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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 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!

Saturday,	First Sunday of Lent (anticipated)
March 5	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
5:00 PM	Amanda Ring
	r/b Pat and Mike Peapos
Sunday,	First Sunday of Lent
March 6	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
7:00 AM	Stephen J. Paukovits
	r/b Paukovits Family
	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
11:00 AM	Stephen Phillips
	r/b Thomas Family
Monday,	
	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
8:00 AM	Margaret Sakasitz
	r/b George and Pat Gasper
	Saint John of God, Religious
	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
8:00 AM	Joyce Olivi
	r/b grandchildren, Missy, Gary and Meagan
	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
8:00 AM	Paul R. Barracato
	r/b Barracato Family
	Lenten Weekday
	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
8:00 AM	Richard Jastrzebski, Jr.
	r/b Dale and Dolla Schrey
	Lenten Weekday
	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
	Benefactors of Sacred Heart
	Stations of the Cross
	2nd Sunday of Lent (anticipated)
March 12	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4-1
	Lk 9:28b-36
5:00 PM	John and Sylvia Flamisch r/b daughter, Rosanne
Sundau	2nd Sunday of Lent
	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4-1
Warch 15	Lk 9:28b-36
7.00 AM	Michael Zastko, Jr.
1.00 AW	r/b Michael and Terri Zastko
9.00 AM	James Lilly
0.00 AW	r/b wife
11.00 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
11.00 AW	



NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

<u>Thursday, March 10th</u>

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

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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 March 4 through March 10 for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from March 4 through March 10 for the repose of the soul of the



William DeNofa r/b daughter, Vivian and family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from March 4 through March 17 for the repose of the soul of

Stephen J. Paukovits *r/b Paukovits Family*

March 6, 2022

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical + Roles

3/12-3/13	Lectors	Deacons/EMHCs	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Lisa Wilde Barnhorst	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Josh Maruscak
7:00 AM	William Doncsecz	Deacon Lewis Ferris	
9:00 AM	Beth Beers	Deacon Edward Saukulak	TBD
11:00 AM	Chris Gonella	Deacon Lewis Ferris	TBD

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.

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursdays during Lent from 6:00PM through 9:00PM

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:30PM **During Thursday Adoration** of the most Blessed Sacrament 7:00PM-8:00PM Monday through Friday mornings, 7:30 - 7:50AM

Confessions with multiple guest confessors will be on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

> **STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM**

BULLETIN PUBLICATION

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

Deacons/EMHCs	Altar S
Deacon Edward Saukulak	Josh Ma
Deacon Lewis Ferris	
Deacon Edward Saukulak	TBD
Deacon Lewis Ferris	TBD
Mass	-1
Join us for Mass	Ø ojPPC

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

WITH FATHER BUTERA

ONLINE MASS

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Theodore Lucas of **Sacred Heart Parish**

March 6, 2022





Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus' name. Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring you smiles to wear and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in His care. Amen

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.**

PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS

Heavenly Father, pour out Your grace on the priests You have made. Let them remember that in performing their tasks, they are never alone.

Relying on Your almighty power and believing in Christ who called them to share in His priesthood, may they devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust.

Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and help them to serve their subjects.

Through them, may Your Word be truly proclaimed, and may Your Sacraments especially the Eucharist, be faithfully administered and devoutly received. Amen

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



Martin Dobis r/b Thomas and Pina Weber

Steven Wandler r/b Juanita Suranofsky

Joyce Olivi r/b Michael Olivi and family

Joseph E. Taschner, Sr. r/b Anne Miller

Anthony Christopher r/b Paul Kahler, Jr., Lisa and children

Michael Zastko. Jr. r/b Delores Stranzel and family



FOR YOUR INFORMATION





Fr. Butera will be attending the Operational Religious Support Leaders Course.

GUEST PRIESTS WILL CELEBRATE MASS AND BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL SACRAMENTAL NEEDS. DURING THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO LIVE STREAMING MASSES.



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

<u>Council Events are beginning to ramp up for the spring and summer.</u>

- Lenten Friday Fish Dinners March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 (please lend a hand to make these successful)
- First Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup in early April
- Ascension Cheesecake Fundraiser in May
- Volunteering at Coca-Cola Park for Iron Pigs Games throughout the summer
- Yankee Stadium Bus Trip June 29

Please participate as fully as you can!!

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention - "We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."



BASEBALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14464 YANKEE TRIP Wednesday, June 29th at Yankee Stadium

After a two year hiatus, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath, Knights of Columbus 14464 is sponsoring a trip to see the New York Yankees.

Game time is 1:05 PM, and the opponent is the Oakland A'S.

Price per person is \$109.

We have 55 tickets reserved in section 234 (Leftfield, Second Deck)

We will depart at 9 AM from the Church, and return immediately following the game. (No Dinner Stop)

Transportation is provided by Easton Coach.

Contact Bud Schuster at 610-390-8429 or email bud328@msn.com to reserve your spot.

In the event that the game is cancelled due to the lockout, we will provide a full refund, or you may transfer your reservation to our backup date of Wednesday, August 3rd.

DON'T DELAY THIS TRIP FILLS UP QUICKLY!!



4th Annual Business Leaders Breakfast



YOU ARE INVITED TO BREAKFAST! MAY 6, 2022, 7-9 AM AT DESALES UNIVERSITY

Join us as we are back live and in person for our Fourth Annual Business Leaders Breakfast! Each year, leaders in the community gather together to support the mission of the Lehigh Valley's first - **AND ONLY** - recovery high school, get an update on its progress, hear from one of the outstanding business leaders in our community, network with one another, and learn about ways in which the community can help students on their recovery journey. You'll hear from <u>Ashley Russo</u>, president of ASR Media Productions, a three-time Emmy® award-winning executive producer and host of The <u>PEAK TV</u> and <u>St.</u> <u>Luke's HealthNow</u>. A twenty-year media veteran, Ashley graduated from <u>New York University's Arthur L. Carter</u> Journalism Institute. She is also the creator and host of a weekly podcast, <u>Unscripted with Russo</u>.

To register or become a sponsor please visit www.kolbe-academy.org/support/blb

ADMISSION IS FREE REGISTER TODAY! Registration begins March 6th Network, Learn, Grow and Support Kolbe Academy

PRO-LIFE CORNER

An important reminder. If we call them pro-choice, what does that make us? Anti-choice?

If we call them pro abortion rights, what does that make us? Anti-rights?

I am neither against choice or rights. They don't want to be called pro abortion, because they know abortion is "intrinsically evil".

Let us pray for the souls of the pro abortion folks, and for their conversions. But let us not play their clever semantical games.

No matter what they want to be labeled, the end result is one dead baby, and one wounded woman.

Keep in mind that the Church has ministries, besides the confessional, for those who have had an abortion or taken part in one. God forgives and forgets our sins.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

SACRED HEART PARISH

<u>Consider Joining</u> <u>Sacred Heart Parish Women's Guild,</u> <u>Knights of Columbus Council or Volunteering in one</u> <u>of our many organizations/groups</u>

If you are a new parishioner or even someone who has been at Sacred Heart Parish for many years, consider participating more fully in the life of the Parish.

Joining the Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus or volunteering is a great way to bring new ideas, meet new people in the parish and be involved!

Our parish is blessed to have such dedicated parishioners who are committed to helping support Sacred Heart. We have numerous volunteer opportunities available and would love to leverage your talents! Our Religious Education program, Altar Guild and Annual Picnic subcommittees are just some examples. Teaching, fundraising, cooking delicious breakfasts & dinners, baking for bake sales and working at our annual parish picnic are all activities our groups engage in.

You can be sure Sacred Heart would not be the same without all the great people who donate their time in making Sacred Heart the special parish that it is today.

Please call the parish office if you are interested in joining or learning more about one of these organizations or interested in starting a new one. Remember the saying, "The More The Merrier!"

"Thank You" to all who participate in making Sacred Heart our parish!

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WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be

March 7th at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building. All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities.



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 <u>March 8th from 9:30-11 am and from</u> <u>6-7 pm</u> 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!



WOMEN'S GUILD



PASTIE SALE

Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Women's Guild ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 16th, 2022

Pastie Pick-up on March 30th, 2022, at the Burkhart Building from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

To order call Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369 or Cindy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986



SAINT JOHN OF GOD Feast Day—March 8th

John of God was a Portuguese soldier turned health-care worker in Spain, whose followers later formed the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God, a worldwide Catholic religious

institute dedicated to the care of the poor, sick, and those suffering from mental disorders. The utter humility of John of God, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realized his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love.

<u>Your Stewardship Report - February 20</u>				
First Collection Other Collections	\$9,411 \$300	<u>Other collections</u> - from envelopes		
<u>Other</u>	· ·	dated other than		
Total Collections	\$9,764	<u>February 20</u>		
		<u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.		

