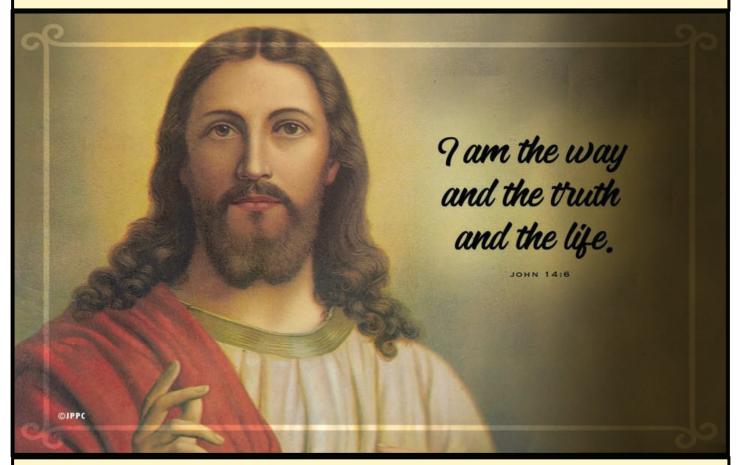
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 7, 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 of Easter (anticipated)
May 6 Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

5:00 PM Daniel and Jean M. Barracato

r/b Barracato Family

Sunday, 5th Sunday of Easter

May 7 Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

7:00 AM Kenneth Mills

r/b Anna Mills and family

9:00 AM Mildred Pichler

r/b daughter and family

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, Easter Weekday

May 8 Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

8:00 AM Julia Wieder

r/b Rebecca Wieder

Tuesday, Easter Weekday

May 9 Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 AM Louis Zenz (anniversary of death)

r/b Dave, Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary

Wednesday, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

May 10 Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM Tom Fiorini

r/b Debbie and Frank Molchan

Thursday, Easter Weekday

May 11 Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonella (living)

r/b Gonella Family

Friday, Saints Nereus and Achilleus

May 12 Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

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

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 5 through May 11 for the repose of the soul of



Pam Amato

r/b Shimko Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE

is burning from May 5 through May 11 for the repose of the soul of



Kenneth Mills r/b Anna Mills and family



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, May 11

8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
May 5 through May 11
for the repose of the souls of

Daniel and Jean M. Barracato r/b DeVirgilio Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

5/13-5/14	
5:00 PM	
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
11:00 AM	

Lectors

William Doncsecz Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Tim Geiger Chris Gonella

Deacons/EMHCs

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

Altar Servers

Daniel Holub

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John Vallance

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7TH

<u>First Reading</u>—As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table." (Acts 6:1-7)

<u>Psalm</u>—"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." (Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

<u>Second Reading</u>—Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1Pt 2:4-9)

<u>Gospel</u>—Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? (*Jn 14:1-12*)



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



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 sacramental sacraments (and 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!



YOU ARE INVITED!

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC KICK-OFF MASS

WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

AT SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

MONDAY, MAY 8TH

Bishop Schlert will celebrate daily Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church as part of the kick-off in Northampton County for this year's Because We Are Catholic appeal.

Please join us for the 8:00 am Mass.

A small reception will follow in the Auditorium.

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.



SACRED HEART PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

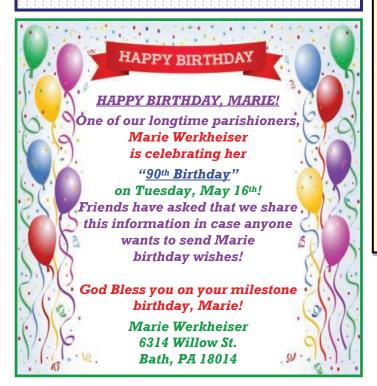


Please keep our second grade parishioners in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

First Reconciliation will be on Thursday, May 11th and First Holy Communion will be Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am.

Our prayers and blessings are with all who are receiving these sacraments this year!

GOD BLESS!!





BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND!



Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13th 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!

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!
OUR FIRST OPEN DATE IS SUNDAY, MAY 7th!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact
Mrs. Donna Tanczos, OP

<u>DLtanczos@aol.com</u> or 610-349-7734

See you there! Thank you!





