

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 6th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

May 13 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter

May 14 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

7:00 AM Ken Heckman

r/b wife Rosanne, sons Rick and Todd

9:00 AM Deceased members of the McManus Family

r/b Natalie and Cathryn

11:00 AM Carmen Shimko

r/b Shimko Family

Monday, Saint Isidore

May 15 Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

8:00 AM Margaret Hudak

r/b Nancy Cavallo

Tuesday, Easter Weekday

May 16 Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

8:00 AM John Peapos

r/b Patty and Mike Peapos

Wednesday, Easter Weekday

May 17 Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

8:00 AM Marie Yaeger

r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild

Wednesday, Ascension of the Lord (anticipated)

May 17 Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Thursday, Ascension of the Lord

May 18 Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

8:00 AM Beverly Martin

r/b Bob and Nancy Wilkin

4:30 PM Frank, Nancy and Joseph M. Reichart

r/b Sommers Family

Friday, Easter Weekday

May 19 Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

8:00 AM Robert Stephan

r/b Chris and Marcia Tallarico

Saturday, 7th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

May 20 Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

5:00 PM Lillian Wolf

r/b Family

Sunday, 7th Sunday of Easter

May 21 Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Christopher Hunsberger

(8th anniversary of death)

r/b Aunt Mary

11:00 AM Stephen Milisits

r/b Daughter

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

May 12 through May 18

for the repose of the soul of



Betty De Nofa

r/b Vivian and family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from

May 12 through May 18

for the repose of the soul of



Paul R. Barracato

r/b Barracato Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from

May 12 through May 18

for the repose of the soul of



John Peapos

r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

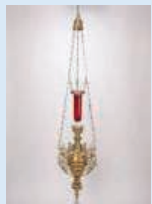
May 12 through May 18

for the repose of the souls of

Deceased mothers of

Stephen and Lucille Sismanovich

r/b Stephen and Lucille Sismanovich



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



<p>5/20-5/21 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Joan West Bill Wilde Tom Weber Tom Weber</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers -- -- Daniel Holub John Vallance</p>
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14TH**

First Reading—Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. (*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17*)

Psalm—“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy” (*Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20*)

Second Reading—Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. (*1 Pt 3:15-18*)

Gospel—Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” (*Jn 14:15-21*)

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!

BANNS OF ORDINATION—1ST

Rev. Mr. Alexander Thomas Brown, who resides in this parish, has been called to the Order of Priesthood by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown.

Rev. Mr. Brown will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, PA on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

ASCENSION
OF
THE LORD

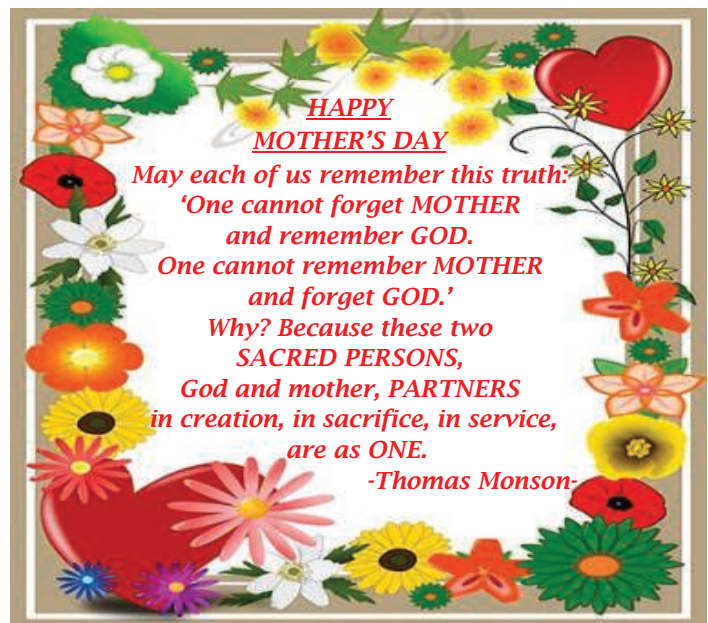


HOLY DAY
OF
OBLIGATION
MAY, 18TH

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (Acts 1:1-3)

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. (Acts 1:6-12)

The disciples were able to see Jesus before he went to his Father. Just think how Jesus felt knowing he was going to be reunited with his beloved Father, like us when we see a loved one and knowing we will be embraced by their love and warmth, but greater. Jesus wants us to have the experience of going to his Father as he did and wants us to receive that loving embrace from Our Lord. This is why Jesus walked the earth to pave the way home to his Father for us. The way we accomplish this is believing in his Holy Book, follow his teachings and to open our hearts and souls to God (our Father). Jesus has no problem sharing his Father with all of us. Take advantage of the offer to become a part of this Blessed and Holy family. No one who believes in our Father and asks to be included into this family will be turned away.



