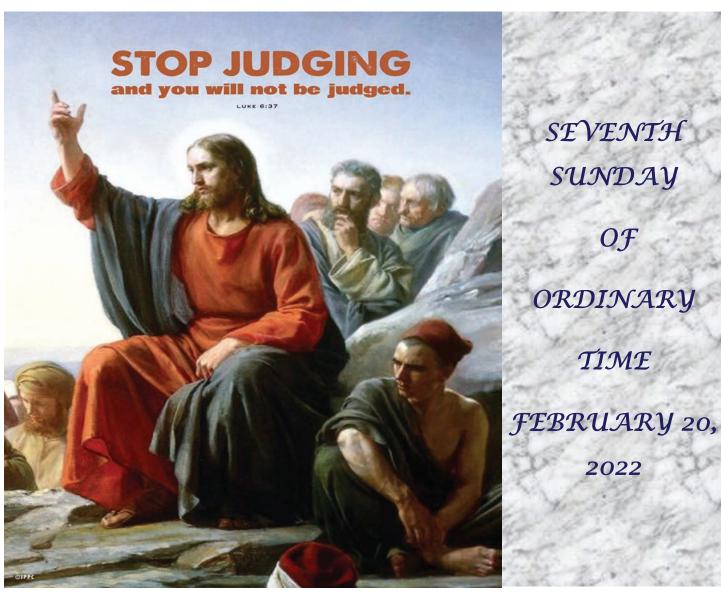
SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



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, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated) February 19 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/

Lk 6:27-38

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/

Lk 6:27-38

7:00 AM Regina Engle

r/b Bill Wilde

9:00 AM Joyce Olivi

r/b Florence Liberto

11:00 AM Margaret Zuercher

r/b Mariann, Crystal and Anthony Ulecka

Monday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop

February 21 Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

9:00 AM Laura Murante

r/b the Klardie Family

Tuesday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

February 22 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 8:00 AM Edward Tanczos, Sr.

r/b Family

Wednesday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop February 23 Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

8:00 AM Steve Phillips

r/b Carol and Glenn Derhammer

Thursday, Weekday

February 24 Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

8:00 AM Cristina C. Orogo

r/b Evelyn Orogo, O.P.

Friday, Weekday

February 25 Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

8:00 AM Ronald Matyas

r/b wife, Vivian and family

Saturday, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

February 26 Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

5:00 PM Nicholas Cascio

r/b James Alfano

Sunday, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27 Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Dakota Blaz Borovies

r/b Daddy, Mommy and Savanna

11:00 AM Paul J. Pichler

r/b daughter and 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 February 18 through February 24 for the repose of the soul of



Franco Pappagallo r/b DeVirgilio Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from February 18 through February 24 for the repose of the soul of



Gregory Marasco, Sr.

r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem



NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, February 24th

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from February 18 through March 3 for the repose of the soul of

Matt Schweitzer r/b wife, Anne

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

2/26-2/27 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Lectors Joan West Tom Rothrock Beth Skinner
9:00 AM	Beth Skinner
11:00 AM	Tom Weber

Deacons/EMHCs

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

<u> Altar Servers</u>

Peter Vallance

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Cara Dormarunno Mia Arbushites

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.

THE CHURCH IS LISTENING

Father Butera invites everyone to participate with our Parish Ambassadors in the Synod!

"THE GOAL IS TO LISTEN "

We hope that wherever you are with your relationship with the Lord and the Catholic Church, you will consider participating in our Listening Session:

Saturday, February 26, 2022
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church—Auditorium
117 Washington Street, Bath, Pa 18014

Come join us for conversation! 50-minute Listening Sessions starting at 9 am, 10 am, & 11 am.

Please contact one of our Ambassadors for more information or to let us know which session you would like to attend:

Joan: jmwnanna@gmail.com
Doug: douglashamadyk@gmail.com
Beth: bbeers315@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend or would prefer to share your thoughts in writing, please complete the online survey found at: https://www.allentowndiocese.org/synod



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. During this holy season, we're encouraged to repent of our sinfulness, to seek the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to grow closer to him through prayer and fasting.

