

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- **Telephone:** (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Saint Gregory of Narek
February 27 **Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46**
8:00 AM Debbie Shimko
r/b Shimko Family

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday
February 28 **Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15**
8:00 AM Paul J. Pichler
r/b daughter and family

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday
March 1 **Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32**
8:00 AM Margaret Hudak
r/b Nancy Cavallo

Thursday, Lenten Weekday
March 2 **Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12**
8:00 AM Iolanda Reginelli
r/b Mary Manucci
12:45 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday, Saint Katharine Drexel
March 3 **Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26**
8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 2nd Sunday of Lent (anticipated)
March 4 **Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9**
5:00 PM Rich and Kathy Schleppey
r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies

Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Lent
March 5 **Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9**
7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits Family
9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
11:00 AM Deacon Joe and Toni Godiska
r/b Mary and Tom Toczek

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 24 through March 2
for the repose of the soul of



Adeline Lyons
r/b Barracato Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
February 24 through March 2
for the repose of the souls of the

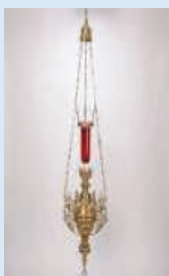


Deceased members of the Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
February 24 through March 2
for the repose of the soul of

John Kondikoff
r/b wife, Betty

**SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from
February 24 through March 2
for the repose of the soul of



John Kondikoff
r/b wife, Betty

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

3/4-3/5

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

Lectors

William Donczek
Bill Wilde
Frank Molchan
Chris Gonella

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Edward Saukulak
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Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Lewis Ferris

Altar Servers

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Caden Kocsis
John Vallance

SUNDAY READINGS
FEBRUARY 26TH

First Reading--The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. (*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7*)

Psalms — "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."
(*Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17*)

Second Reading--Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned--for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. (*Rom 5:12-19*) or (*Rom 5:12, 17-19*)

Gospel--At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" (*Mt 4:1-11*)



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.

BEWARE OF FAKE EMAILS

Be on the lookout for fake / fishing / scam emails or texts. They all have typical telltale signs such as generic wording and ambiguous email addresses such as gmail, but may use real names or familiar terms. Recently, several parishioners have received emails pretending to be from Fr. Butera, looking for help, wanting to communicate via email, etc.

When in doubt always call the Parish Office using the office numbers found on the parish bulletins or official local directories.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF**

Annette O'Donnell
formerly of
Sacred Heart Parish

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY
REVEREND JEFF WHORTON
ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



Fiedor Family
r/b Larry Fiedor

Thomas Fiorini (2)
*r/b Connie and Frank Danisi and
Anne and Ron Teel*

James Kohler
r/b Robert Jance and Family

Charles Pammer
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schmalger

Joyce Wunderler (2)
*r/b Regina Hesch and
Anita and Gregory Check*

Annamae Zuercher
r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka



BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Because of Saturday mornings having too many competing activities, it has been decided to no longer have the Bible Study on Saturdays and to look for another day of the week to schedule the study. Our initial thought is to change the day to Wednesdays after the 8AM Mass. Look for a future bulletin announcement that will contain more details, including the start date. In the meantime, if anyone in the parish has any thoughts or questions on the Bible study, please email Deacon Ferris at lferris_2000@yahoo.com.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Jesus' temptation did not increase His holiness, but it did afford Him the opportunity to manifest His perfection within His human nature. It is that perfection we seek and His perfection that we must strive to imitate as we face the temptations of life. Blessings can come from enduring these temptations. Overcoming temptation is like acing an exam, winning a contest, completing a difficult project or accomplishing some challenging feat. We should take great joy in conquering temptation in our lives, realizing that this strengthens us to the core of our being. As we do so, we must also do so in humility, realizing that we have not accomplished this on our own but only by the grace of God in our lives.

The opposite is true also. When we fail a particular temptation over and over again, we get discouraged and tend to lose the virtue we have. Know that any and every temptation is not from God but from the devil and can be defeated. Nothing is too great. Nothing is too difficult. Humble yourself in confession, seek the help of a confidant, pray for strength, trust in the almighty power of God. Overcoming temptation is not only possible, it is a glorious and transforming experience of grace in your life. Remember, temptation comes in many forms and sizes from telling a little white lie to turning away from our Lord.

Never give up on yourself or others, because GOD won't!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Quote from Pope, Saint John Paul II; " The inviolability of the person, which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the inviolability of human life. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination..."

