

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
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.



SEVENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
FEBRUARY 19,
2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
February 18 **Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48**
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19 **Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48**
 7:00 AM Catherine and Stephen Gasper
r/b George Gasper
 9:00 AM Stanislaw Godek
r/b Maria Godek and Katrina Kudla
 11:00 AM Albert Cascasan
r/b Stephen and Christine Nederostek

Monday, Weekday
February 20 **Sir 1:1-10/Mt 9:14-29**
 9:00 AM Fiedor Family
r/b Larry Fiedor

Tuesday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop
February 21 **Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37**
 8:00 AM Fred and Loretta Koons
r/b Tim and Mary Kay Duckworth

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday
February 22 **Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18**
 8:00 AM Ronald Jankowski
r/b Natalie Landsiedel
 12:00 Noon Arthur Sogno
r/b Joseph Marvelli
 6:00 PM Catherine Corrao
r/b Gerri Nazzaro

Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
February 23 **Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25**
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominicans

Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday
February 24 **Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15**
 8:00 AM Ronald Matyas
r/b Vivian and family
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, First Sunday of Lent (anticipated)
February 25 **Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
 Mt 4:1-11**
 5:00 PM Nye Family
r/b Family

Sunday, First Sunday of Lent
February 26 **Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
 Mt 4:1-11**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Nicholas Cascio
r/b James Alfano
 11:00 AM John and Lucy Maruscak
r/b Maruscak Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, February 23
8:30 am - 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
 February 17 through February 23
 for the repose of the soul of



David Eckel
r/b Wachholz Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 February 17 through February 23
 for the repose of the soul of



Franco Pappagallo
r/b DeVirgilio Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 February 17 through February 23
 for the repose of the soul of

Eleanor F. Barracato
r/b Barracato Family



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

2/25-2/26

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

Lectors

Richard Brand
Bill Wilde
Beth Skinner
Tom Weber

Deacons/EMHCs

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

Altar Servers

John Vallance
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Daniel Holub
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SUNDAY READINGS
FEBRUARY 19TH

First Reading-- The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." (Lv 19:1-2, 17-18)

Psalm — "The Lord is kind and merciful."
(Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

Second Reading-- Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. (1 Cor 3:16-23)

Gospel— Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. (Mt 5:38-48)



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>

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING
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 confusion or delay 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 of Jesus.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you.
Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. During this holy season, we're encouraged to repent of our sinfulness, to seek the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to grow closer to him through prayer and fasting. What is happening in our lives is mirrored in the Church: music is subdued, alleluia is not said or sung, and the use of flowers is not permitted. Many of you kindly arrange for flowers in memory of your loved ones. We will welcome that loving gesture after Easter.

THANK YOU!!!!

We want to THANK the volunteers who sold lottery calendars and gift cards after the Saturday and Sunday Masses last weekend. This gave the parishioners an opportunity to participate in helping support Sacred Heart Parish. Our parish is blessed with volunteers giving up their time, it is so greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless!



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Lent 2023
“...go to your inner room...”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church in her wisdom proclaims the Gospel of Matthew on Ash Wednesday. At the very beginning of Lent, the Church wants us to reflect on the interior disposition that should accompany us during this sacred time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In particular, in verse six of chapter six, Matthew records Jesus' exhortation, “But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.” I propose that this one phrase can present a great challenge and a great gift to us this Lenten Season.

On one hand, to go apart from the noise and hurry of our lives and be in quiet sounds so inviting. On the other hand, to be immersed in silence with just God can seem frightening. What will I say? What will He say? Will I hear anything? What if I don't like what I hear? What if I don't know what to do with all this quiet?

Despite this trepidation, I encourage us to truly enter our “inner room.” Spiritually, our inner room is an interior place in our heart that is the deepest part of our being where we speak intimately with God. This is a far different place than the frenetic world of twenty-four-hour talk, endless blogs, social media postings, tell-all books, and immediate opinion with harsh judgment. Rather, our inner room is a place of peace, tranquility, and being in the presence of God.

As we rediscover the peace of being with God in silence, we also can practice a Lent which prompts us to be more sparing in our speech as well. We can resolve to be charitable in our words, circumspect in making judgments, and humble in offering opinions. The Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist will orient us toward this goal as well as Lenten prayer, fasting, and good works.