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AID FOR UKRAINE

The world has been watching the sad developments taking place in Ukraine over the last week. We are moved by the plight of the Ukrainian people in this dark hour. The USCCB has asked that a special collection be taken up throughout the US to aid the people of the Ukraine in this hour of need. Bishop Schlert has asked that this special collection be taken up on the weekend of March 12/13. All proceeds from this collection will be funneled through Catholic Charities USA to Catholic Relief Services to meet the humanitarian needs of the Ukrainian people. Thank you for your generosity!



BIBLE STUDY BURKHART BUILDING OPEN TO ALL SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM March 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 Iferris_2000@yahoo.com

COUNTRY COTTAGE NUT ROLL SALE SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY OF BATH FIREFIGHTERS Price: \$17

NUT	POPPY SEED	PRUNE	PUMPKIN CHEESE
SEEDLESS RASPBERRY	COCONUT CREAM	APPLE	APRICOT

To order: Call MaryAnn Lilly at 610-837-7908



Deadline for orders and payment Monday, March 28th Pick up: Saturday, April 9th at the Bath Fire Station

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

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Next Week's Collections - March 13

<u>First</u> Sunday Collection



<u>Second</u> Catholic Home Missions and Ukraine Aid Special Collection

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!

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SACRED HEART GIFT CARDS PROGRAM

Easter is just around the corner. Great gifts to put into Easter Baskets.....Please consider buying gift cards from Sacred Heart Parish through the Shopwithscript program. Purchase a Giant, Weis Markets, Wegmans, Redner's Markets and Ahart's gift cards for your grocery shopping needs. You can purchase gift cards at the school office between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Karen Shimko at 610-837-6391. Thank You!

HEALING MASS HOLY GHOST CHURCH 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 AT 7:00 PM Praise and Worship music at 6:30 PM

All are welcome, young and old, to attend the Healing Mass with Father Winne.

At each Healing Mass we call on God to heal us physically, spiritually, or emotionally.

Ouestions? Contact: 610-217-1739

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

featured speaker, discussion, and а fellowship! As we break bread together, we will come to better understand the Bread of Life!

Sessions will be held on

March 31 and April 28

Allentown, Reading and Bethlehem locations

Check the website:

https://yearofrealpresence.org

for presenters, additional information,

and to register!

SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

At 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017 Mini-Retreat: "Why 'Laudato Si'? Why Should We Care?" Monday, March 14, 2022



Marie North, Laudato Si animator, and Fr. Kevin Nadolski, vice-president for mission at DeSales University, will explore the significance of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. Through the lens of love, they will discuss practical ways that parishes, homes, and communities can become more sustainable.

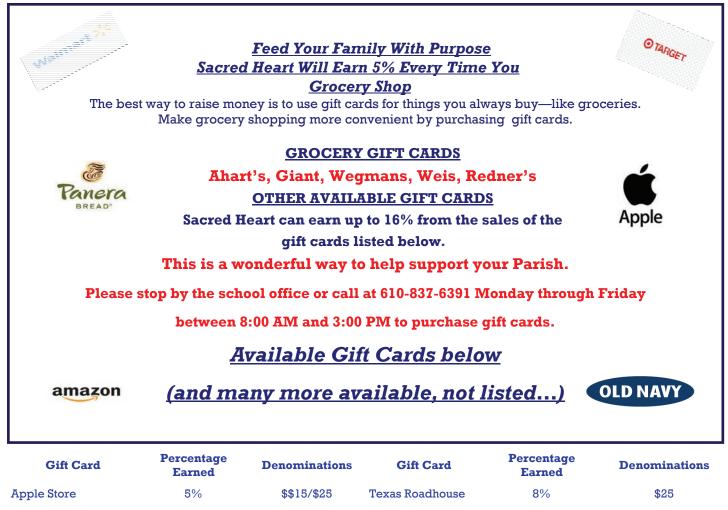
The evening begins with a full meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by the presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Donation requested is \$35 in-person and \$20 virtual participation.

Please register for in-person participation by March 7 or

for virtual participation by March 11 online at stfrancisretreathouse.org or call 610-258-3053 x34.

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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	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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- \Rightarrow Use this link (<u>smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799592</u>) 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

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DID YOU **FIND SOMETHING?** Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX <u>**Do not**</u> 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

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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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