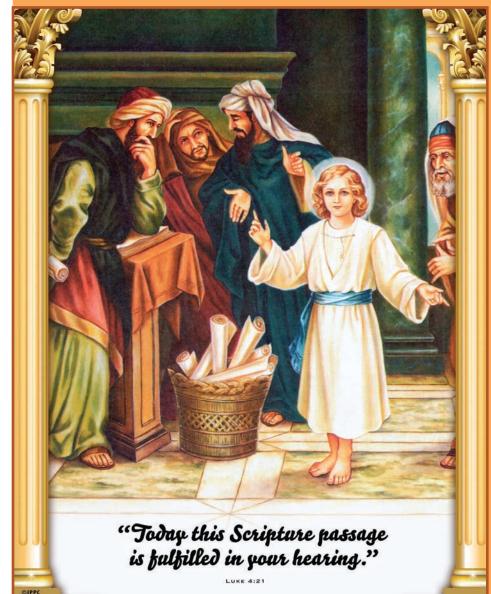
## SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

#### 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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022

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!

	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated) Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or
	12:12-14,27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday,	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or
	12:12-14,27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
7:00 AM	Tom and Agnes Wilde
	r/b Bill Wilde
9:00 AM	Gertrude Christy
	r/b O'Reilly Family
11:00 AM	Patty Snyder
	r/b husband, Gary and family
	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
8:00 AM	Marlene O. Douglass
	r/b Evelyn Orogo, O.P.
Tuesday,	<b>Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</b>
January 25	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
8:00 AM	Diana Fields
	r/b Rick & Regina Gower and family
	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
	2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20
8:00 AM	Joe Bobowski
	r/b Chuck Rizzo and family
	Saint Angela Merici
	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
8:00 AM	Joe Maroski
	r/b wife, Marie
Friday,	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk4:26-34
8:00 AM	Rudy Faustner
	r/b Jim Kay
Saturday,	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30
5:00 PM	Deceased members of the Wandler Family
	r/b Ed and Jill Wandler
Sunday,	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30
	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
9:00 AM	Joyce Olivi
	r/b Rick & Regina Gower and family
11:00 AM	Josephine LaSorsa
	r/b O'Reilly Family



#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

January 21 through February 3

for the repose of the souls of

**Charles and Mary Manning** 

r/b Kathleen and Larry Deibert

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#### **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 21 through January 27 for the repose of the soul of



Julia Rose Marasco r/b Bem Family

#### SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from January 21 through January 27 for the repose of the soul of



Joseph Maroski r/b Stan and Diane Petko



## NEXT EUCHARISTIC

<u>Thursday, January 27th</u>

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

Lectors

Beth Beers

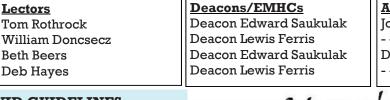
Deb Hayes

**January 23, 2022** 

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

1/29-1/30 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

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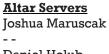
the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

**ONLINE MASS** 

#### **UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES**

#### EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2021

- concert with other Tn the **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.



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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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF **Bill Baker** brother of Mary Lou Ross of Sacred Heart Parish and Lucy Kopack sister of John Maruscak of **Sacred Heart Parish** 

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from January 21 through January 27 for the repose of the souls of



**Charles and Mary Manning** r/b Kathleen and Larry Deibert



January 23, 2022



**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:** 

Monday January 24 – Monthly Officers' Meeting 7:00pm – Burkhart Building and Zoom "All Brothers are invited to attend" Monday February 14 – Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom

We continue with our Brotherhood's Core Principles: This week we feature <u>FRATERNITY</u>. The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

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 or contact our Grand Knight, Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

Our Lady has a prayer that fills her heart with joy—the Hail Mary and the most Holy Rosary. Every time the Hail Mary is prayed with attention and sincere heart, Our Lady's heart is filled with joy. Therefore, let us be motivated to pray the most Holy Rosary.



#### BIBLE STUDY BURKHART BUILDING OPEN TO ALL

SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM February 5 and 12

We will finish studying the Gospel of St. Luke and begin studying The Acts of the Apostles. *This is a good time to join the group as we start on a new book.* We use Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

If you are interested in joining the group or have any questions, please contact Deacon Lew Ferris at lferris\_2000@yahoo.com

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Heavenly Father, We pray for all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. We pray that you also watch over and protect their families, friends and caretakers during these trying times. Amen



#### DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) in the Burkhart Father Post Room

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#### CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE FEAST DAY - JANUARY 25TH

St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the





#### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Luke 1:39-42; "In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed in a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Isn't it interesting that the first person to acknowledge Jesus, was a baby in the womb of his mother? It's fortunate that Elizabeth was born where abortion was not popular. After all she was an old woman who was well beyond childbearing years. In our medical culture she would have been sent to get an ultrasound to make sure her baby didn't have any "defects" such as Down's syndrome. That way she could have the choice of destroying it. After all, aren't we all born perfect?

I read or heard this past Christmas season the beautiful thought that the reason Jesus came to earth as a baby, is that babies immediately get our attention. What normal person doesn't like to see a baby, hear their little sounds etc. So, I guess God knew what He was doing after all.

#### -Deacon Lew Ferris



#### RETROUVAILLE

<u>Rediscover The</u> <u>Love In Your Marriage</u> Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through

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 crises.

