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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

February 4 Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

5:00 PM Olivi Family

r/b Mick and Gini Olivi

Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5 Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

7:00 AM Joyce Wunderler

r/b George and Pat Gasper

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Petko Family

r/b Stan and Diane Petko

Monday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions

February 6 Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

8:00 AM Robert Kromer

r/b Klardie Family

Tuesday, Weekday
February 7 Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

8:00 AM Antoinette Godiska

r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Wednesday, Saint Jerome Emiliani

February 8 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

8:00 AM Ronald Brosky

r/b Francis Molchan, Sr.

Thursday, Weekday

February 9 Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

8:00 AM James R. Perota

r/b Barracato Family

Friday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

February 10 Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

Saturday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

February 11 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or

Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

5:00 PM John McManus

r/b daughter, Natalie and Schuster Family

Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or

Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

7:00 AM Eugene Flynn

r/b Knights of Columbus Council #14464

9:00 AM Angel and Maureen Aviles (living)

r/b Margaret Kraus

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

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 3 through February 9 for the repose of the souls of



Dallas and Rita Kohler r/b Schleppy Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from February 3 through February 9 for the repose of the souls of



Bill and Emmy Hayes r/b Deb and Paul Hayes

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from February 3 through February 9 for the repose of the soul of



Joe Maroski r/b wife, Marie



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from February 3 through February 9 for the repose of the souls of

Charles and Mary Manning r/b daughter, Betty

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

2/11-2/12
5:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Lectors

Tom Rothrock Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Frank Molchan Christina Gehringer

Deacons/EMHCs

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

Altar Servers

Peter Vallance

Caden Kocsis Daniel Holub

SUNDAY READINGS FEBRUARY 5TH

<u>First Reading</u> -- Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. (Is 58:7-10)

<u>Psalm</u> — "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright." (Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

<u>Second Reading</u> -- When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. (1 Cor 2:1-5)

<u>Gospel</u> — Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

(Mt 5:13-16)



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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph or at the Tabernacle, please call or visit the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Feast Day—February 11

The apparitions appeared for the last time on July 16, 1858. Bernadette never again had the supreme privilege of seeing and visiting with Our Lady. Later, Bernadette became a nun at Nevers and there spent the rest of her life.

Through her "Lourdes was destined to become a focus of faith and mercy; thousands of souls were to flock thither to increase their piety, to borrow new energy and resolution. Suffering and charity were to join hands under the eyes of the Divine Mother. Miracles were to be neverceasing." Lourdes is one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world. Here, praying to Our Lady of Lourdes, one may obtain refreshment, courage, energy and inspiration to continue the age-old struggle of the great Catholic Faith against the forces of darkness and disintegration. This great shrine, all its miracles, and the streams of grace that are poured into the world through Our Lady of Lourdes, were made possible through the faithfulness and the sanctity of a little peasant girl.

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 in Her honor.



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

The meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be Monday,

February 6th at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building. All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities that support the community and parish.





UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, February 13 – Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom Friday, February 24 – Lenten Friday Fish Dinner 4:30pm – 7:00pm Monday, February 27 – Officers' Planning Meeting 7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. and Zoom

Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men, <u>INTO THE BREACH</u> is a 12-episode video series produced by the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. Available on the Knights of Columbus website kofc.org/en/, each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity. Only 12 minutes long, each episode tells the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the individual topic in his own life. Over the next few weeks, we will feature a brief synopsis of each of the episodes; we begin with:

Masculinity- The Church is facing a "man crisis." Men are made for greatness. "Authentic masculinity" means to live for excellence. Mike Phelan explains how he discovered the nature of true masculinity and how to live it.

Did You Know: The Knights printed and distributed <u>500,000 copies</u> of the *Knights of Columbus Armed With The Faith* military prayer books.

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.





COMMISSION FOR MEN LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

St. Ignatius Loyola
Sinking Springs, Reading PA
February 25, 2023—8:00 am to Noon

What does it mean to be a man? Challenge your understanding of manhood and become the best version of yourself. Join us as we explore what it means to die to ourselves and rise to new heights of strength, virtue, and purpose.

You will leave this event feeling invigorated and renewed, ready to take on the world with the power of the Cross behind you.

For more information and to register, please visit

www.menaliveinchrist.org/events.

CONSIDER JOINING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is a great organization that helps support the community and Sacred Heart Parish. If you are interested, please contact Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Today, as I write this, is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A recognized National holiday. What would the Reverend Dr. King think about the fact that African American women account for 37% of all abortions (according to the Guttmacher institute for the year 2004)? That is compared to only 22% of abortions for white women. What makes that number startling is that African Americans are only about 12% or so of the population.

Maybe it's not surprising since the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger's intent was to eliminate the inferior races. Apparently, Adolph Hitler was a big fan of her book on eugenics. Planned Parenthood, (or better named: "Banned Parenthood") who has many of their abortion mills in black neighborhoods do their best to cover up their founders' eugenics philosophy.

Ironically, since the removal of Roe vs. Wade, the pro-abortion forces claim that the underprivileged women will be the ones who will "suffer" because of a lessened access to abortions. I can't believe that the Reverend Dr. King would approve of such an idea. After all, God is color blind. All the babies are His idea.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

DESIGNED WITH PURPOSE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, BALLY, PA February 19, 2023 – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All single, engaged, or married couples 21+ are invited to learn more and ask questions about Fertility Awareness & Natural Family Planning (NFP), the science that supports it, and why the Church teaches NFP is morally acceptable.

