

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.



"Receive the
HOLY SPIRIT."

PENTECOST

SUNDAY

JUNE 5,

2022

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Pentecost Sunday (anticipated)
June 4 Acts 2:1-11/Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, Pentecost Sunday
June 5 Acts 2:1-11/Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
 7:00 AM Robert Sampson
r/b daughter, Ginny Olivi and family
 9:00 AM Living and Deceased members of the
 Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild
 11:00 AM Anna Lee Horton
r/b Mariann, Crystal and Jennifer Ulecka

Monday, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
June 6 Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
 8:00 AM Cornelius McGeehan
r/b O'Reilly Family

Tuesday, Weekday
June 7 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
 8:00 AM Arthur Mulligan
r/b Schirmer Family

Wednesday, Weekday
June 8 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
 8:00 AM Jeffrey Adams
r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka

Thursday, Saint Ephrem
June 9 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
 8:00 AM Patty Snyder
r/b husband, Gary and family

Friday, Weekday
June 10 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

Saturday, The Most Holy Trinity (anticipated)
June 11 Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
 5:00 PM Father Charles Marciano (anniversary of death)

Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity
June 12 Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Antonia Klepeis
r/b Martin Klepeis
 11:00 AM Ken Heckman
r/b wife, Rosanne and sons Rick and Todd

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
 June 3 through June 9
 for the repose of the soul of



Marcial Naturdad
r/b Evelyn Orogo

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 June 3 through June 9
 for the repose of the soul of



James M. Kohler
r/b Kathy Schleppey

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 June 3 through June 9
 for the repose of the souls of



John and Dora Volk
r/b Kathleen and Larry Deibert

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 May 27 through June 9
 for the repose of the soul of

Carmen Shimko
r/b husband, Mike and family



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

6/11-6/12

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

Lectors

Christina Gehringer
Tim Geiger
Beth Beers
Chris Gonella

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Lewis Ferris
Alfred Krantz
Tom Toczek
Deacon Lewis Ferris

Altar Servers

Daniel Holub
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Caden Kocsis
Mia Arbushites

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES**EFFECTIVE MARCH 6, 2022**

- In concert with the other Bishops in Pennsylvania, the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days returned effective August 15th, 2021
- Effective the week of August 16th, 2021 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!
- There are no longer any facemask requirements for anyone, including Ushers taking up the collection. Masks are also not required for the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister during the distribution of Holy Communion. Those who wish to wear a facemask are, of course, free to do so.
- The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.
- All other liturgical restrictions are relaxed/eliminated.

**ONLINE MASS
WITH FATHER BUTERA**

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with the Parish and current events and to stay connected spiritually through the livestreamed liturgical services!

Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:
Facebook: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath>)

Twitter: follow @sacredheartbath (<https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath>)

Periscope: follow @sacredheartbath (<https://www.pscp.tv/sacredheartbath/follow>)

Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

<https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath>

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

Rose Marie Stewart
Stanley Chlebowski
Marie Ann Fleck

All formerly of Sacred Heart Parish

**BAPTISM**

We are happy to welcome
**Nyla Cotton, daughter of
Christine Hernandez**
who began to share in the life of
Jesus through the
Sacrament of Baptism.

**NEXT
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Thursday, June 9
6:00-9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

Congratulations to our parish son, Rev. Mr. Alexander Brown, on his ordination as a Deacon on Saturday, May 21st.

Deacon Brown preached his first Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 22nd at the 11:00 am Mass.

Deacon Brown received the "Award for Excellence in Homiletics" for his class at this year's concursus ceremonies (graduation and commencement) at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.


Bishop Schlert has assigned him to the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Allentown, PA.




**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:****Monday June 13 – Monthly Membership Meeting****7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting****Burkhart Building & Zoom****Friday June 24 – KofC Night at the Iron Pigs****7:05pm Coca Cola Park****Monday June 27 - Officers' Meeting****7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom****Wednesday June 29 – KofC Council 14464 Yankee Trip****9:00am Departure from Lower Church Parking Lot**

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain William E. Lori. "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk4:30-32). Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of "planting seeds." Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have great influence.

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.



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.

"We are down to the last few weeks prior to the
game and there are only a few tickets remaining.
Please purchase your tickets sooner rather than
later, as you don't want to miss the American
League East leading Yankees in action!"