What's happening in our lives is mirrored in the Church: music is subdued, alleluia is not said or sung, and the use of flowers is limited. Many of you kindly arrange for flowers in memory of your loved ones. We will welcome that loving gesture after Easter.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday February 28 – Monthly Officers' Meeting
7:00pm – Burkhart Building and Zoom
"All Brothers are invited to attend"
Monday March 14 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting
Burkhart Building and Zoom

Our Supreme Chaplain's Challenge - "A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, 'If you wish you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:4042)." What profound faith this leper possessed. He knew beyond a doubt that Christ could heal him and make him clean. The leper's humble cooperation with the healing grace of Christ allowed him to be cured. Do we recognize our own need to be healed? Do we approach Christ in the sacrament of confession with similar faith, saying to the Divine Physician, "If you wish, you can make me clean"? May we continually return to Christ on our knees, aware of our sins, so as to be made clean again through his mercy.

Did You Know: Decisions as to programs being conducted for the spring are currently being discussed and finalized, we will be announcing our offerings over the next week or two.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofCl4464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY REVEREND JEFF WHORTON, ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



Joseph E. Taschner, Sr. r/b Erin and Gwen Taschner

Diana Fields r/b Gigi Kahler

Michael Zastko, Jr. r/b Florence Liberto

Joyce Olivi r/b Knights of Columbus Council #14464

Richard Jastrzebski, Jr.

r/b Rick & Regina Gower and family



BULLETIN PUBLICATION

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



COMMISSION FOR MEN LENTEN EVENT

The event will take place at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hamburg on Saturday, March 5th from 8:30 to 11:30 am

"For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things" (Psalm 107:9).

Make your Lent meaningful, participate in God's work of renewal this season and join us for a morning of reflection with our Most Reverend Bishop Alfred Schlert and Father John Maria as they lead us to experience a deeper meaning of His death and resurrection.

For more information, please visit the website https://www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/



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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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DID YOU VOTE?

VOTING ENDS FEBRUARY 28TH



COOKS WITH COLLARS—ONE WEEK LEFT TO VOTE!

Father Butera needs your help!
Father Butera will represent Sacred Heart Parish
in COOKS WITH COLLARS an online
cooking competition

to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.



Visit www.cookswithcollars.com

to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions!

VOTE early and VOTE often (January 28, 2022 till February 28, 2022) for our Diocesan top chefl Each VOTE is just \$10.00.

All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Father Butera and Sacred Heart Parish a winner!





CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, February 6th, parishioner, Anne Schweitzer celebrated her 100th birthday!

Father Butera was happy to recognize Anne at the 7:00 Mass and present her with an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis.

Father asked everyone to join him in singing happy birthday to her and then gave her a special birthday blessing.

What a special celebration for a very special lady! Happy Birthday, Anne!



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Ouotes from Mother Theresa:

- † "Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: half the babies and all the mothers."
- † "Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and give that child to a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child."
- † "It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."
- † "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

During her lifetime and to this day, the world admires this woman of faith for the love and care she showed for each and every person including the unborn. We all could take her example and wisdom to heart. Our present-day lack of religious sisters has left a gaping hole in the heart of the Church and the lives of her members.

During our re-conversion period in our late twenties, there were many religious sisters whose teaching and example helped Freda and me to return to the faith. As only they could have done. They had a unique charism that cannot be replaced by any other group.

- Deacon Lewis Ferris



DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING

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

February 26th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) in the Father Post Room of the Burkhart Building.





BIBLE STUDY BURKHART BUILDING OPEN TO ALL

SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM February 12th March 5 &19, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21

We will finish studying the Gospel of St. Luke and begin studying The Acts of the Apostles. 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

MARCH LOTTERY CALENDARS !!TRY YOUR LUCK !!

Take a chance to win from \$25 up to \$100 on our March Lottery Calendar. If you are feeling lucky, fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the school or parish office, collection basket or by mail before February 28th. Extra calendars are available in the parish and school offices. This is a fun way to help support our parish.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!



BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND! Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, February 19th and Sunday, February 20th in the ramp area before and after all Masses. Thank you to all who bake and those who support the Women's Guild!

Your Stewardship Report - February 6						
First Collection Parish Improvement Other Collections Other	\$1,950 \$505	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than February 6				
Total Collections	\$11,689	Other - donations, candles, etc.				

RICE BOWL—LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.



Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Church ramp entrance vestibule.

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

God our Father, Giver of life,

We entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBERING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In God We Trust

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - February 27



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> <u>Second</u> Rice Bowl

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!



HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES EVENTS

St. John the Baptist Church 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville First Friday gathering on Thursday, March 3.

Diocese of Allentown invites you to an informal social beginning at 6:00 pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 pm with the opportunity for Confessions.

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



2022 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS MARCH 19, 2022



Save the Date for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress March 19, 2022

This one-day event to celebrate the Holy Eucharist will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena in Allentown and will feature three tracks for participants: Youth and Young Adults, Adults, and Spanishspeaking.

This event will include refreshments, morning speaker, and witness talk.

All participants will also be invited to participate in a bilingual rosary, have time for adoration and confession, hear a keynote speaker, and celebrate Mass to conclude the day.

Register to join us for this free event!

https://yearofrealpresence.org/events/eucharistic-congress



SAINTS AND SCHOLARS Dinner and Discussion Various Dates

What is the Real Presence? How do we know it is really Jesus? What does it mean to you in your life?

Come explore the theology of the Holy Eucharist in this free event series featuring dinner, a reflection from a featured speaker, discussion, and fellowship! As we break bread together, we will come to better understand the Bread of Life!

Sessions will be held on February 23, March 31, and April 28 Allentown, Reading and Bethlehem locations

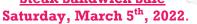
Check the website:

https://yearofrealpresence.org

For presenters, additional information, and to register!



SAINT ELIZABETH Steak Sandwich Sale



Is sponsoring our famous DriveThru Steak Sandwich Meal

Steaks are \$12 each
Cheese Steaks are \$13.00 each.

This includes: sauce, onions, pickles and hot peppers all on the side.

Orders are due by February 28, 2022.

Pick up is at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall from 4 – 5:30 pm.

For more information or to place an order, see our parish web site for the order form or please contact Joan at 610-349-7791 or email: dirreled@sercc.org.

SAINT FRANCIS CENTER FOR RENEWAL - MARCH 2022 PROGRAMS

At 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017

For more information, visit our website at www.stfrancisctr.org or call 610-867-8890.

- † Thursday, March 1, 10 am to 11:30 am: Simply Prayer (online or in person)
- † Thursday, March 3, 10 am to 11:30 am: Growing in Wisdom, Age & Grace (online only)
- Friday, March 4, 3:30 to 4 pm: Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards)
- † Tuesday, March 8, 10 am to 11 am: Praying with the Psalms
- Thursday, March 10, 6-7 pm: Prayer Through Movement
- † Friday, March 11, 3:30 to 4 pm: Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards)
- † Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13: The Franciscan Gospel Values for Daily Living weekend retreat
- † Thursday, March 17, 6-7 pm: Prayer Through Movement
- † Friday, March 18, 3:30-4pm: Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards)
- Tuesday, March 22, 10 am to 11 am: Praying with the Psalms
- † Thursday, March 24, 7-8:30 pm: Twilight Retreat: Emerging Spirituality in a Chaotic World
- † Thursday, March 24, 6-7 pm: Prayer Through Movement
- † Friday, March 25, 3:30 pm to 4 pm: Stations of the Cross (with optional Adoration afterwards)
- † Saturday, March 26, 9 am to 2 pm: Turning Within: A Day of Contemplative Prayer
- † Thursday, March 31, 6-7 pm: Prayer Through Movement





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



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Best Buy	4%	\$25	Chili's	11%	\$25
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Red Robin	8%	\$25
Amazon	2%	\$10	Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10
Land's End	15%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Panera	8%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Cabela's	10%	\$25
Pet Smart	5%	\$25	CV's	6%	\$10/\$25

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

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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