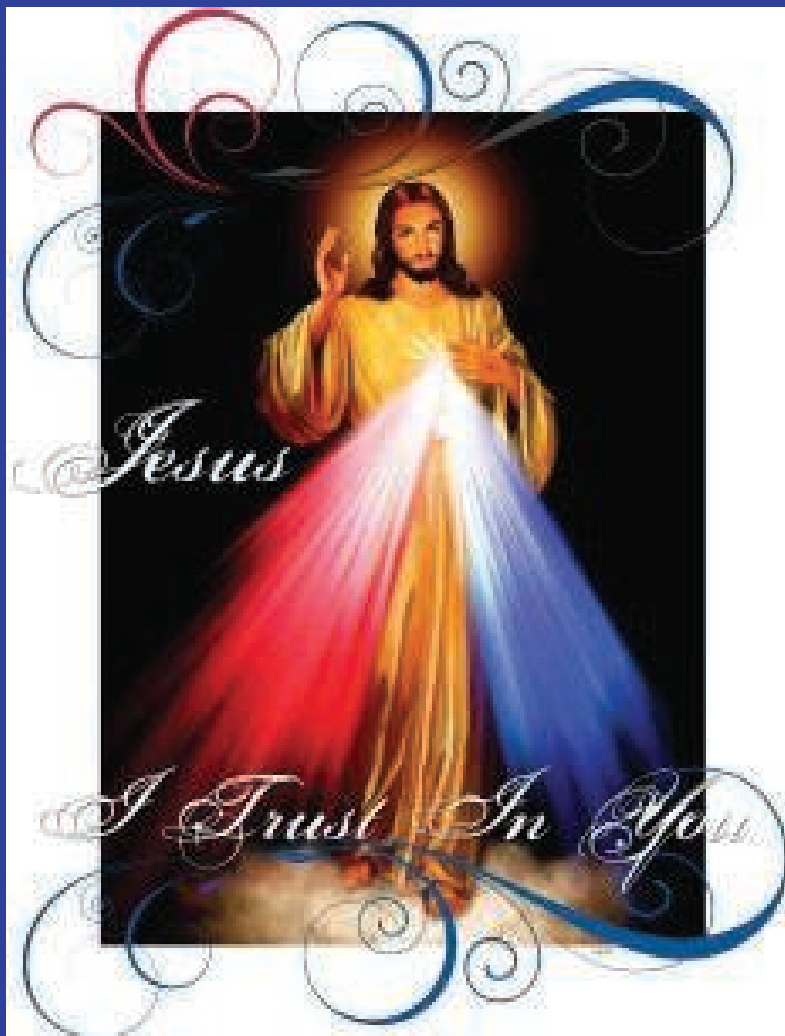


SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
117 Washington Street
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



SUNDAY

OF

DIVINE

MERCY

APRIL 16,

2023

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, Divine Mercy Sunday (anticipated)**
April 15 **Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31**
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday**
April 16 **Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31**
 7:00 AM Anna and Stephen Kleinschuster
r/b George Gasper
 9:00 AM Peggy Dunbar
r/b John Dunbar
 11:00 AM Adam and Doris Smicker
r/b Maruscak Family
- Monday, Easter Weekday**
April 17 **Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8**
 8:00 AM Mary Grace Kucsan
r/b Dale and Dolla Schrey
- Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
April 18 **Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15**
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominicans
- Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
April 19 **Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21**
 8:00 AM Pamela Amato
r/b Shimko Family
- Thursday, Easter Weekday**
April 20 **Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36**
 8:00 AM Thomas Fiorini
r/b Sharon Pieri
- Friday, Saint Anselm, Bishop**
April 21 **Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15**
 8:00 AM Loretta Gula
r/b Ken and Maryjane Pietrzak
- Saturday, Third Sunday of Easter (anticipated)**
April 22 **Acts 2:14, 22-33/1Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35**
 5:00 PM Antoinette Kelly
r/b Husband and Family
- Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter**
April 23 **Acts 2:14, 22-33/1Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Pamela Amato
r/b Ralph and Carole Cortazzo
 11:00 AM Kenneth Haldaman (anniversary of death)
r/b Family

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
 April 14 through April 20
 for the repose of the souls of



Ann and John Stampfel
r/b Pat Kohler

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 April 14 through April 20
 for the repose of the



Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, April 20
8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 April 14 through April 20
 for the repose of the soul of
Christopher Hunsberger
r/b Aunt Mary



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



4/22-4/23 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Lectors Joan West Bill Wilde Beth Beers Tom Weber	Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak	Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- -- --
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 16th

First Reading—They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
(Acts 2:42-47)

Psalm—“Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.” *(Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24)*

Second Reading—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. *(1Pt 1:3-9)*

Gospel—On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” *(Jn 20:19-31)*

Join us for *Mass!*
 Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!