-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

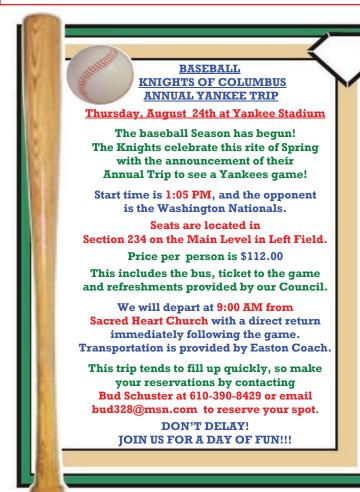
Monday, May 8 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Building and Zoom
Saturday, May 13 – God's Precious Infants Prayer Pilgrimage
8:00am Mass at Notre Dame Church Bethlehem, PA
Sunday, May 14 – MOTHER'S DAY
Monday, May 22- Monthly Planning Meeting

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7:00pm Burkhart Building and Zoom
Wednesday, May 31 – KofC Volunteering at the Iron Pigs
4:30pm to 9:30pm – Coca Cola Park

The Iron Pigs Baseball Season is upon us. Our Council, along with other non-profit organizations, will be volunteering at the Food/Drink Stands for four games over the course of the season. Our Council will receive \$12.00 for each hour volunteered. Last year members of our Council worked three games, the proceeds of which benefited our charitable causes AND a good time was had by all. Please watch the Bulletin and your email for further information.

Did You Know: The Knights support the spiritual welfare of armed services personnel and their families around the globe through an established fund through the Archdiocese for Military Services.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofCl4464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.





OUR LADY OF FATIMA Feast Day—May 13th

Our Lady of Fátima, in Roman Catholicism, the Virgin Mary, appeared before three peasant children near the village

of Fátima, Portugal, in 1917. Since that revelation, millions of the faithful have made pilgrimages to the site where the woman, commonly called Our Lady of Fátima, appeared. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fátima events as worthy of belief in 1930.

St. Francisco (1908-1919) and St. Jacinta Marto (1910-1920) were siblings and the youngest of the three shepherd children, who, along with their cousin, Lucia Santos, witnessed three apparitions of an angel in 1916 and six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 while tending sheep in the countryside of Fatima, Portugal. They were entrusted by Our Lady of Fatima with many messages and warnings for the world, and were to do penance and pray for the conversion of sinners.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Rosary, the most loving of Mothers, gave the children in 1917 messages that will help save ourselves and all nations. Our Blessed Mother's words are simple: Repent, pray the Rosary daily, have devotion to her Immaculate Heart, pray and sacrifice for sinners, do the First Saturday devotion. Now it is up to us to follow her instructions so we can be in God's grace and for our world to change it's ways to see the light of Our Lord. Read the incredible story about Fatima.



SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC MEETING

There will be a Picnic Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00 pm in the Fr. Post Room, Burkhart Building.

All picnic stand chair people and parishioners interested in helping to plan the picnic are encouraged to attend.

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

FOOD BANK The food in the Food B



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 May 9 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 5 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!

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 <u>LIVE BANDS</u>,

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!!!!

CLOTHING SHED

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7
Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot
Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the US and in third world countries.

.PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!

Belts Blankets Clothing Drapes Purses Sheets Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps	Household goods	Rags	Toys
	goods	J.	,

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 23					
First Collection	\$7,573	Other collections -			
Other Collections	\$1,777	from envelopes dated			
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$45</u>	other than			
		April 23			
Total Collections	\$9,395				
		Other - donations,			
		candles, etc.			

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a sixmonth pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our You make your gift online can **BecauseWeAreCatholic.org**, return your pledge card to the parish office or mail directly to the Diocese.

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

On Mother's Day weekend, <u>May 13-14, 2023</u>, after all masses, Sacred Heart will hold our <u>ANNUAL FLOWER SALE</u> 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.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - May 14



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> <u>Second</u> None

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!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Florida passed its "heartbeat" law, which means abortions are not allowed past 6 weeks pregnancy. This is a general statement and does not get into the issues such as "life of the mother," ectopic pregnancies, health of the mother etc. These issues are usually just smoke screens. Doctors will protect the life of the mother without making exceptions concerning abortions. The pro-abortion proponents know this, but they continue to put out false statements implying that women will be dying if they are not allowed to have an abortion for any reason at any time.

This was passed despite the pro-abortion media's narrative that being anti-abortion is a losing political decision. I guess that just is not true in Florida, where this bill passed with overwhelming support from all three branches of the State government.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



SAINT MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR

Please join us at 6 PM on May 10, 2023 at
Saint Theresa Church, Hellertown
to pray for your loved ones

Fr. David Kozak will be presiding at the Holy Hour.

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 of Petition and Hope on the second Wednesday of each month.

No registration required. For more information, visit:

www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry



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 carolswavely@ptd.net
All requests are strictly confidential.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL

PENTECOST SUNDAY

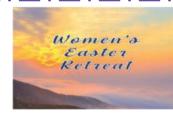
MAY 28th, 2023

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.



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



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 with 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



Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's



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 beginning with the <u>May 7th bulletin through May 28th 2023</u>. 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

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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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.

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