May this Lent be a time when we quiet our hearts, reflect on God's Word in Sacred Scripture, and “pray to (our) Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” God bless you and all your efforts to grow closer to Him in this quiet Season of Lent.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, February 22

8:00AM, 12:00 NOON and 6:00PM

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays during Lent from 8:30AM
(after daily Mass) through 9:00PM

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Thursday during Lent at 12:45 PM
Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM



LENTEN EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, March 1

Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4

Celebrate Lenten Ember Days for the Season as a sign of reparation and healing for the Church. Ember Days are quarterly observances with 3 days set aside to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are 12 Ember Days in all.

Holy Mother church provides many opportunities to refresh and renew. The Lenten Ember Days blend with the season of Lent, providing reminders to continue and persevere in the spirit of conversion and penance. The fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

The Church no longer regularly ordains priests during the Quarterly Ember Days, but traditionally this is a special time, particularly Ember Saturday, to pray for priests and for seminarians.



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH FROM 4:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

"OUR FIRST LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNER"

Monday, February 27 – Officers' Planning Meeting

7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom

Monday, March 13 – Membership Meeting

7:00 pm Rosary; 7:30 pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom

We continue with brief synopses of **INTO THE BREACH** videos which seek to answer the question of what it means to be a man in today's world:

Fatherhood: The presence and involvement of a loving father is critical in the development of a child. True fatherhood models itself on God the Father. Former MLB player Mike Sweeney shares how the faith of a man should shape his role as a father.

Family: There is a "battle for the very soul of the family." Men's service of their families requires sacrifice. Greg and Julie Alexander explain how discovering the true nature of marriage transformed their relationship and their family.

Don't Forget: Our Council continues with Lenten Friday Fish Dinners on Fridays, March 3 and 31. Please be sure to volunteer your time and talents to assist with these events.

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, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS

Beginning Friday, February 24 and continuing March 3 and 31...

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH DINNERS!

We will return to the buffet format, which we offered pre-Covid.
Dine-in or Takeout!

FEATURING:
Battered and Baked Fish, Soup, Mac And Cheese, Tater Tots, Stewed Tomatoes, Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Applesauce and, of course, desserts.

Prices will be \$13.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12, and Under 6 Free

Please plan to join us for dinner 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and complete your evening with Stations of the Cross following at 7:00 pm.

Please be sure to bring a canned good which will benefit the Food Banks we support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE**

Due to the generosity of our **Sacred Heart parishioners**, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered **202 pounds** of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank February 10; this is the tenth donation for our Council's 2022-2023 fraternal year, bringing the total **year-to-date to 2,076 pounds**. Our next donation will be made to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank in mid-March. 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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 20th
in observance of
Presidents' Day

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Since the repealing of Roe vs. Wade, a lot of discussion on abortion has been about the abortion pill. It's actually two pills that combine to expel the developing fetus. Its major limitation is that it is only given up to 9 weeks since conception. The procedure has serious side effects such as severe blood clotting and cramping.

In the excellent pro-life movie, "Unplanned" there is a section on chemical abortions and despite what the abortion clinic workers tell the woman, the process is quite horrible. Keep in mind that these pills are being given to otherwise healthy young women. As a retired pharmaceutical representative, I can assure you that every effective medication has unwanted side effects. One of my duties was to show the physician scientific evidence that the benefits of the medication I was promoting, outweighed these negative side effects.

The FDA has labeled these abortion medications as "Safe and Effective" to terminate unwanted pregnancies. In light of the end results of taking these meds, that is; one dead developing baby, how ironic is it to label them as "Safe and Effective!"

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

WAYS TO SPIRITUALLY GROW DURING LENT

Fasting And Abstinence: Fasting, is a excellent means of penance, with many spiritual benefits. Abstinence, do not eat meat on Fridays. This is to honor the passion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday.

Repentance And Confession: Come to our Lord for forgiveness. God will always listen. It will do your heart, mind, and soul good.

Commit To Lent Services: What is the best way to get close to God but to be with Him in His house?

Focus On Defeating A Recurring Sin: Even Jesus was tempted. Rise above the everyday temptations such as swearing, complaining, holding a grudge or moving away from our Lord.

Develop A Virtue: Read and understand the meaning of the Ten Commandments. We break these more than we realize. Strive to change your ways.

