'Reilly Family

Friday, Christmas Weekday

January 7 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

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

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 31 through January 6
for the repose of the souls of



Betty and Fran McGouldrick

r/b Pat and Bill

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from

December 31 through January 6
for the repose of the souls of



William and Nellie Doncsecz

r/b Pat and Bill



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

December 24 through January 6

for the repose of the soul of

Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos families



NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, January 6th

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical + Roles

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1/8-1/9	Lectors
5:00 PM	Richard Brand
7:00 AM	Lisa Wilde Barnhorst
9:00 AM	Beth Skinner
11:00 AM	Tom Weber

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Edward Saukulak
Deacon Edward Saukulak

<u> Altar Servers</u>

John Vallance --

Daniel Holub Vincent 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.

Join us for Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

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

2022 NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders
of God

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen



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 Iferris_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions!

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.



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

John Neumann was born in Prachatice in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He studied theology in the seminary of Budweis. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support.

Neumann was ordained a priest by the bishop of New York in June 1836, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls.

Wanting to live in a religious community that corresponded more to his missionary vocation, in January 1842 he entered the Redemptorists. A tireless missionary, Neumann busied himself in particular with the German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh.

Having filled the role of vice-provincial superior of the Redemptorists from 1846-49, he became the parish priest of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In 1852, at the age of 41, he was named bishop of Philadelphia.

Neumann had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States by founding Catholic schools and promoting devotion to the Eucharist. He founded a new religious institute—the Third Order of Saint Francis of Glen Riddle. The School Sisters of Notre Dame likewise regard Neumann as their secondary founder, their "Father in America." In just seven years, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages. As a bishop, Neumann was untiring in visiting his vast diocese.

On January 5, 1860, at the age of 48, he died suddenly of a heart attack on a Philadelphia street. Neumann was beatified during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. In the homily on the occasion of Neumann's canonization, Pope Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint: "He was close to the sick, he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants."

St. John Neumann is invoked as a patron of sick children and of immigrants.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 3rd in observance of New Year's Day

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS!!!!!

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.

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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"



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



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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 2, 2022

As with the Three Kings, Pope Francis said, "the experience of God does not block us, but frees us; it does not imprison us, but puts us back on our way, returning us to the usual places of our existence. The places are the same but, after the encounter with Christ, we are not the same as before."

To worship like the Magi did, is "to bring gold to the Lord and to tell him that nothing is more precious than He is. To offer Him incense and to tell Him that only in union with Him can our lives rise up to heaven. To present Him with myrrh, balm for the bruised and wounded, and to promise Him that we will aid our marginalized and suffering neighbors in whom He Himself is present," the pope said.

Like the Magi, Christians discover the meaning of their life's journey in worshipping the Lord and it brings them great joy.

EPIPHANY TRADITIONS

It is traditional for parish priests to bless water on Epiphany, which is used for the blessing of homes that day. Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, as a witness of their faith and protection against evil.

With chalk, families write an inscription on the lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters, and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2022, the line will read as follows:

22+C+M+B+22

The four digits designating the New Year appear at the beginning and end of the line. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat." "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's Eternal Word in this holy season.

If you want to inscribe your home this Epiphany, please refer to the insert in today's bulletin for the Inscribing of the Home on Epiphany Rite.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

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"

- † With the start of the New Year, please remember to check, and replace if necessary, the batteries in the Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in your home. If you don't have them, now is the time to make the small investment for your safety and that of your family.
- "Cooks with Collars" is returning this January! Father Butera, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will be videoed preparing soup in the Church Auditorium kitchen. The finished product will be sold as a fundraiser benefiting the charitable works of the Parish and the Knights. Watch the Bulletin for an Insert with information about ordering the soup and viewing the video.

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.



FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to your generous donations of non-perishable items, on Thursday, December 16 our parish's council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 326 pounds of items to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank at St. Paul's Church in Allentown. This brings the total number of pounds donated during the 2021-2022 fraternal year; (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022) to 2,156. The next delivery of donated items will be made, as soon as the bins are full again, to the Bath Area Food Bank. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered to local food banks. This rebate is then passed on by the council to the food banks. Thank you for your past donations and please continue to donate since there continues to be a very great need from local families especially during the upcoming holiday season. Also, please check the "best by" date on all food items before donating as the food banks cannot accept any items with a "best by" date earlier than 2020.

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.

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OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Belts Blankets Clothing Drapes Purses

Sheets Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps Household Rags Toys

Your Stewardship Report - December 19						
First Collection Christmas Other Collection Other	\$2,145 s \$597	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 19				
Total Collections	\$11,693	Other - donations, candles, etc.				

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!

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thanks to all who supported the first Shop Stop event at Sacred Heart on Sunday, December 5th! We had a very strong turnout after the Sunday morning Masses and sold a lot of Christmas gifts, especially gift cards, Bulletin Angel ornaments and Oplatky!

Thanks to our volunteers as well! It was truly a parish – wide effort!

We will provide the final \$\$\$\$ results in an upcoming bulletin; stay tuned!

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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - January 9



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> Second Heat

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 <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. 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 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!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, stated last month that Roe being overruled "would be an answer to a lot of prayers and a lot of hard work over decades." However, he also added a word of caution about the work still left to do. "We have to be aware that it doesn't mean that abortion will be prevented or protected by law in the United States," he said. "It would mean that states would have a greater opportunity if they chose to protect the unborn."

Pennsylvania is and looks likely to remain, a swing State, that could go either way on the abortion issue, depending on who is in control in Harrisburg. So, what Texas or Mississippi decide will not affect or protect our babies here in PA. What will be needed is for the Church to step up and provide help for those mothers who for whatever reasons are having difficulty with an unexpected pregnancy. Hopefully, when and if Roe is overturned, there will be more mothers who will need such help.

—Deacon Lewis Ferris

RETROUVAILLE

Rediscover the Love in your Marriage Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or

> The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA

> For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Homeschool families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on

Thursday, January 6 at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville.

An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 with the opportunity for Confessions.



RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the **Homeschool Community** (kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org) by January 3.

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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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.



<u>Feed Your Family With Purpose</u> <u>Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You</u> <u>Grocery Shop</u>



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This is a wonderful way to help support your Parish.

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...)



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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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- ⇒ When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Sacred Heart Church. Support us every time you shop.
- ⇒ Use this link (smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799592) when buying on Amazon!
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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

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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 Protection

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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

<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u> 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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