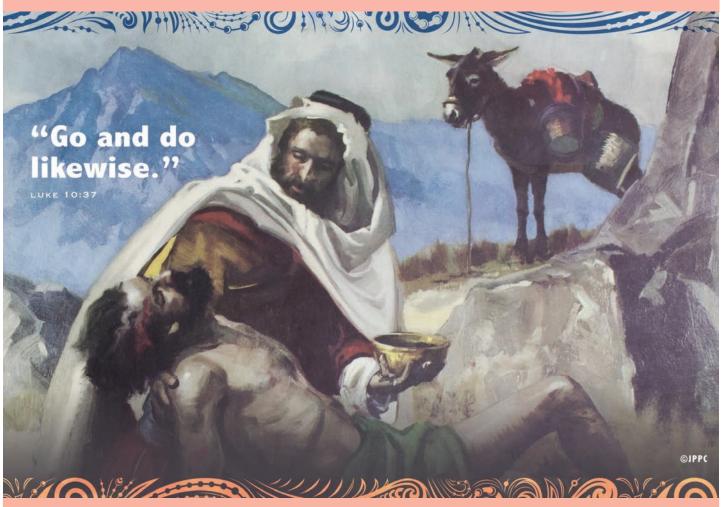
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OUR MISSION

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.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 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

Saturday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 9 Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

5:00 PM Augustus Mondschein

r/b wife, Loretta and family

Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10 Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Wolf and Schramel Families

r/b Family

11:00 AM Bill Baker

r/b Bob and MaryLou Ross

Monday, Saint Benedict, Abbot

July 11 Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1

8:00 AM Sister Maria Pilar Santos, O.P.

r/b Sandra Tucker, O.P.

Tuesday, Weekday

July 12 Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

8:00 AM Michael Dlugos

r/b sister, Anne

Wednesday, Saint Henry

July 13 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

8:00 AM Mary Ryan

r/b MaryAnn Bogdanski

Thursday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

July 14 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

8:00 AM Teresa La Forgia

r/b DeVirgilio Family

Friday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop

July 15 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

8:00 AM Patricia Mulligan

r/b Arthur Mulligan (late)

Saturday, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 16 Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

5:00 PM Jeanette and Frank Dorner

r/b son, Jason

Sunday, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 17 Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM Justin Shellhammer

r/b Pat and George Gasper

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Arthur and Patricia Mulligan

r/b Mary and Tom Toczek



is burning from

July 8 through July 21

for the repose of the soul of

Joseph Kralick

r/b late wife, Elizabeth

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 July 8 through July 14 for the repose of the soul of



Joyce Kozlowski
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from July 8 through July 14 for the repose of the soul of



James Tallarico
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from July 8 through July 14 for the repose of the soul of



Augustus Mondschein r/b Loretta and family



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

7/16-7/17	
5:00 PM	
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
11:00 AM	

Lectors Tom Rothrock Bill Wilde Tim Geiger Beth Beers

Deacons/EMHCs

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

Altar Servers

Peter Vallance

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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.
- Exchange of the Sign of Peace is NOW permitted!
- 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.
- All other liturgical restrictions are relaxed/ eliminated.





<u>NEXT</u> <u>EUCHARISTIC</u> <u>ADORATION</u>

Thursday, July 14th 6:00-9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



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:

2022 MASS BOOK FULL!

All Mass intentions for the 2022 calendar year have been taken/scheduled. The 2023 Mass Book will "open" on Wednesday, August 3rd. Until then, if you need to schedule a Mass Intention, we are happy to do that, however since we can't schedule the Mass at Sacred Heart, it will be sent to another priest to be said. Father Butera usually sends them to Father. Whorton, who you may remember from our Forty Hours Devotions last fall. Be assured the Mass Intention will be fulfilled; the Mass just won't be here at Sacred Heart. Mass cards can still be provided, however, will not have a specific date/time of the Mass on them.

Alternatively, you can wait until August 3rd or later to schedule your Mass. Thank you for understanding!

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK

We will begin scheduling Masses for 2023 on Wednesday, August 3rd in the Burkhart Building from 8:30 am until noon. Four Masses scheduled at Sacred Heart will be the limit again this year.





-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday July 11 – Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting
Burkhart Building & Zoom
Saturday July 16 – "Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup – 7:30am
Monday July 25 – Officers' Meeting 7:00pm
Burkhart Building & Zoom

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15)

Scripture makes it clear that actions speak louder than words. If we truly love Christ, we will act accordingly, living according to his commandments and the moral teachings of his Church. And we will do so remembering his commandment that we "love one another as I love you" (Jn 15:12). My brothers, let us recall that Jesus shows a particular love and care for the poor, the sick and the less fortunate in society, and resolve to do likewise with our actions as a sign of our love for him.

