

*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.*



*SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1, 2023*

**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, December 31** Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (anticipated)

**Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21**

5:00 PM Wilbur Nye  
r/b Jean and Melina Nye

**Sunday, January 1** Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

**Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21**

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
9:00 AM Roman and Jean Pietrzak  
r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak  
11:00 AM John Vincenzi  
r/b Robert and Helen Vincenzi

**Monday, January 2** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

**1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28**

9:00 AM Peggy Sakasits  
r/b Anne Schweitzer

**Tuesday, January 3** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34**

8:00 AM William Baker  
r/b Bob and MaryLou Ross

**Wednesday, January 4** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

**1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42**

8:00 AM Noreen Petrone  
r/b O'Reilly Family

**Thursday, January 5** Saint John Neumann, Bishop

**1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51**

8:00 AM Sister Mary Therese  
r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

**Friday, January 6** Saint Andre Bessette

**1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11**

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

**Saturday, January 7** The Epiphany of the Lord (anticipated)

**Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**

5:00 PM James M. Kohler  
r/b Marie Maroski

**Sunday, January 8** The Epiphany of the Lord

**Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12**

7:00 AM Joyce Wunderler  
r/b LaBar Family  
9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
11:00 AM Tomasz Kudla  
r/b Katrina and Timothy Kudla

**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  
December 30 through January 5  
for the repose of the soul of



**Jeanne Lauber**  
r/b Sister

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
December 30 through January 5  
for the repose of the souls of



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF  
Marylou Schlert,  
mother of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert  
and  
David Eckel,  
father of Kathleen Wachholz  
of Sacred Heart Parish**



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
December 23 through January 5  
for the repose of the soul of

**Stephen J. Paukovits**  
r/b Paukovits and Raykos families



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## Liturgical Roles\*

**1/7-1/8**

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

**Lectors**

Richard Brand  
William Donczek  
Beth Beers  
Deb Hayes

**Deacons/EMHCs**

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

**Altar Servers**

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Caden Kocsis  
Peter Vallance

**SUNDAY READINGS****JANUARY 1ST**

**First Reading** -- The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This how you shall bless the Israelites. (Nm 6:22-27)

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8)

**Second Reading** -- Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoptions as sons. (Gal 4:4-7)

**Gospel** — The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16-21)



**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>

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, January 5

8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH**

Bath, PA 18014

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,****MOTHER OF GOD**

Vigil, Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

**BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER**

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 4:45 pm,

prior to Vigil Mass

Our Lady has a prayer that fills her heart with joy—the Hail Mary and the most Holy Rosary. Every time the Hail Mary is prayed with attention and sincere heart, Our Lady's heart is filled with joy. Therefore, let us be motivated to pray the most Holy Rosary.

**NOTICE****SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS**

We will continue to offer the opportunity for you to memorialize the candle burning in the Sanctuary Lamp in honor of your loved one(s). In 2023, the candle intention will burn for one week, instead of two, from Friday through the following Thursday. This is consistent with the timeframe that candle intentions burn at the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the tabernacle/altar. Please call the office with any questions or to schedule your candle intentions for 2023. We have intentions available in the 2023 Mass book.

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**  
**FOR NEW YEARS**

Monday, January 2nd  
closed ALL DAY

We wish all of you a  
**BLESSED NEW YEAR!!**







**We are pleased to offer  
prayers and congratulations to  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kowalishen  
of Sacred Heart Parish  
who have been joined  
together in the bonds of  
Holy Matrimony.  
May God Bless them!**

### SACRED HEART PARISH

#### Consider Joining

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

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!  
GOD BLESS**

### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS Feast Day—January 3rd



Mary and Joseph did not sit across from each other at the kitchen table in the evenings debating a name for their child. They didn't flip through the pages of a book of saints or bounce ideas off of their friends and family. The baby's name was chosen for them by God Himself. Mary and Joseph did not disobey God's voice. The Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus" (Lk 1:31).

And Joseph had a dream in which the angel told him, "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. (Mt 1:21).

The Gospel of Luke further relates that "When eight days were completed for his circumcise, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Lk 2:21).

Jesus was named eight days after Christmas, January 3rd. The New Testament is filled with incidents where the name of Jesus is invoked to drive out devils, cure illnesses, and perform miracles. The Holy Name is explicitly exalted by Saint Paul: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jesus reinforces the power of His own name in St. John's Gospel: "On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you." (Jn 16:23).

### THANK YOU TO THE SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS ELVES

Thank You to all the Christmas Elves that did a wonderful job of decorating our Church. Our parish is blessed with people who take pride and honor in making Sacred Heart Church look beautiful during the Christmas holiday. Your efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated. All of us here at Sacred Heart want to thank each one of you for bringing the Christmas spirit to our church.