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

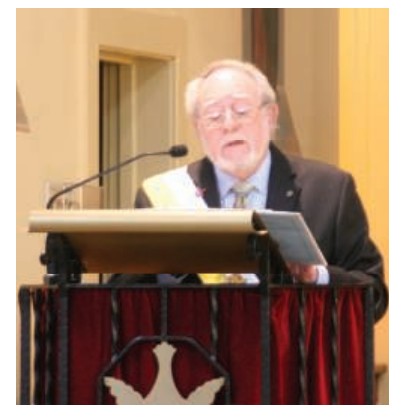
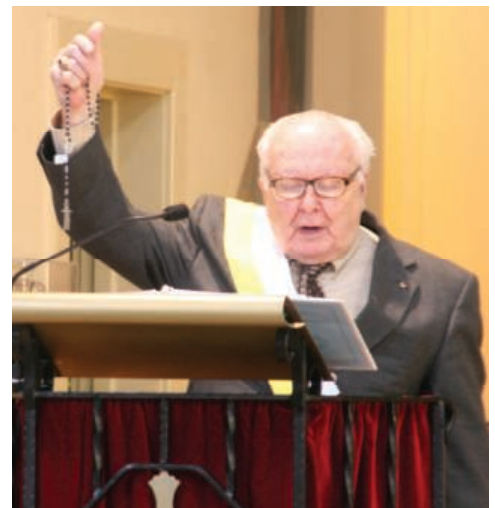
The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent confusion or delay when the time nears for the sacraments (and sacramental preparation), reception is not 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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF
Susan F. Villiatora, daughter of Frances Butler Hickert, formerly of Sacred Heart Parish
and Gabriella Amato, formerly of Sacred Heart Parish

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
 Sunday, April 16th from 12:15-3:30 pm*
Devotions will begin after the 11:00 am Mass
12:15 pm—Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
12:30 pm—Rosary and **1:15 pm**—Confessions
2:00 pm—Divine Mercy meditations, blessing and veneration
3:00 pm—Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
 *times are approximate

Look for the Divine Mercy Novena prayer pamphlets in the Church Vestibule. Please take advantage of Jesus’ offering of this great grace of mercy!



Parish Men Complete Knighthood Journey

On Sunday, March 26, nine men from our parish completed the steps necessary to attain full knighthood in the Knights of Columbus at an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity held at Sacred Heart Church.

The following men inducted are new to the Knights of Columbus:

George Gasper, Kenneth Longley, Kenneth Pietrzak, and James Sikora

The following men were already members of the Knights of Columbus but needed to complete additional steps in order to attain full knighthood:

Richard Brand, Glenn Derhammer, Robert Ketter, Frank Molchan, and John West.

Please join us in congratulating these men for completing their knighthood journey. You are sure to see these men in action as they continue to serve our church and community!



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Friday, April 21 – KofC “Ascension Cheesecake” Fundraiser begins

Saturday, April 22 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

7:15 am Lower Church Parking Lot

Monday, April 24 – Monthly Planning Meeting


7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

The first Highway Cleanup in conjunction with PennDOT is scheduled for this Saturday, April 22. We will meet in the Lower Church Parking Lot at 7:15 am and proceed to the cleanup site (Newburg Rd. from Township Line Rd. to Georgetown Rd.). Attire for the cleanup is long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and closed toe shoes that might get muddy. We will provide work gloves.


With 16 volunteers, teams of 2 people would be responsible to clean .2 miles of the road both east and westbound; we average 3/4 hour for cleanup completion. After we're finished, we'll all proceed to the Church's Scout Room for fellowship and of course, Coffee and Donuts! All Brother Knights and PARISHIONERS are welcome at this community event. Please contact Bob Wilkin at nancinator@aol.com to let us know you'll be able to come and assist.

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention “We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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.



BASEBALL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL YANKEE TRIP
Thursday, August 24th
at Yankee Stadium



The baseball Season has begun; the Yankees Home Opener was Thursday, March 30. The Knights celebrate this rite of Spring with the announcement of their Annual Trip.

Price per person is \$112.00


This includes the bus, ticket to the game and refreshments provided by our Council.

Start time is **1:05 PM**, and the opponent is the Washington Nationals.


Seats are located in
Section 234 on the Main Level in Left Field

We will depart at **9:00 AM** from
Sacred Heart Church with a direct return immediately following the game.
 Transportation is provided by Easton Coach.

This trip tends to fill up quickly, so make your reservations by **contacting Bud Schuster** at
610-390-8429 or email
bud328@msn.com
 to reserve your spot.



DON'T DELAY-JOIN US FOR
A DAY OF FUN!!!!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
“ASCENSION CHEESECAKE SALE”
 Fundraiser begins Friday, April 21st
 Watch for details in upcoming bulletins for this delicious dessert fundraiser!

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Lenten Pizza/Pastie and Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy fundraisers.

Because of our wonderful parishioners we made **\$310.50** profit on the Matey's Pizza/Mr. Pasties and **\$581.10** profit on the delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy. That is a total profit of **\$891.60** which will help support Sacred Heart Parish.

We have extra spinach and veggie pasties available! If you would like to purchase for a sale price of **\$5 each**, please call the parish office at 610-837-7874.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!

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 flowers, gardening ideas, 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.




SAVE THE DATE!
SHC ANNUAL PICNIC 2023
IS COMING SOON!

