## 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.



## PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2, 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, Palm Sunday (anticipated)

April 1 Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—

27:66 or 27:11-54

5:00 PM Andrew and Margaret Nederostek r/b Stephen and Christine Nederostek

Sunday, Palm Sunday

April 2 Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14— 27:66 or 27:11-54

7:00 AM Justin Shellhammer r/b George Gasper

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM John Vincenzi

r/b Helen and Robert Vincenzi

Monday, Monday of Holy Week

April 3 Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

8:00 AM Margaret Hudak r/b Nancy Cavallo

Tuesday, Tuesday of Holy Week

April 4 Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:00 AM Theodore Lucas, Jr. r/b Lucas Family

Wednesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

April 5 Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

8:00 AM Antoinette Tallarico r/b Sharon Hillhouse

9:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Thursday, Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

April 6 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

April 7 Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ In 18:1—19:42

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Saturday, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 8 Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22,1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32 -4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

12:00 PM Blessings of the Baskets 8:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, Easter Sunday

April 9 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Col 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos Families

9:00 AM Carl Blair Smith r/b Maureen and Joe

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

### NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 6** 

from 8:30 PM - Midnight in Church

### **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 March 31 through April 6 for the repose of the soul of



James D. Kohler r/b wife, Pat

### SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from March 31 through April 6 for the repose of the souls of



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



### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from March 31 through April 6 for the repose of the soul of

> **Matt Schweitzer** r/b wife, Anne

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

## Liturgical Roles

### 4/8-4/9

8:00 PM (Easter Vigil) 7:00 AM (Easter Sunday) 9:00 AM (Easter Sunday) 11:00 AM (Easter Sunday)

### Lectors

Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Alfred Krantz Beth Beers Tom Weber

### Deacons/EMHCs

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

### Altar Servers

Peter Vallance --Daniel Holub

## PALM SUNDAY READINGS APRIL 2ND

<u>First Reading</u>— The LORD GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. (Is 50:4-7)

<u>Psalm</u>—"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24)

**Second Reading**—Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (*Phil 2:6-11*)

**Gospel**— One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. (Mt 26:14-27:66)





## 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 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!

### PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Jesus Christ, we thank you for your love. You loved us when we were sinners, hopeless and condemned. You entered Jerusalem riding a donkey with a cheerful heart knowing what was ahead of you, for our sake. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate your love, your humility, and your selflessness. We magnify your name.

Let our hearts meditate on your sacrifice on the cross to set us free, and the promise of showing us the way to our Father. What an unselfish act. We glorify you and open our hearts to you. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR PARISHIONERS

Lord, we pray as parishioners, that through our actions and prayers we are keeping a living faith here at Sacred Heart Parish.

May we always strive to walk in the footprints of Jesus and may God continue to bless our future generations as they walk in the spirit of your everlasting love.

Amen.



### TIME CHANGE FOR TENEBRAE SERVICE

Due to unavoidable schedule changes, the Tenebrae Service time at Sacred Heart has changed from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

Please adjust your schedules accordingly and use this week's Holy Week Schedule printed directly to the left for the current schedule and times.

Please contact the office at 610-837-7874 with any questions. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY REVEREND JEFF WHORTON ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



#### **Pam Amato**

r/b Shimko Family

#### David Eckel

r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild

### Toni Godiska

r/b niece, Rosemarie Fink

### Ronald Jankowski

r/b Knights of Columbus

### John Kovalovsky

r/b Charles Donello

### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Recent news. The pro-abortion advocates are getting bolder. A recent TV show had a very famous actress state that anti-abortionists should be "murdered." There were some results from a few pro-life Senators, but more than likely there will be no serious consequences against this actress for her statement. Since the over-whelming majority of the media is in the hands of the pro-abortionist.