**GOD BLESS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**





**HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**Monday January 9 - Membership Meeting – A Night of “Knights”**

**7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Presentations and Social Hour**

**Burkhart Bldg. And Zoom**

**Monday January 23 – Officers' Planning Meeting**

**7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. And Zoom (All Brothers are Invited)**

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Over the next four weeks, we will explore the meaning and practical applications of the **Four Core Principles** of the Knights of Columbus. The first Core Principle is **CHARITY**. Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

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**Did You Know: A BIG THANK YOU** is due all of our parishioners for their donations to the KofC Christmas Food Basket project. Your kindnesses were greatly appreciated by the Basket recipients.

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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](http://www.KofC14464.org) or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at [pwbunting@gmail.com](mailto:pwbunting@gmail.com) for details.**

**A NIGHT OF “KNIGHTS”**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

On Monday, January 9th our  
Monthly Membership Meeting will become a  
**Night of “Knights”**

The purpose of this event is to encourage new membership by highlighting what the Knights are all about and the activities in which our Council participates.

**We will begin the evening at**

**7:00pm with a recitation of the Rosary, followed at 7:30pm by a “short” review of Council business.**

We will continue the evening with informative “brief” presentations by Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons highlighting what the Knights are all about, what we do to support Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and our involvement in community affairs. To wrap up the evening, refreshments will be served, along with time to mingle with Brother Knights.

**ALL Men of the Parish** are encouraged to attend; wives are also most welcome. This is a time for Brother Knights to re-engage with our Council and for other Catholic Gentlemen to find out if they wish to join in this journey to become stronger “Catholic Men.”

**The event will be held in the Burkhart Building.**

If you would like to attend or just want information about the event, please RSVP,  
[ANightofKnights@kofc14464.org](mailto:ANightofKnights@kofc14464.org)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE**

Due to the generosity of our **Sacred Heart parishioners** and the residents of **Regency Creekside Meadows**, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 260 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank December 13 AND 310 pounds of non-perishable items to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank December 8; these are the seventh and eighth donations for our Council's 2022-2023 fraternal year, bringing the total year-to-date to 1,587 pounds. Our next donation will be made to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank in mid-January. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

*Please check the “Best By” date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a “Best By” date earlier than 2021.*

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We received a Christmas card this past week from the Cay Galgon Life House. This is the Crisis pregnancy center that the parish supports with the baby bottles campaign. There is a very nice picture of some of the new mommies on the front of it.

One of the "mommies" looked just like a new bank teller at the Bank we use. On my last visit there I asked if she was familiar with the Cay Galgon organization. She was very familiar with it, and in fact that was her and her beautiful baby on the front of the card. I don't know the details of her situation and she did not volunteer what they were, but she made it crystal clear how appreciative she was of the Cay Galgon crisis pregnancy center, and of the help she received there throughout her pregnancy.

Sometimes our efforts in the pro-life cause, either praying in front of an abortion clinic, marching in Washington D.C. and/or Harrisburg, or giving a donation could seem pretty remote. It gave me a lot of gratification and hope to talk to this young woman about her direct experience with the pro-life center that we, here at Sacred Heart Church help support. Hopefully, for those of you who filled up those baby bottles, this little story will do the same.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALLBURKHART BUILDINGSATURDAYS 10:00 AM-11:30 AMJanuary 7 & 21 and February 4 & 18

We will be continuing our study of St. Paul's first and second letters in the next few sessions using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please join us. Any questions email: [lferris\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com).

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETONFeast Day-January 4th

Saint Elizabeth was born Elizabeth Ann Bayley in New York City on August 28, 1774. She was raised as a devout Episcopalian. Her father was a physician and she grew up with riches and affluent social circles. At age 19 she married a handsome, wealthy businessman, William Magee Seton. Her husband's business went bankrupt and her family moved in with her father. Her mother, sister and father died which devastated Elizabeth. After Elizabeth sailed to Italy with her husband and eldest daughter, her husband died of tuberculosis. She was a widow at age 29, penniless and raising 5 children, two of whom died at a young age. While in Italy, Elizabeth visited Catholic Churches. She eventually felt called to convert to Catholicism seeing the faith in action through family friends. She became Catholic because....she came to believe in the Real Presence. She had a devotion to our Blessed Mother. In March 1805 she entered the Catholic Church. She was rejected by many family and friends because of her decision to become Catholic. Elizabeth opened a school in Baltimore to support her children. Elizabeth's sister-in-law also became Catholic and together they started the first Sisters of Charity community in the U.S. in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Its school was the first free Catholic school in America. This humble beginning marked the start of the Catholic parochial school system in the United States. The Sisters of Charity focused on education, children and the poor. Elizabeth established the first Catholic orphanage in the country, Saint Joseph's Asylum in Philadelphia.. She also established schools in and around Emmitsburg, Maryland. She died of tuberculosis on January 4, 1821 at the age of 46. Elizabeth Ann Seton's remains are entombed in the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATFebruary 10, 11 and 12, 2023

An intimated spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

For registration information contact:

Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free)  
or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email

Carol at [carolswavely@ptd.net](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net).