Please join us for this free event. Refreshments will be served.

Registration required by February 10th Registration is helpful to planning.

For questions or more information contact: Kristin Osenbach, at 610-866-0581 ext. 2035 or kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org

<u>Family Life Center in Malvern, PA</u> February 10-12, 2023

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises.

For more information, or to register, visit or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING SATURDAYS 10:00 AM-11:30 AM February 18

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We are resuming our study of St. Paul's first and second letters to the Corinthians, using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please join us. Any questions email: lferris_2000@yahoo.com.

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 February 14 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, February 10 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!



SAINT JEROME EMILIANI—Feast Day, February 8

St. Jerome was a soldier who was captured and while in prisoned he opened his heart to prayer and God. He escaped from prison and returned to Venice where he studied to become a priest. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property

solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded 3 orphanages, a shelter for women and a hospital.

Prayer to Saint Jerome Emiliani: Please grant that we are good guardians of our children who are gifts from God. Help us to love them and protect them from the evils of this present age and to nourish them in their faith as you did. Amen.

Your Stewardship Report - January 22						
First Collection	\$7,806	Other collections -				
Other Collections	\$560	from envelopes dated				
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$40</u>	other than				
		January 22				
Total Collections	\$8,406					
		Other - donations,				
Catholic Medical	\$563	candles, etc.				
Foundation		ĺ				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - February 12



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> Second None

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for *revealing Christ's love* to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. We collected \$1,300 in last weekend's second collection for this effort. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit *www.usccb.org/nationalcollections* for more information on how to give.

TAX

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 were mailed to all who requested or are available for pick-up in the parish office during normal office hours. 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.

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.



WEEKLY OFFERING

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

 \Rightarrow Mail your envelopes to:

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

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

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

THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent delay or confusion when the time nears 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!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER! "Volunteers do not necessarily have the TIME; they have the HEART!"

Do you have a few hours you'd like to give to Sacred Heart Parish? Looking for something to do in your spare time? We are starting to plan for our Annual Picnic in July and there are many volunteer opportunities available for planning work done now. Lead a sub--committee or give a few hours to research vendors, call for sponsors, etc. We will find something that fits your interests and skills. If you are able to help out, please contact the Parish Office at office@sacredheartbath.org or 610-837-7874.

Remember volunteers are vital in making Sacred Heart Parish the wonderful parish it has been for many, many years!



AFTERNOON OF MUSIC
(FREE CONCERT)

BENEFITS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Jane de Chantal Parish Musicians are offering an Afternoon of Music Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 3:00 pm

In the church at 4049 Hartley Avenue, Easton

Along with guests oboist Arianna Kalian and harpist Andrea Wittchen, the music will include a Beethoven Trio and instrumental and vocal music from various musical periods.

The free concert will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society which provides assistance to those in need. The Easton Area Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be collecting donations of any non-perishable food items as well (jelly, oatmeal, and hearty soups especially needed).

Snow date is February 19
If inclement weather check the parish website at @stjanesofeastonpa.com

SAINT MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR
Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish
1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA
February 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 at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish.

Please join us to pray for your loved ones.

No registration required.



8 WEEK LOW IMPACT
AEROBICS BEGINNERS
With Karen Hoff
St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall
435 Pershing Blvd. Whitehall, PA

30 minutes Beginner Low Impact Aerobics for ages 13 and older.

February 21 to April 11, 2023

No Class March 21—instead on March 22

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm—6:00 pm Cost - \$15 for all eight weeks!

Registration Deadline –February 20 OR once class limit is reached.

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.

For more information and registration form please call: Mary Spieker (610-266-0695 ext. 208) or Email: dirreled@sercc.org

HEALING MASS

Father Winne will be celebrating a Healing Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena (18th and Turner Streets, Allentown) February 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATES

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, February 10-12, 2023
Women's Discernment Retreat
St. Francis Retreat Center, Easton

<u>Sunday, February 19, 2023</u>
<u>Designed with Purpose</u>
Fertility Event, St. Thomas More, Allentown

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Theology on Tap

Hops at Paddock, Allentown



MEAT & BONANZA BINGO!! ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102

We are doing something special this month!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023

Change this month: Regular bingo prize will be a package of FOUR different MEATS from Kotsch's Meat Market.

The specials will still be CASH prizes. \$15.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7!

> Doors and kitchen Open at NOON Bingo begins at 1:00 PM.

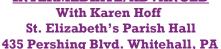
First come – first served seating.

Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS

Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



10 WEEK AEROBICS INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED



45 minute Low Impact Aerobics for ages 13 and older.

February 21 to April 25, 2023

No class March 21—instead on March 22

<u>Tuesdays at 6:15 pm—7:00 pm</u> <u>Cost - \$25 for all ten weeks!</u>

Registration Deadline –February 20 OR once class limit is reached.

Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.

For more information and registration form please call: Mary Spieker (610-266-0695 ext. 208) or Email: dirreled@sercc.org

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

 $\label{eq:did_noise} \mbox{DID YOU } \mbox{\bf LOSE} \mbox{ SOMETHING?}$

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.

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- ⇒ 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

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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 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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