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING

God of life, You made us in Your perfect image, to live in Your love and to give You glory, honor and praise. Open their heart to Your healing power. Come, Lord Jesus, calm their soul just as you whispered "Peace" to the stormy sea. St. Jude, most holy Apostle, in their need to reach out to you. We beg you to intercede for them that they may find strength to overcome their illness. Bless all those who struggle with addiction. Touch them, heal them, reassure them of the Father's constant love. Remain at their side, St. Jude, to chase away all evil temptations, fears, and doubts. May the quiet assurance of your loving presence illuminate the darkness in their heart and bring lasting peace. Please also watch over their loved ones and grant them patience, courage and understanding that is needed in these trying situations. In Your Name, Amen.



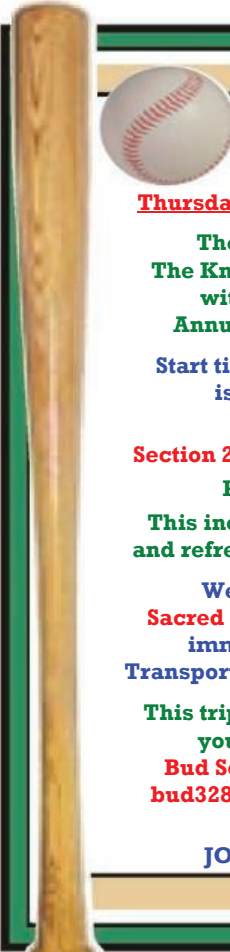
-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Monday, May 22- Monthly Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building and Zoom
Wednesday, May 31 – KofC Volunteering at the Iron Pigs
4:30 pm to 9:30pm – Coca Cola Park**

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love...This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn 15:9-10, 12-13) Christ tells us we will remain in his love if we keep his commandments. Saying you love someone can be easy, but it is really our deeds that reveal our love-or lack of it. Christ showed us how to love by his example and by sacrificing his very life for us. To love as Christ commands us to love demands action. The Letter of James says, “be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves” (1:22). May each of us commit to keeping the commandments and offering our very selves in service and sacrifice for others.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention: *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.*

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 Knights celebrate this rite of Spring
with the announcement of their
Annual Trip to see a Yankees game!

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.

Price per person is **\$112.00**

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

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!!!**

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY
AVAILABLE STARTING IN MAY!

The Lay Fraternity members of St. Louis de Monfort would like to share our Dominican Library with the parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Butera has granted us permission and space within the library located in the lower level of the Church.

Thank you Father Butera!

We will be open the
**1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

Some of the books are well used. We have confidence that you will maintain the book(s) with care. If you don't see something you like, come again. We expect to add to our collection because the love of Study is one of the Four Pillars of our Dominican Spirituality.

Please note that the books in the children's section of the library are not included and are not to be borrowed at this time.

We work on the honor system; however, some information will be needed to keep track of the books. Instructions are conveniently listed in the library or ask the volunteer working there for help.

**Come check us out!
NEXT OPEN ON SUNDAY, MAY 21**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact
Mrs. Donna Tanczos, OP
DLtanczos@aol.com or 610-349-7734

See you there! Thank you!



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!!!!



BAKE SALE
THIS WEEKEND!

Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th
In the ramp area before and after all Masses.
Thank you to all who bake and those
who support the Women's Guild!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
ALL OF US HERE AT SACRED HEART PARISH
WISH ALL MOTHERS
A VERY BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY.
GOD BLESS!!

REASONS TO BE A VOLUNTEER

1. Volunteering connects you with others:
 If you're feeling lonely, isolated, or simply want to widen your social circle, volunteering in your local community is an important – and often fun – way to meet new people. In fact, one of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together, and volunteering lets you do just that.

2. Volunteering builds self-confidence and self-esteem:
 Doing good for others and the community helps to create a natural sense of accomplishment. And working as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity, helping to boost your self-confidence further by taking you out of your natural comfort zone and environment.

4. Volunteering helps with your well being:
 When it comes to volunteering it is important for your well being and health and the benefits are clear. It can help counteract the effects of stress, depression and anxiety. Indeed, the social contact aspect of helping others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn combats against feeling of loneliness and depression.

5. Volunteering is important for a sense of purpose:
 Because volunteering means choosing to work without receiving monetary compensation, people often choose to give their time to issues or organizations they feel are important or have a special connection to. You will feel as though you helped achieve a goal which can uplift your morale and give you a sense of camaraderie and purpose.