Summer fun is just around the corner!
 Mark your calendars for Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 (and select activities on Sunday, the 16th)

There will be LIVE BANDS, food trucks, as well as some of your favorite traditional foods on Friday and Saturday!

Bring the kids to enjoy family fun and games!

The Dunk Tank will be back!

Just like last year, our popular Yard Sale and Tricky Tray Basket auction will also be held picnic weekend.

Stay tuned for more details and chances to volunteer in the upcoming bulletins and online. Can't wait to see all of you soon!

COME JOIN IN THE SUMMER FUN!!!!



\$\$\$ MAY LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$\$
BIGGER CASH WINNERS UP TO (\$500.00)
Increased Opportunity to be a WINNER
through our Buy 3 for \$25.00 Promotion!



Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500 on our May 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 April 30th. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. This is a fun way to help support our parish.

Guess What? We had 2 winners in our March lottery calendar.
Winners won \$150.00 and \$50.00. Congratulations to both lucky winners!!!!

YOU CAN BE THE NEXT TO WIN!!!!

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

What a great gift to give for **Mother's Day**. 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.

Your Stewardship Report - April 2		
First Collection	\$10,887	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than April 2</i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,913	
Other Collections	\$297	
Other	\$50	
Total Collections	\$13,147	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - April 23




First
Sunday Collection

Second
None

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say **THANK YOU!** If you haven't already returned your filled Rice Bowls, please drop-off at the parish office. Or if you still want to donate, you may donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate. Thank you for your generosity!




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**



Thomas Fiorini (2)
r/b Deborah and Mary Zehnder and Anne and Ron Teel

John Kovalovsky
r/b Don Wunderler

Joyce Wunderler (2)
r/b McIntosh Family and Sacred Heart Women's Guild

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Why is abortion wrong? Genesis, chapter one, verse 27; "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." The Catholic Church teaches that murder is the taking of "innocent" human life. Not animal life, not self-defense, or even Capital punishment, (which you may be against for other reasons), but "innocent human life." Who can be more innocent than a baby in its mother's womb? Therefore, purposely aborting a child is murder.

Of course, many pro-abort proponents try to get around the murder issue by debating "when life actually begins." Many of you may remember the Mayor of New York, Ed Koch. He was pro-abortion, but at least he was an honest pro-abort. When asked the when does life begin question, he said: "of course, life begins at conception, when else could it begin." He still felt a woman had a right to choose to destroy her baby, but at least he wasn't trying to fool himself or anybody else on what was really going on. -- Deacon Lewis Ferris



**BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING
SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM
May 6th and 20th and June 3rd and 17th**

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: lferris_2000@yahoo.com.

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Why were the disciples willing to suffer and die for their faith? The reason was because they were convinced the Gospel was true. They had known Jesus in the flesh, and they also had seen Him suffer and die. But more than that, they had witnessed His resurrection and ascension into heaven. You and I today know of Christ because of their faithfulness, and their commitment to bring the Gospel to the world. How strong is your faith in Christ, and are you seeking to share the good news of His salvation with others? The disciples showed us how to stand up for our faith and how to be strong when confronted. Don't turn your back on the word of God, He will not turn his back on you.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

1152 Oak Road, Walnutport, PA
Knights of Columbus Council #16656

Saint Nicholas Social Hall

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 AM—12:30 PM



Featuring pancakes, sausage, home fries, ham, creamed chip beef, made to order omelets, toast and coffee/tea/juice

\$10.00 - Age 11 and up

\$6.00 - Age 6-10

Under 5 - FREE

A portion of the proceeds will benefit:
Special Olympics
Hope to see you there!

SAINT FRANCIS CENTER FOR RENEWAL

3918 CHIPMAN RD., EASTON, PA

APRIL TWILIGHT RETREAT

Father Patrick Lamb
will delve into the
gift of Divine Mercy

This special evening will be held on
Thursday, April 20
6:30-8:30 PM

Registration can be found at
Upcoming Events — St. Francis Center for
Renewal (stfrancisctr.org)
or call 610-867-8890

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

SAINT FRANCIS CENTER OF RENEWAL

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton PA

SPECIAL EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 22

10 AM—12:30 PM

Certified forest therapy guide
Sharon Lohse returns to St. Francis Center
to lead a special

Earth Day nature program.

Registration can be found at
Upcoming Events — St. Francis Center for
Renewal (stfrancisctr.org)
or call 610-867-8890

5th 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 ONLY - recovery 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!



GOLF OUTING

Ancient Order of HIBERNIANS

Irish - Catholic - American

Tir na n'Og

Division 1, Lehigh County, PA

KOLBE ACADEMY

GOLF FORE HOPE

Join us as we raise funds and awareness to combat
adolescent addiction.

MAY 12th, 2023

\$125 per player

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

**Scramble Format - Lunch on the turn
Dinner & Awards directly afterwards**

Green Pond Country Club

3604 Farmersville Rd.

Bethlehem, PA 18020

Come and have lots of FUN!

Register Today at: wildaoh.com/events





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

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, the Tabernacle, or the Sanctuary Lamp, 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.**

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.

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.

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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 **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct**, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

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

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