Imagine if a pro-lifer made the same statement? It would be day and night headline news. Ironically this actress was a major contributor to the anti-war movement during the Viet-Nam era. I guess she selectively picks and choses which violence to be against and which to be in favor of. That they are getting bolder may be a good sign. Since the overturning of Roe vs. Wade they are showing a level of frustration that is encouraging.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

### WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Please join the Lay Dominicans in preparation for Mercy Sunday Feast day for nine consecutive days. <u>The Divine Mercy Novena starts on April 7<sup>th</sup> after Good Friday services</u>, continues privately on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, in community after weekday Mass Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday April 14<sup>nd</sup>, and ends privately on the 15th, day nine.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 16<sup>th</sup> and devotions will begin after the 11:00 am Mass with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, 1:15 pm Confessions, Divine Mercy meditations, and concluding at 3:00 PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Look for the Divine Mercy Novena prayer pamphlets in the Church Vestibule. Please take advantage of Jesus' offering of this great grace of mercy!





### -UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, April 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom
Friday, April 21 – KofC "Ascension Cheesecake" Fundraiser Begins
Saturday, April 22 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup
7:15am Lower Church Parking Lot

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A Reflection by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: When the hour came, He took his place at the table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it (again) until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God. (Lk 22:14-16) Every Palm Sunday we hear the account of Christ's Passion. The story is quite familiar to us by now. Has it lost any of its impact for us from repetition? The Passion of Christ is not just a rote story we recall once a year, but a reality that lies at the heart of our Christian faith. My Brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him.

of Parishioners and quests from outside the Parish.

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.

Food Drive





### FOOD BANK

The food in the Food Bank bins is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and the Bath Area Food bank at St. John's Lutheran Church on a

rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. The next food distribution is on April 11 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed Friday, April 7 beginning at 9:00 am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Volunteers are now needed on the Friday before distribution. Access is at the rear of the church; food will be brought to you. Thank you for your donations!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Your Stewardship Report - March 19						
First Collection	\$6,599	Other collections -				
Other Collections	\$561	from envelopes dated				
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$45</u>	other than				
		March 19				
Total Collections	\$7,205					
		Other - donations,				
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,890	candles, etc.				
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## Next Week's Collections - April 9

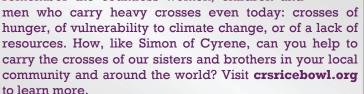


<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> <u>Second</u> Easter

### **RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS!**

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and



Return your filled Rice Bowls to the ramp entrance vestibule this weekend, April 1st and 2nd. Place in the marked collection box. Thank you for your generosity!

## PALM SUNDAY April 2, 2023

This week, we begin our solemn celebration of Holy Week by remembering Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be available at all of the Masses.

The blessed palm we receive is a sacramental—a symbol of our Catholic faith. Let it also be a constant reminder of the Redeemer and King who is our Lord and Savior.



### **HOLY WEEK FOR JESUS**

**Palm Sunday** (or Passion Sunday) The entrance of *Jesus* into Jerusalem.

- **Holy Thursday** (or Maundy Thursday)
  The institution of Communion and the betrayal by Judas.
  - Good Friday, the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ.
- **Holy Saturday**, the Sabbath on which *Jesus* rested in the grave.
- Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

  Open the bible and walk along with our Savior from

  the temple to his rising.

### **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 <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!



## BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM April 15th, May 6th and 20th

We will continue to work our way through St. Paul's epistles. Currently we are studying 2Corinthians from the St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, by Scott Hahn. Please join us. If you have any questions, email: Iferris 2000@yahoo.com.



### **HOLY WEEK**

**CONFESSION TIMES** 

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

From 7:30—7:50 AM

Monday, April 3rd, Tuesday April 4th and Wednesday, April 5th

## HAPPY SPRING FUNDRAISER SACRED HEART PARISH, BATH, PA MARCH 31ST THROUGH APRIL 23RD

With the onset of Spring and Mother's Day, we are offering a great and easy way to help you shop for gardening, gifts and other spring merchandise....all while supporting Sacred Heart Parish!

The Happy Spring program is a fun and convenient way to buy gifts for that special mother, grandmother, aunt or sister on Mother's Day! And don't forget to order something for yourself! Sacred Heart will receive 40-50% profit with this exciting NEW fundraiser!