DON'T DELAY—THIS TRIP FILLS UP QUICKLY!!

PENTECOST SUNDAY—MAY 5TH

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts—granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls helps us to live a Christian life.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

**ENROLLMENT FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Currently Open for Children from 1st- 8th Grade

Classes start in September!

Registration forms can be obtained from the parish website under "Parish Life" and "Religious Education" or by emailing Mr. Thomas Weber at dre@sacredheartbath.org.

Please complete and return all new and re-registration forms to dre@sacredheartbath.org by **August 6th**.

Registration form and check if returned by July 5th will be \$85.00 per child.
Cost per child after July 5th will be \$95.00.

For those interested in assisting by being a catechist or aid, please pray and consider giving your time to help foster the faith to the children of our parish.

For more information, please contact Tom Weber at
dre@sacredheartbath.org

SACRED HEART PICNIC YARD SALE

Our annual picnic yard sale is in need of donations.
We are accepting all unused or
lightly used household items

starting on
Tuesday, June 7th



**PLEASE NOTE - WE DO NOT ACCEPT
CLOTHING, OLD TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS
OR COMPUTER TOWERS, PRINTERS**

Drop-off your items to the "Scout Room" (enter
through Church parking lot south side door by the
Rosary Garden down to Church basement)

Monday-1:00-3:00 pm and 7-8 pm

Wednesday-1:00-3:00 pm and 7-8 pm

Friday—11:00 am-2:00 pm and 7-8 pm

Please contact Mary at 484-821-6637 to make
arrangements for heavier items, light load pick ups
or drop-off times outside of posted hours.

PICNIC TRICKY TRAY

We are looking for basket
donations. But, if you aren't into
making up baskets we'd be happy
to receive gift cards, individual
items or even the good old "green
stuff". We are trying to put a
grand prize together with
monetary donations.

Any questions, or need any ideas,
please call Eileen Muschlitz at

610-751-1840 or Betsy Lavelle at 610-462-6527.

**SHC PICNIC 2022
CLAM STAND**

The Clam Stand is back this year, adding a new
menu item,

"CLAMS CASINO"!!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To make Clams Casino, we need two (2) working
gas stoves with ovens, which we
currently do not have.

Are you getting a new gas stove/oven and have
an old one you are willing to donate?

**Do you know anyone with an extra gas stove/
oven that we can use? If you can help out the
Clam Stand with this request, please contact:**

Beth Beers at bbeers@rcn.com or 484-547-9449

**We can make arrangements for pick-up and
delivery. Thanks for your help!**

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT PICNIC!

**SACRED HEART
ANNUAL PICNIC
COUNTDOWN**

JULY 8 and 9

**Our parish's annual picnic will be here in
41 days and counting down**

We are hoping to make this the most enjoyable and,
hopefully, the most profitable of the picnics to date.
We look forward to seeing you there and ask that
you spread the word to all with whom you come in
contact.

Volunteers will be needed! Teenagers, especially
those in need of service hours, are encouraged to
consider volunteering and help make this picnic a
success.

**Keep a look out in the mail and bulletin for
information on sales of our GRAND PRIZE
DRAWING tickets.**

It is never too early to make a donation to help
offset the fixed expenses associated with the
operation of the picnic. Call the parish office at
610-837-7874 for more information.

Please keep in mind help will be needed on setup
and the after picnic clean-up. It would be greatly
appreciated if you can lend a helping hand with
these annual picnic tasks. **Thank You!**

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

PICNIC FUN FACTS

Our next picnic meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Post
Room of the Burkhart Building. All are invited
and welcome to attend!

There are many ways you can sponsor /donate
to our largest fundraiser! See insert in today's
bulletin for specific opportunities and thank
you for your generosity!



Your Stewardship Report - May 15 & May 22

First Collection-May 15	\$6,994	<i>Other collections</i>
First Collection—May 22	\$5,225	<i>- from envelopes</i>
Cemetery Offering	\$998	<i>dated other than</i>
Other Collections	\$915	May 15 & 22
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$79</u>	
Total Collections- May 15 and May 22	\$14,211	<i><u>Other</u> - donations,</i> <i>candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - June 12**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
A.D. Times

**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!

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Feast Day—June 6th



From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope is gone.

