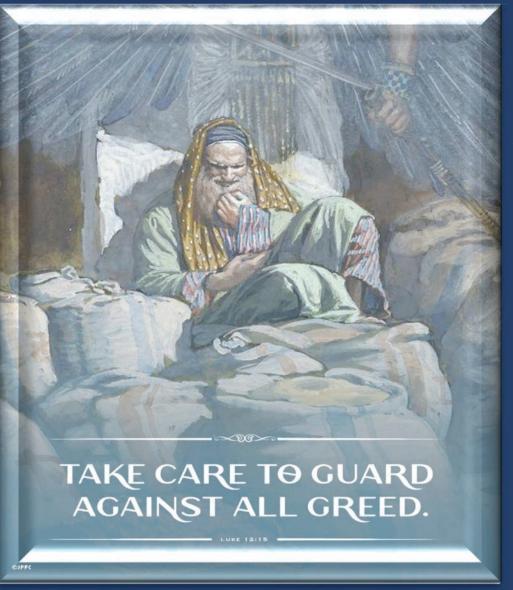
### SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

### 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.



EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY
TIME
JULY 31, 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, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated) July 30 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Sunday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21 7:00 AM Joseph Taschner, Jr. r/b Jim and Jane Andrew 9:00 AM Robert and Elizabeth Paynter r/b daughter, Rosemary Volk 11:00 AM Gloria Doyle r/b Kathleen Simak and family Monday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop August 1 Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

8:00 AM Patricia Groff

r/b Francis Zuercher and Robert & Cheryl Adams

Tuesday, Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest August 2 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15;1-2, 10-14

8:00 AM Nicholas Cascio r/b James Alfano

Wednesday, Weekday

August 3 Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

8:00 AM James M. Kohler r/b mother, Pat

Thursday, Saint John Vianney, Priest August 4 Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

8:00 AM Dorothy Saukulak r/b Mary Hlavinka

Friday, The Dedication of the Basilica of

**Saint Mary Major** 

August 5 Na 2:1, 3: 1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund

Saturday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

August 6 Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

5:00 PM Anthony Liberto

r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower

and family

Sunday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7 Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2,

8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Darlene Pail

r/b Mary Kratzer

11:00 AM John J. O'Connell, Sr.

r/b Tina and Al Perelli and family

### **NEXT**

### **EUCHARISTIC**

Thursday, August 4th 6:00-9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

### **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 29 through August 4 for the repose of the souls of



Deceased members of the Women's Guild r/b Women's Guild

### SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from July 29 through August 4 for



**Special Intention** r/b Connie



### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from July 22 through August 4 for the repose of the soul of

Sheila Hall

r/b mother, Elizabeth



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

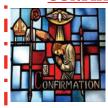
### Liturgical +Roles\*

8/6-8/7	<u>Lectors</u>	Deacons/EMHCs	Altar Servers				
5:00 PM	Tom Rothrock	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Peter Vallance				
7:00 AM	Lisa Wilde Barnhorst	Deacon Lewis Ferris					
9:00 AM	Beth Skinner	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Daniel Holub				
11:00 AM	Tom Weber	Deacon Edward Saukulak					

# 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.

### **CONFIRMATION AND INDULGENCES**



Bishop Schlert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, November 30, 2022

- Please pray for our young adults who are receiving the sacrament.
- As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:
- † A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the Bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.
- † A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to the parish church at the time of the Bishop's visitation.

### 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.





## ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

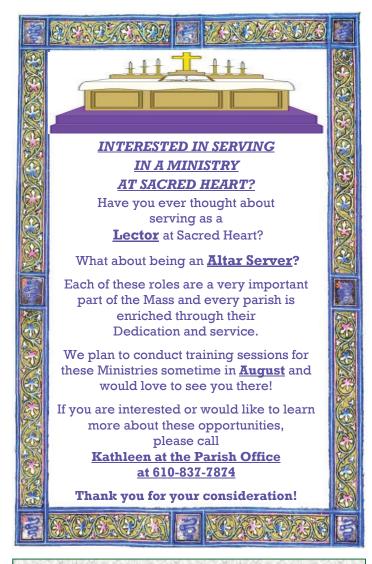
Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. It is a great 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> or

Alternatively, you can wait until August 3<sup>ra</sup> or later to schedule your Mass. Thank you for understanding!



# ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Currently Open for Children from 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **BULLETIN PUBLICATION**

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



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Why is the transfiguration an important event? Because on that day, Peter, James, and John were given a "bird's eye view" of God's purposes and plans. There, accompanied by two of the greatest figures from Israel's history, Moses and Elijah, Jesus was revealed as the fulfillment of all God had done on the earth. Everything pointed to the glory of God that was destined to be shared with his people—with all who placed their faith in Jesus and listened to him.

Peter, James and John saw Jesus as a human being—
a man who got tired, dusty and hungry. The
transfiguration was a gift that Jesus gave them to see
who and what He really is. These three disciples who
saw the glorified Lord were given a vision meant to
strengthen them for the difficult days ahead when
Jesus would be arrested and crucified. With this
vision of Jesus as he would be after his resurrection,
and with the Father's voice testifying to his Son, these
disciples were able to see how God was thoroughly in
control of all that would happen, both to Jesus and to
themselves.

God of all power, I glorify and magnify Your Name because of who You are. We thank You for the divine confirmation of Your Son whilst he was here on earth and became the radiant glory. Your Son became transfigured before His followers; His face shone like the sun and His garments became as white as light! Lord, Your power was evident in this transfiguration and for that we thank You for being who You say You are. Amen.



### SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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> <u>dre@sacredheartbath.org</u>

### 2022 CHURCH PICNIC PHOTOS

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing pictures from our 2022 picnic.

We'll start with a couple of shots from Saturday night of our pastor, having fun with fellow picnic-goers at the game tent and "near" the beer tent!

If you have any pictures you'd like to share, please email to office@sacredheartbath.org





Father Butera with Vallance family at game tent (above).

Father Butera with office staff spouses, Bill Hillhouse and John Wachholz (left).

### A FEW MORE PICNIC NOTES...

If you purchased a Memorial Yard **sign for the Angel Walkway** and would like the sign, please pick it up at the parish office or make other pick-up arrangements by <u>August 15th</u>. Yard signs will be recycled for future use after the 15th.

A sincere **Thank You** for all the **generous donations** to our 2002 Church Picnic **Yard Sale!** The Yard Sale was a great success and wouldn't be possible without your generous donations and countless volunteer hours!

Special thanks to two of our dedicated parishioner volunteers, Anita Harris and Betsy Lavelle, who boxed up all the unsold yard sale items after picnic weekend.

We took two truckloads of items to the Goodwill Store and Donation Center in Bethlehem.



### -UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday August 8 – Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting
Burkhart Building & Zoom
Monday August 22 - Officers' Meeting
7:00pm, Burkhart Building and Zoom
Friday August 25 – Volunteer Opportunity at The Iron Pigs
4:00pm to 10:00pm, Coca-Cola Park

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A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11) An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one's own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. This reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13. Father McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

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Did You Know: A prayer intention of our Holy Father, "We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crises, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

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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.

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

Here is a statement by the head of National Right to Life, Carol Tobias, concerning the publicized pregnancy of, and subsequent abortion that the 10-year-old girl from Ohio underwent.

"No child should ever go through such tragic abuse as was reportedly perpetrated on this girl by a criminal in this country illegally. Those who commit such crimes should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Not only has a child been abused in one of the worst ways imaginable, but this has also cost another child their life."

"It is doubly tragic that this girl is being used as a pawn by the pro-abortion movement for political purposes."