#### The next program begins the weekend of

<u>February 11-13, 2022 at the</u> <u>Family Life Center in Malvern, PA</u>

For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

### ACT OF KINDNESS

"Not only is kindness due to everyone, but a special kindness is due to everyone. Kindness is not kindness unless it is special. Its charm consists 🤇 in its fitness, its timeliness, and its individual application. Kindness adds sweetness to 🔵 everything. It makes life's capabilities blossom 🗕 and fills them with fragrance. Kindness is like 🗕 divine grace. It bestows on men something that 🗕 neither self nor nature can give them. What it gives 🗕 them is something of which they are in need, or something which only another person can give, 🗕 such as consolation. Besides, the manner in which this is given is a true gift itself, better far than the thing given. The secret impulse out of which kindness acts is an instinct that is the noblest part of yourself. It is the most undoubted remnant of the image of God, given to us at the beginning" (The Hidden Power of Kindness, Cf. Frederick William Faber, Spiritual Conferences ).

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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Participate in the Synod!

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online survey.

We hope that wherever you are in your relationship with the Lord and

consider participating in the Synod Listening Sessions or complete our THE CHURCH IS LISTENING

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

Young Adults & College Students FEB 10 2022 | 7:00PM | Holy Ghost Parish, Bethlehem

Parish Listening Sessions Various Dates | Listing available by county on website

www.allentowndiocese.org/synod

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#### GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Good Shepherd Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week

To kick off our week, we are offering live tours for families interested in enrolling students in our school.

Tours will begin at 10:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. If you would like to sign up for a tour, please contact Mrs. Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or <u>mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com</u>. Tours are being offered for students entering Preschool 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8.

Spaces are limited for next school year so register early! If you would like to tour but cannot make it that Sunday, please reach out and we can make necessary accommodations.

#### **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 A	nimals

#### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Fabric Scraps

Household goods

Rags

#### 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!



#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES FEAST DAY—JANUARY 24TH

Saint Francis de Sales, a highly educated nobleman, gave up his wealth and comfort and risked his life to do God's will as a dedicated holy priest. One of the many ways that he demonstrated his kindness toward others was by being determined to bring people to faith despite having to face difficult and dangerous conditions to do so. Even though it would have been so much easier for the saint to return to his position of nobility and wealth, he didn't turn back and even sought out evangelical challenges. He bravely fulfilled his calling even after it seemed impossible.



Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to <u>bulletin@sacredheartbath.org</u> by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.

**BULLETIN PUBLICATION** 

Toys

<u> Your Stewardship Report - January 9</u>					
First Collection Heat Christmas Other Collections	\$898 \$4,905 \$1,335	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than January 9			
<u>Other</u> Total Collections	<u>\$29</u> \$15,346	<u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.			

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

#### **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!



#### 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 <u>office@sacredheartbath.org</u>.

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

**January 23, 2022** 

#### Next Week's Collections - January 30

<u>First</u> Sunday Collection



<u>Second</u> Catholic Relief Services

#### 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 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!

#### **<u>CATHOLIC MOMS PAINT AND SIP</u>** Saturday, January 29th, Noon to 3 pm

All Moms are invited to join us at the Family Center at St. Thomas More Church, Allentown for lunch, painting, and prayer! Limited to just 30 guests! Cost is \$10 and includes lunch, items to sip, painting supplies, and prayer!

**Event program is below!** 

Noon: Arrival and Lunch (Provided) 12:30 pm: Prayer Service – Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary 12:45 pm: Painting the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 3:00/3:30 pm: Blessings of the paintings / departure

**Questions? Contact Maggie Riggins at** 

mriggins@allentowndiocese.org for more information or to register!



#### CATHOLIC SINGLE, MIX AND MINGLE!

Calling all Young Adults! (18-35)

To join us on

Saturday, January 29, 2022

From 5 pm - 7 pm

All Catholic singles are welcome to join us at

**Steelgaarden Annex** 

of the Bethlehem Brew Works

Free buffet and drink ticket,

speed dating and trivia.

It will be a fun night of meeting new people!

**Questions? Contact Maggie Riggins at** 

mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

#### SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE, EASTON MIN-RETREAT FEBRUARY 14

January 23, 2022

"Joyful, Upbeat, Deeply Optimistic: Salesian Spirituality for the Journey" is the topic for the February Mini-Retreat at St. Francis Retreat House, Easton

Fr. James Greenfield, OSFS, president of DeSales University, will explore the Salesian virtues of humility, gentleness, and simplicity in our everyday lives.

The evening begins with a full meal at 6:00 pm followed by the presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

#### Donations are \$35 for in-person \$20 for virtual participation

Please reserve your place at **<u>stfrancisretreathouse.org</u>** or call 610-258-3053 x34 **by February 6.** 



#### BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCE AEROBICS OFFERED

8 Week or 10 week classes offered at St. Elizabeth Parish, Whitehall on <u>Tuesday nights</u> from 6:15 – 7:00 PM starting February 22 to April 26, 2022 in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall.

No Class March 15 & 22, Make-ups on March 9 & 16.

The cost is only \$15.00 or \$25.00 per person for the entire 8 or 10 weeks respectfully.

#### Registration deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>

Contact Mary Spieker to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org

Bring a friend!



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#### SUPPORT SACRED HEART CHURCH BY SHOPPING AT AMAZON SMILE

- $\Rightarrow~$  When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Sacred Heart Church. Support us every time you shop.
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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

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DID YOU **FIND S**OMETHING? Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX <u>**Do not**</u> take it to the sacristy

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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 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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#### 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

**January 23, 2022** 

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 **<u>RCIA</u>**. 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</u> <u>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 <u>www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</u> or by calling 800-276-1562.





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