It's easy to participate! Just pick up a catalog with order form or order online from our website. Catalogs and order forms will be available in the church vestibule, parish and lower level offices in Burkhart Building. Make gardening, shopping and gift giving easy!

Questions? Please call Karen at 610-837-6391

## WOMEN'S LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

The Women's Lenten Evening of Reflection was postponed due to inclement weather.

Now rescheduled to new date (below)!

Sponsored by the Commission for Women, all women are invited to join us for an evening of Mass, Adoration, and reflection during the Lenten season.

The event will take place at Holy Cross Church and Parish Center in New Philadelphia on

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 6:00PM-8:00PM and will include Mass, Adoration, talks, and refreshments.

For more information, please contact Maggie Riggins at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

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## WALKING WITH WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT RETREAT

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters are hosting a retreat on April 22, 2023 from 9:30AM to 3:30PM.

"Walking with Women of the New Testament" that will feature Mass offered by Father Philip Maas,

Adoration, Confession, activities, and lunch.

The event will be held at the

McGlinn Conference and Spirituality Center (460 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading).

The cost is \$30 per person.

Kindly register by April 8th.

For more information: email <u>followfrancis@bfranciscan.org</u> 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Leaders Breakfast



Recover. Succeed. Transform.

### You're Invited to Breakfast!

April 21st, 2023 7-9 AM at DeSales University

Join us for our Fifth Annual Business Leaders Breakfast! Each year, leaders in the community gather together to support the mission of the Lehigh Valley's first - AND ONLYrecovery high school, get an update on its progress, hear from one of the outstanding business leaders in our community, network with one another, and learn about ways in which the community can help students on their recovery journey. We are thrilled to welcome John Bailie, Ph.D as our keynote speaker. John, who works at Compass Point, as a Family Business Advisor, helps senior executives learn how to forge stronger relationships, build a dynamic company culture, and strategically deploy their collective strengths. John's Ph.D work focused on adult learning and change, and he has taught organizational development at both Columbia University as well as the International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School. Through his personal blog, Leading Conflict: How to Fight at Work, John explores leadership, conflict, and culture.

To register for the Breakfast please visit: https://forms.gle/xiEDJZtz3JjuwGkJ8

### ADMISSION IS FREE

Registration is now open!!!

Network, learn, grow and support Kolbe Academy!

## GIFT CARDS—GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND! BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BRIDAL & BABY SHOWERS, OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU

What a great gift to give ALL YEAR ROUND. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. You can purchase Giant, Weis, Wegmans, and Ahart's gift cards for your grocery shopping needs.

Please stop in at the lower level of the Burkhart office (BLUE DOORS) between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday and see the many available gift cards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 610-837-6391.

# St. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR St. Theresa Church 1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA April 12, 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. For more information, visit:

www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry

### SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

### **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**



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



### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed at NOON on April 6 in observance of Holy Thursday, and CLOSED all day April 7 and April 10 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.

Parish Offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:00 am.



### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The meeting of the Sacred Heart
Women's Guild will be **April 3** 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.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY BULLETIN - PUBLICATION NOTIFICATION**

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to bulletin@sacredheartbath.org



MONDAY, APRIL 3RD for the April 16th bulletin.



### **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,
Email: office@sacredheartbath.org
Website: www.sacredheartbath.org
Pastor: Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak
Director of Accounts: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz
Outreach & Advancement Office: Ms. Karen Shimko

**Director of Religious Education**: Mr. Thomas Weber 610-837-7841 or dre@sacredheartbath.org

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### **RCIA Coordinators:**

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Safe Environment Coordinator: Ms. Karen Shimko
kshimko@sacredheartbath.org 610-837-6391
Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

### **WELCOME**

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

### GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

### **CONSOLATION MINISTRY**

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

### **PARISH MEMORIALS**

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

### **VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

### **Secretary for Youth Protection**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u> Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

### CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at <a href="https://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or by calling 800-276-1562.

## JAMES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE, PC

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