6. Volunteering helps you forget your own problems:
 One other benefit of volunteering is that focusing on others can give us a deeper sense of perspective and help distract us from negative thoughts and can create a positive outlook. Volunteering often take us out of the worries of the things around us and help us focus on being a part of something different from our lives. Helping others can be useful in showing us that, in fact, our own lives can improve by seeing what life is like outside of our own.

Remember our Annual Church Picnic is just around the corner. This is a great way to benefit from all the things listed above. Please consider being a part of this fun event, everyone is invited to come and join in. We would love to have you as a volunteer so we can make this picnic the best one ever...

Sacred Heart has been blessed with people who contribute to helping keep this little parish a part of the community.
THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!!

GIFT CARDS—GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BRIDAL & BABY SHOWERS, OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU

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 Burkhardt 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 30		
First Collection	\$6,555	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than April 30</i>
Mother's Day	\$1,502	
Other Collections	\$460	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$24</u>	
Total Collections	\$8,541	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - May 21



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Cemetery Offering



There will be no
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
on Thursday May 18th
due to the
Ascension of the Lord Holy Day



BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

On Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance—mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance.

If you have any questions on how your donation helps these and other causes, please call the parish office or visit the BWAC Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.




MONTH OF MAY
HOLY BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In this month we honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Lay Dominicans will lead the rosary before all weekend Masses in May.

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM
May 20th and June 3rd and 17th



We will be studying St. Paul's letters to the Galatians and to the Ephesians over the next few Scripture studies using the St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, by Scott Hahn. Please join us. If you have any questions, email: lferris_2000@yahoo.com.

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!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

A 2011 sample mail survey published in PubMed Central, sent out to 1,800 OB-GYN's showed the following: 97% of them encountered patients seeking abortions, while only 14% actually performed abortions. (Note: An abortion is a procedure all of these physicians are capable of performing.) That means that 86% of these doctors, did not take care of the patients request. I cannot think of another medical situation where that would occur.

Of course, the reason would be that being pregnant is not a disease. It is one of the most normal conditions that exist, and most physicians are in the "business" of saving lives and improving their patient's quality of life. The survey also showed that the more religious the doctor was, the less likely they were to do an abortion.

Unfortunately, many of the 84% said they would refer these patients to the 14%ers, but even so it is a testament to the fact that the main group of people (OB-GYN's) who know more about babies and pregnancies than any other group of people, will not take part in performing this simple procedure even though it would be a lucrative addition to their practice, and not exceptionally difficult to perform.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES TO BENEFIT PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE (PHL)

THIS WEEKEND, May 13-14, 2023 after all masses, Sacred Heart will hold our ANNUAL FLOWER SALE to support Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Red Roses and multi-colored Carnations will be available for purchase (\$2 each) in the ramp vestibule entrance of the Church.

PHL, in its dedication to protect and defend human life, to defend motherhood and fatherhood and seniors and disabled persons, seeks to educate the public about **RIGHT TO LIFE issues and strongly advocate for them with our elected representatives. This flower sale represents their **ONLY** fundraiser for the year. These beautiful flowers are an expression of love and gratitude for the devotion of all our moms.**

May all Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish moms have a blessed and joyful day, as together we celebrate God's great gift of human life.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

**Mariawald Retreat House
Shillington, PA
May 19-21, 2023**

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries will host a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. The retreat will also be offered in the Spanish language the same weekend.

For more information, please call Carol at 610-435-1541, ext. 373 or go to www.rachelsvineyard.org.

To register, call 610-435-1541, ext. 373 or email carolswavelly@ptd.net

All requests are strictly confidential.

FATIMA TOUR OF PEACE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

Several parishes in the Diocese of Allentown will be hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima.

For information and a full schedule of the national tour of the statue, please visit the website,

<http://fatimatourforpeace.com/tours/>



MAY BONANZA BINGO!!!

We really hope to see you this month! Last Bingo this season!

**St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102**

Sunday May 21, 2023

**Regular bingo and all 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**



WOMEN'S EASTER RETREAT SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH HALL, FRACKVILLE

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023
6:00pm—8:00PM**

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

Come and join us for Mass, Adoration, talks, and refreshments.

To register for this free event go to <https://forms.gle/sfSWbN5EsUwyxFUr7>.

Questions: Contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-866-0581, ext. 2035

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28th, 2023

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday at the

Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown

Wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.

Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.



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	Subway	4.5%	\$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

NOTICE FOR MAY BULLETINS

John Patrick Publishing has issued a notice that their company is relocating. Due to this move, they informed us there will be schedule changes during the month of May and a shortened time for our bulletin submission till May 28th 2023. Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. We will do our best to get the article in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you for understanding!

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

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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

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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