Develop A Spiritual Habit: Say or listen to the Holy Rosary. Start and end your day with prayer. Put down your phones and share a conversation with someone. Have a meal with your family and give thanks for what you have.

Read The Bible: Explore this wonderful book. Read a story about God and Jesus to your children and family.

Attend Bible Study At Your Church: Open your mind to the knowledge of the Bible. The more you learn about the Bible the more you will understand God's love for us.

Read A Spiritual Book: Pick a book that is inspirational and encouraging.

Commit To A Service: Volunteering is a great way to show our Lord you understand the meaning of serving others as Jesus did.

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING SATURDAYS 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

March 4 & 18,

April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20



We will be studying the letters of St. Paul using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please join us. Any questions, email Deacon Ferris at lferris_2000@yahoo.com.



DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) in the Father Post Room of the **Burkhart Building.**

SPIRITUALITY SATURDAY SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

**St. Francis Retreat House,
3918 Chipman Rd., Easton**

Joan Doherty, well-known speaker and marriage and family therapist, will present
"Compassion and Suffering"

Light breakfast is at 8:30 am
Presentation from 9:00 to 11:30

Donations are \$20 for on-site participants.

Register at 610-258-3053 x10 or
stfrancisretreathouse.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.

Your Stewardship Report - February 5

First Collection	\$8,664	<i>Other collections -</i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,788	<i>from envelopes dated</i>
Other Collections	\$257	<i>other than</i>
Other	\$31	February 5
Total Collections	\$10,740	<i>Other - donations,</i>
		<i>candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
Next Week's Collections - February 26**First**
Sunday Collection**Second**
Rice Bowl***SPECIAL COLLECTION*****CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**
THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

RICE BOWL - LENT STARTS THIS WEEK!

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.



Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Church ramp entrance vestibule.

We will have 2 Rice Bowl offertory envelopes during Lent—the first on Sunday, February 26th and the second on Sunday, March 26th.

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.

Thank you for your generosity!
Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY
REVEREND JEFF WHORTON
ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN**David Eckel**

r/b George Gasper

Thomas Fiorini (2)r/b Julie Kowal and
Deborah and Mary Zehnder**Rosemarie Lozinger**

r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild

Beverly Martin (2)r/b Denise LePage and
Chris and Marcia Tallarico**Kathleen Schleppey**

r/b Robert Janco and Family

WELCOME

Sacred Heart of Jesus would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new parishioners:

David, Molly, Maeve and Cole Borghesani

and

Ronald and Mary Jean Huth

We hope they will feel at home in our parish!

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - UPCOMING EVENT!**Thursday, February 23, 2023****Theology on Tap**
Hops at Paddock, Allentown

GERTRUDE

HAWK

EASTER

CANDY

PLACE

YOUR ORDERS

BEFORE

FEBRUARY 28TH



MARCH LOTTERY
CALENDARS
BIGGER CASH PRIZES
UP TO (\$500)



More Opportunities To Win!
Buy or Order \$200 of Gift Cards
by Feb. 28th and get (1) FREE lottery calendar
OR (Buy 3 for \$25.00)

Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500 on our March Lottery Calendar. If you are feeling lucky, fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before February 28th. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. Stop by the parish office (lower level) for gift cards that are on hand or check out the many available cards to order. This is a fun way to help support our parish.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!

COUNTRY COTTAGE NUT ROLL SALE
SPONSORED BY
LADIES AUXILIARY OF
BATH FIREFIGHTERS

Price: \$17

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

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

Deadline for orders and payment
Monday, March 20th

Pick up: Saturday, April 1st

at the
Bath Fire Station





SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's



OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.



Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!

For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to: www.sacredheartbath.org



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$25/\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Visa	1.25%	\$25
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Boscov's	8%	\$25
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Old Navy/Gap	14%	\$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**

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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

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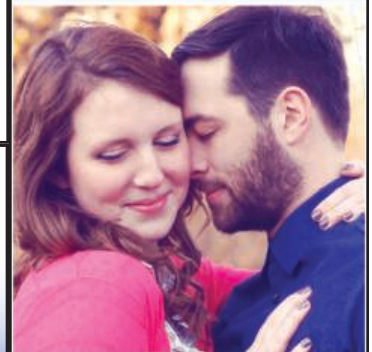
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