Did You Know: A prayer intention of our Holy Father: "We pray for Christian families around the world: may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives."

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.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to more of our parishioner graduates!

Magdalena Georgeson (left) graduated from 8th grade at Good Shepherd Catholic School. She will be attending high school at PA Cyber School.

Peter Vallance (right) also graduated from 8th grade at Good Shepherd Catholic School. He will be attending Bethlehem Catholic High School.

Best wishes and may
God bless you as you
continue your
education, Magdalena
and Peter!



JOIN US FOR THE SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC!!!

FRI. JULY 8th and SAT. JULY 9th

Picnic Grounds 5 pm to 10 pm

Live bands, kid's games, Bingo, Sacred Heart's traditional foods, food trucks, The Angel Walkway and much, much more!

CA\$H Prize drawings to be held Saturday at 10 pm!

FRI. JULY 8th, SAT. JULY 9th, SUN. JULY 10th Auditorium/Burkhart Building

Yard Sale in the Auditorium and Tricky Tray in the Burkhart Building Tricky Tray closed drawing Sunday at 1:00 pm!

Your Sacred Heart food favorites are back! Fri. & Sat. in Picnic Grounds

Clams * Beer * Pork & Turkey BBQ * Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Sausage Sandwiches * Cabbage & Noodles * Handmade Pierogies Cake & Coffee * Soda, Water, Iced Tea

Food Trucks, too!

"Maldonado Steaks"
"Roger's Pizza"
"Mattie's Strudel Haus"
Ice Cream

Fun for kids of all ages!

Bounce Houses
The Dunk Tank Returns!
Kids' Games
Prizes and More!

PLUS: MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!

FRIDAY, JULY 8th "Still Kick'n"

6:00 - 9:00

SATURDAY, JULY 9th "Desire" 5:00-7:00

"Zaire" 7:30-9:30

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR

Enter to win a BBQ grill on Friday and a "BBQ Fixin" gift card on Saturday!

Enter often for more chances to win!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Interesting article in our local newspaper. They made it look like the violence about the decision's leak is all occurring against the abortion clinics. They point out violent incidences that happened 10, 20, 30 years ago. No current cases, but you never know...

In fact, all of the violence, vandalism etc. that has occurred since the Roe decision was "leaked" out has been against Pregnancy Crisis centers, Catholic Churches, and other pro-life organizations as well against pro-life Supreme court justices, including an attempt on the life of Justice Kavanaugh!

One would think that a credible attempt on the life of a Supreme Court Justice would be big news. Not so. This homicide attempt was not even mentioned in a recent article on violence in the abortion controversy. Of course, the violence that is never mentioned in the secular media is the awful violence against the most vulnerable of us, the unborn infant in the womb.

There are unfortunate exceptions, but for the most part, the pro-lifers that pray and council in front of abortion mills are peaceful and respectful. Let's keep it that way, regardless of how the media portrays us. After all, God is on His throne and we know prayer changes things.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them. Mark 10:13-16. From Abraham to Jesus, references of children are written throughout the bible. Children are mentioned in the old testament and the new and how important they are in helping us understand and strengthening our faith in God.

PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Father we thank you for your marvelous gift;
you have allowed us to share in
your divine parenthood.

During this time of waiting, we ask you to protect
and nurture these first mysterious stirrings of life.

May these children come safely into the light of the world and to the new birth of baptism.

Mother of God, we entrust these children to your loving heart. Amen.

ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Currently Open for Children from 1st-8th Grade

Classes start on September 13th, 2022-2023

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 9th.

Cost per child after July 5th will be \$95.00.

For more information, please contact Tom Weber

at dre@sacredheartbath.org.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

"Thank you for allowing members of Catholic War Veterans Post #454 of Northampton to come to Sacred Heart Parish on April 23rd and 24th to conduct our annual Poppy Drive."

"Because of Sacred Heart Parish's generosity, we were able to collect \$563.00 for the benefit of hospitalized veterans, along with local CWV sponsored community functions, including tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools. May God Bless all of you!"

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA Feast Day—July 14

Kateri was devoted to the Holy Eucharist and Mary. She was reserved and contemplative by nature. She delighted in nature's beauty—in trees, birds, and wildflowers—and gathered



these last to decorate the altar. She remained a virgin, and is called the Lily of the Mohawks for her purity. Her delicate health failed her early and she died with the words "Jesus, Mary, I love you" on her lips. Minutes after her death the people at her bedside noticed something. The skin on her face, so deeply scarred by smallpox, slowly turned smooth and beautiful. The scars were gone.



SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacred Heart Religious Education is in need of two catechists for the 2022-2023 school year.

We particularly need a person to teach first grade.

Please consider donating about an hour and a half one night a week to help teach a new generation of Catholics and to inspire young people in their call to holiness.

The burden is light, and the rewards are many. For more information, please reach out to the

<u>Director of Religious Education, Thomas Weber</u> dre@sacredheartbath.org

Your Stewardship Report - June 26						
First Collection Other Collections Other	\$121	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than				
Total Collections Peter's Pence Collection	\$6,845 \$1,247	<u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.				

SECOND COLLECTION JULY 17TH

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and build the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



SACRED HEART ANNUAL PICNIC THIS WEEKEND



OUR PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC

IS FINALLY HERE!!

COME AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS! Purchase (5) and get one free! Remember you can purchase raffle tickets on picnic weekend at Tricky Tray or Raffle Stand.

Can you volunteer at our annual picnic? Come and serve food, hand out prizes, sell treasures... lots to do, and lots of fun! It's not too Late! Sign up online at our website, sacredheartbath.org, click on VOLUNTEER NOW! button. High school students, do you need service hours? Consider volunteering at the picnic or help with after picnic clean up for your hours.

Clean-Up: Please keep in mind help will be needed for the after picnic clean-up. It would be greatly appreciated if you can lend a helping hand with this part of the annual picnic tasks.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and donors, volunteers, patrons who make this a fun and lively place to be every year, and our partner businesses for helping us make a great picnic!

ENJOY THE FUN, FOOD AND MUSIC!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - July 17



First

Sunday Collection

Second

Church in Central and Eastern Europe

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

 \Rightarrow Mail your envelopes to:

Sacred Heart Church 210 E. Northampton Street Bath, PA 18014

- ⇒ Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.
- ⇒ Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!

THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent delay or confusion when the time nears the sacraments (and sacramental preparation), reception is not governed by where one attends school nor by where you attend Mass nor receive Religious Education. For example, if you live in the territorial boundaries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and your 2nd grader attends Good Shepherd School in Northampton, they will receive their Religious Education from Good Shepherd School, but receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you!



CLOTHING SHED IS NOW OPEN

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7

Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot

Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the

US and in third world countries.

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OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Blan-**Belts**

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Clothing Drapes Purses

Sheets

Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps

Household goods

Rags

Toys



BINGO BUFFET INCARNATION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, July 23, 2022 LaBuda Social Hall (Church Basement) 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA

Parking: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot; On-Street

Doors open at 5:15pm (after 4:15pm Mass) Bingo Starts at 6:15pm

Tickets: \$25 advance / \$30 at the door (Adults 18 & over)

15 Games, 2 Boards (CASH PRIZES) Food and Beverages and more!!!!!!

Advance tickets are available at weekend Masses starting in June or by calling the rectory 610-866-3391



FOOD BANK NOTICE: JULY PICK UP WILL BE ON THE 3RD WEEK OF JULY TUESDAY, JULY 19TH

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.

The next food distribution is **Tuesday**, **July 19 from** 9:30-11 a.m. and from 6-7pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, July 15th_beginning at 9:00am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Volunteers are now needed on the Friday before distribution instead of the Monday before distribution. Access is at the rear of the church.

Thank you for your time and donations!



STAINED GLASS SALE

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (435 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall, PA) Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 9:00AM to 11:00AM

St. Elizabeth of Hungary is selling over 250 ready-to-hang pieces of stained glass from 14 churches in the Diocese of Allentown.

Prices starting at \$45.00.

Questions regarding this sale: Please call Allentown Diocese Main Office at 610-871-5200.



QUA VADIS AND FIAT DAYS Quo Vadis and Fiat Retreats <u>July 17-22, 2022 at</u> **DeSales University**



The Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Allentown is pleased to present Qua Vadis Fiat Retreat.

All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend a retreat centered on Padre Pio's reflection to "pray, hope, and don't worry!" Retreat activities will reflect on the life and legacy of Padre Pio, the first Priest in history to bear the stigmata, with activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. The retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship!

Download the Quo Vadis Flyer for young men www.allentowndiocese.com/vocations Download the Fiat Days Flyer for young women www.allentowndiocese.com/vocations For more information .org/vocations



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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 Burkhart 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

<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.

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WELCOME

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

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

PARISH MEMORIALS

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

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

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

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

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

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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