In other words: If our right to life is taken away, then all other rights are an illusion. This is in response to some, even some Catholics, who want to put other rights ahead of or on an equal basis with the right to life, to justify their pro-abortion position.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

PRAYER FOR SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Heavenly Father, we come to you seeking your protection and care for your people. Please watch over your flock and keep everyone safe from any harm or danger. We pray that you would surround them with your angels and give them peace and confidence as they go about their day. Please guide their thoughts, words, and actions to help ease their fears. We trust in your love and faithfulness, and we pray that you would be with them every step of the way. **Amen.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:****THIS FRIDAY 4:30 TO 7:00****LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNER**

Monday, February 27 – Officers' Planning Meeting

7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom

Monday, March 13 – Membership Meeting

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

Highlights of 2 more **INTO THE BREACH** videos which seek to answer the question of what it means to be a man in today's world:

† **Life - Human life is sacred.** Men have a responsibility to protect society's most vulnerable. Men's participation in the pro-life movement is vital. John Morales shares his story of regret, healing and hope as a testimony to the importance of life.

† **Prayer - Prayer must be a priority in the life of a man.** Eucharistic adoration, reading scripture and saying the rosary are central to prayer. Robert Sweeney tells his story of the power of prayer on the battlefield in Vietnam and life in general.

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention: "We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all."

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**

Friday, March 3 and 31...

**FRIDAY LENTEN
FISH DINNERS!**

**We returned 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: \$13.00 for Adults,
\$5.00 for children 6-12, and Free for Under 6 years**

**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!**

**WOMEN'S GUILD
PASTIE SALE**

Sponsored by the
Sacred Heart Women's Guild
(Variety of Fillings Available)
(\$7.50 each)

ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 8th, 2023

**Pastie Pick-up on March 22nd, 2023, at the
Burkhart Building from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.**

**To order call Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369
or Cyndy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986**

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be **Monday, March 6th at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building.** Consider joining the Women's Guild. All women of the Parish are invited to attend and help the Guild in our Parish endeavors.



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.**

GERTRUDE

HAWK

EASTER

CANDY

PLACE

YOUR ORDERS

BEFORE

FEBRUARY 28TH



SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK*HAPPENING THIS WEEK*HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 28th:

- ♦ March Lottery Calendars: Last day to purchase February 28th. Details on p. 8.
- ♦ Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy: Orders due February 28th. Estimated Delivery Week of March 27. See details above.

Wednesday, March 1st:

- ♦ Mathey's Pizza and Mr. Pasties—Quick and Easy Lenten Meal: Orders due March 1st for the March 10th pick-up. See insert in today's bulletin.

Friday, March 3rd:

- ♦ Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner: March 3rd, 4:30-7:00 pm. Details on p. 5.



2023
 Sacred Heart
 Picnic!

HOLD THE DATE!

Friday, July 14th
and Saturday, July 15th

Your Stewardship Report - February 12

First Collection	\$15,685	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than February 12</i>
Other Collections	\$2,400	
Other	\$40	
Total Collections	\$18,125	
Earthquake (Turkey) Relief	\$1,752	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
Next Week's Collections - March 5**First**
Sunday Collection**Second**
Parish Improvement***SPECIAL COLLECTION***
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised **\$1,610** to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give!

Visit www.usccb.org/home-missions

RICE BOWL - LENT
A Season For Slowing Down

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit csrricebowl.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!

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
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

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome
★ Cole Frederick Borghesani, son of
David and Molly Borghesani
who began to share in the life of
Jesus through the
Sacrament of Baptism

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, March 2

8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm





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!!!!!!

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 goods Rags Toys



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



Price: \$17.00

NUT	POPPY SEED	PUMPKIN CHEESE
PRUNE	APRICOT	SEEDLESS RASPBERRY

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

MASS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

St. Thomas More Church, Allentown, PA
 February 27th, 2023 at 10:00 AM

There will be a Mass for Homeschool students and families offered by Father Pendzick followed by refreshments and fellowship.

For more information,
 please contact Kristin Osenbach
kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org

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 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



ST. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish
 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA
 March 8th, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return. Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour offered monthly. Please join us to pray for your loved ones. **No registration required.**

SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE

3918 Chipman Road, Easton
MONDAY, MARCH 20th

"The Call to Service, Lay Ministry, and Volunteerism – A Franciscan Perspective" will be presented by Bob Olney, Community Outreach Administrator at Catholic Charities. This Mini-Retreat will focus on the important gift and sacrifice of our time. Looking through a Franciscan lens we will explore how volunteering, service, and ministry can bring contentment and peace in our lives.

It begins with a full meal at 6:00 pm,
followed by the presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Register by March 13 at 610-258-3053 x10
or stfrancisretreathouse.org.

Donations are \$35 per on-site participant
and \$20 per virtual participant.



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.



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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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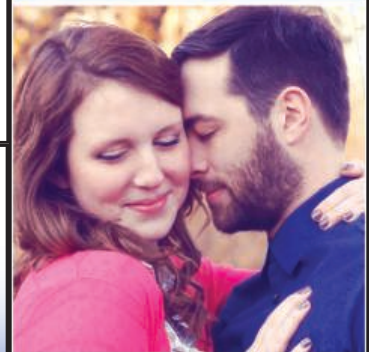
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