Registration deadline—February 3, 2023

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 January 10 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, January 6 beginning at 9:00 am 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!



**Your Stewardship Report - December 18**

First Collection	\$7,985	<u>Other collections</u>
Other Collections	\$1,565	- from envelopes
<u>Other</u>	\$46	dated other than
		<b>December 18</b>
Total Collections	\$9,596	<u>Other</u> - dona-
		tions, candles, etc.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH****Next Week's Collections - January 8****First**  
Sunday Collection**Second**  
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**START THE NEW YEAR  
WITH PEACE AND HEALING  
THROUGH THE  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23).*

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

**NEW YEAR 2023**

The best way we can be examples of Christ is to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit in our lives. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot claim to know God. Therefore, our actions should be evident in the holy spirit's presence in our lives. Cultivate these fruits by allowing them to increase in your life. For example, get into the longest line at the grocery store to develop patience. To develop kindness, go up to someone you may not like, and say hello or ask how they are doing but do this with kindness in your heart. To develop joy, seek to praise the Lord in difficult situations. As you learn to cultivate the fruits of the spirit more regularly, people will see a change in you. The process won't be easy, but nothing in life worth doing ever is. You may not see a reward here on earth, but the reward you're creating in heaven will be eternal. Pray and ask God for ways to cultivate these fruits every day in your life. Start the year 2023 with God in your heart.

**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](http://www.sacredheartbath.org). Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.

⇒ Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

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

**THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

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

**WOMEN'S GUILD  
MEETING  
CANCELED**



The Sacred Heart Women's Guild meeting for Monday, January 2nd has been canceled.

Wishing you a Happy New Year...

**JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDARS****\$10 EACH OR BUY 3 for \$25!!!**

Increase your chances by buying **(3) for \$25.00** with the **January Lottery Calendar?**

Remember you can win from **\$25 to \$200 and more!**

Extra calendars will be available at the rear of the church or in the upper and lower parish offices. This is a fun way to help support our parish!

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR !!!!!**

**SACRED HEART GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

The holidays are here!! Please consider buying gift cards from Sacred Heart Parish through the Shopwithscript program. Purchase a Giant, Weis Markets, Wegmans, Redners Markets and Ahart's gift cards for your grocery shopping needs. You can purchase gift cards at the lower level of the Burkhart office (**BLUE DOORS**) between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen at 610-837-6391. Thank You!!!!

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2023-24 school year for students entering grades

**K-8, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old).**

For more information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

We will also host a Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon.

All are welcome to come, tour the school, and register for next school year!

**NEW AND APPROVED AD TIMES ONLINE**

Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

Email your name and address to

[communication@AllentownDiocese.org](mailto:communication@AllentownDiocese.org)

and we'll sign you up for a free email subscription and remove your name from the mailing list of the printed newspaper.

**CLOTHING SHED**

**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.**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES**

**OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

**Belts Blankets Clothing Drapes Purses**

**Sheets Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals**

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

**Fabric Scraps Household Rags Toys**

**2022 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION**

If you would like to receive a statement of your **2022** contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket at church and/or the Parish Office and include your envelope number on the request. **All contributions must be received by Sunday, December 25th** to be included on your 2022 Contribution Statement. **Due to the cost of postage, you MUST include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request or pick the statement up in the parish office during regular business hours. Statements will be sent in late January 2023.** We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially supported the parish family of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the year.

**NOTICE BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for our bulletin submissions. These shortened time frames **will be until January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.** Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. We will do our best to get the article in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you for understanding!





## *Time for Christmas shopping!*

Scrip gift cards are a wonderful way to purchase gifts as well as give them as gifts.

There is something for everyone!

**There are over 750 Gift Card Retailers.**

See the full list of stores, restaurants and many more available gift cards on our

**Scared Heart Church website.**

Stop by the parish office (Lower Level),  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm  
to purchase cards or call 610-837-6391.



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	Olive Garden	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/\$25
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.
- ⇒ Use this link ([smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799592](https://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.

Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Rectory and Parish Office:**

Phone : 610-837-7874, Fax: 610-837-4570,

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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,  
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To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs**, **Sexual Abuse Policy**, and **Code of Conduct**, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://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**

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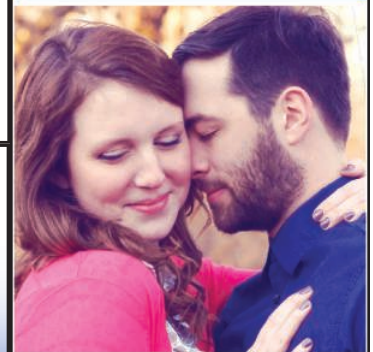
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