From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God! Pray to Her.

THE BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS

PRESENTS

"A PATRIOTIC MOMENT!"

June 5, 2022—4:00 PM

Benefits Klecknersville Rangers Ambulance Fund

**St. John's Lutheran Church,
206 E. Main Street, Bath, PA**

Members of Sacred Heart Parish Choir participating:

**Colette Mitch, Lucy Silfies, Mary Weierbach,
Sandy Lorenzo, Jill Wandler, Dale Schrey, Dolly Moser**

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!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Abortion, abortion, abortion! Sick of hearing about it? Ever since the Roe vs. Wade document was leaked out the news stations have been talking it up. It's probably a good thing since the more people know about what an abortion is and the details of an actual abortion, the more the average person will be against abortion.

"My rights, my body!" is the cry of the outraged, (it seems they are always outraged about something), protestors who fear that someone else's choice may be different than theirs. Unfortunately, the baby whose actual body is being destroyed cannot protest. In reality, even if Roe is overturned, abortion will still be readily available at any stage of the pregnancy in a number of States. Most States will have some sort of limited abortion. A few may prohibit it all together.

But what about the "life" of the mother in those States? No normal pregnancy will threaten the life of the mother. Abnormal pregnancies, such as tubal ligations, will be handled as usual, and are not considered abortions. No competent physician is going to allow a woman to die because they are pregnant.

So, pray that Roe vs. Wade will be overturned by the Supreme Court. It may not save all of the babies, but it certainly will allow more of them to survive. Each one is precious in God's sight.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Loving God, you are the author and sustainer of our lives. You know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the brokenhearted. Hear our people who cry out to you in their need; strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We pray today for those who have died of violence. Draw them to yourself; let your face shine upon them. May they be greeted with choirs of angels and experience your eternal peace and joy.

Be near to all those who have been touched by violence: those who have been hurt, lost their loved ones or lost their sense of security. Be for them a steady comfort and safe resting place.

Softens the hearts and steady of the minds of those who would do violence to others. May hate and despair be replaced with knowledge of your love and darkness with your ever living light.

Our prayers are for the victims, their families and the injured. In God's name, Amen.

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 June 14th 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!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Mass Celebrated by

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert D.D.

**Followed by light refreshments
in the Parish Center**

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS

June 20 (Monday)

St. Peter the Fisherman, Lake Harmony – 6:00 pm

September 15 (Thursday)

St. Peter, Coplay – 8:00 am

October 27 (Thursday)

St. Peter the Apostle, Reading – 8:00 am

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH FESTIVAL

**Located at Rt. 22 & Fullerton Avenue
(435 Pershing Blvd.)**

**St. Elizabeth Parishioners invite you to come to our
Parish Festival**

June 10, 6-10 PM & June 11, 5-10 PM

Purchase tickets for great food, drinks and games.

Free live entertainment:

LO & BEHOLD BAND – Friday Evening

COMMON BOND – Saturday

Magician & Balloon Guy both nights!

See our parish website for

more details: www.sercc.org or

call 610-266-0695 for more information.

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

June 18th

(Last Bible Study is JUNE 18th until Fall)



We are finishing up "The Acts of the Apostles" and will be studying the epistles of St. Paul starting with his letter to "The Romans." We use Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. If you are interested in joining us please email lferris2000@yahoo.com, or just come, the door is always open!



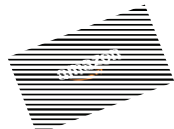
SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

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Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

**Make grocery shopping more convenient
by purchasing gift cards.**

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OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from sales of the gift cards listed below.

**Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhardt building
(Blue Doors)**

**Or call at 610-837-6391 Monday through Friday
between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm to purchase gift cards.**



**Check out the list below for other Available Gift Cards
(and many more cards, not listed...)**



Great way to help support your Parish!



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25
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
Kohl's	4%	\$100	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	CVS	6%	\$10/\$25

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.

SUPPORT SACRED HEART CHURCH BY SHOPPING AT AMAZON SMILE

- ⇒ 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!
 - ⇒ By using our link, Amazon donates a percentage of your total purchase amount to our Parish.
- Your donations help us carry out our mission.**



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.

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WELCOME

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone

Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth ProtectionPamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,
Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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

COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line: Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.



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