Her, Carol Tobias', point is well taken. There is more emphasis in the pro-abortion media about the fact that this poor unfortunate 10-year-old, had to go to another State to get an abortion, than on the fact she was sexually abused by some monster! It's almost as if the pro-abortionist were delighting in the misfortune of this child. Could they really be that evil, or is it just spiritual blindness? Let God sort that one out.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



# COMING SOON SEPTEMBER LOTTERY CALENDARS GREAT DEAL BUY 3 CALENDARS

**FOR \$25.00** 



Take a chance to win from \$25 up to \$200 on our September Lottery Calendar. Look for the calendars in our August bulletins. YES, YOU CAN WIN \$200.00! If you are feeling lucky, you can fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before August 31st. Extra calendars will be available in the parish office, church vestibule and lower level of the Burkhart building (blue doors). This is a fun way to help support our parish and win some extra cash.

GET IN ON THIS GREAT DEAL GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

WIN UP TO \$200.00

### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits and blessings which you have given me, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me.

Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Your Stewardship Report - July 17						
First Collection Other Collections Other	\$130	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than				
Total Collections  Eastern Europe	\$6,927 \$1,183	July 17 Other - donations,				

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - August 7



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Parish Improvement

### 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>August 9th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm</u> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 5th</u> 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; food will be brought to you.

Thank you for your donations!

### ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



### FIRST ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL



1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA

Friday: August 19 from 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm Saturday: August 20 from Noon - 9:30 pm

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mass Celebrated by

\*PRESENCE The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert D.D.

Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Center

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS** 

September 15 (Thursday) St. Peter, Coplay – 8:00 am

October 27 (Thursday) St. Peter the Apostle, Reading – 8:00 am

### **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 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 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!



### WORLD CONGRESS OF CATHOLIC NURSES AUGUST 2-4, 2022



Every four years Catholic nurses from around the world come together for spiritual nourishment, education, professional collaboration, and enhanced global cooperation.

CICIAMS is the International Association of Catholic Nurses who collaborates with the Vatican in the mission of bringing together member nurses from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Pan American nations.

All nurses (students included) front-liners, innovators, educators, researchers, and policy makers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Speakers: Cardinal Peter Turkson, Father Gerald E. Murray, Sister Emanuella Edwards and video message by Immaculée Ilibagiza

**Location:** National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA

More info and registration: https://nacn-usa.org/2022-world-congress/



#### MARRIED COUPLES NIGHT OUT

All Couples are invited to attend a Night Out Event

La Casa Dolce/DiMaggio's in Tamaqua (16 West Broad Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252)

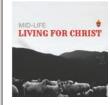
August 10, 2022 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Free dinner buffet, cash bar and table conversations.

Come out to meet other Catholic Couples!

This is an all-ages event!

RSVP Required by August 3, 2022 at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org.



# DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN "MID-LIFE LIVING FOR CHRIST"

Who: Ages 40 to not-quite-retired-full-time

When: 2nd Thursday of the Month, starting
August 11th at 6:30pm

Where: St. Christopher Catholic Newman Center: 15207 Kutztown Rd, Kutztown, PA

This is a once a month gathering for those who are aged 40+ and are interested in growing in their relationship with Jesus and His Church through community building, prayer, and Scripture reflection.

Refreshments will be provided No RSVP required

Questions? Contact Maggie at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org



# <u>First Friday Gathering for</u> Homeschool Families

Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on

Thursday, August 4th at

St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and
Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville

An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00pm with the

opportunity for Confessions.

RSVP: Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community (<u>kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org</u>)



# SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM GROCERY 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 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.







**Great way to help support your Parish!** 



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Sheetz	3%	\$25
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25	Starbucks	4.5%	\$5/\$10
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Red Robin	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Land's End	15%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Visa	1,25%	\$50
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Cabela's	10%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$10/\$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.
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#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

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Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
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.

<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 <a href="https://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or by calling 800-276-1562.



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