

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.



MOST
SACRED HEART
OF
JESUS
JUNE 18, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (anticipated)
June 17 Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 5:00 PM Deceased members of the Landsiedel Family
r/b Schuster Family

Sunday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 18 Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos Families
 11:00 AM Irene J. Meyers
r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family

Monday, Saint Romuald
June 19 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
 8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schoenfeld
r/b James Lesko

Tuesday, Weekday
June 20 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
 8:00 AM Mrs. Man Lee (living)
r/b Gonella Family

Wednesday, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
June 21 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 8:00 AM Julius and Hazel Schrey
r/b Dale and Dolla

Thursday, Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
June 22 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
 8:00 AM James Clinton
r/b O'Reilly Family

Friday, Weekday
June 23 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominicans

Saturday, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
June 24 Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 5:00 PM Tom Fiorini
r/b Amos and Anne Eslieb

Sunday, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25 Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 7:00 AM Marylou Schlert
r/b Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Daniel David Kelly
r/b wife, Deborah A. Kelly

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
 June 16 through June 22
 for the repose of the soul of



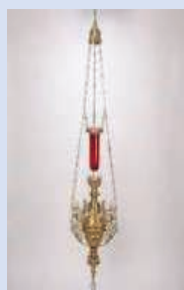
Augustus Mondschein
r/b wife, Loretta

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 June 16 through June 22
 for the repose of the soul of



William De Nofa, Jr.
r/b Vivian and family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 June 16 through June 22
 for the repose of the souls of

Deceased fathers of
Stephen and Lucille Sismanovich
r/b Stephen and Lucille Sismaovich

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 June 16 through June 22
 for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>6/24-6/25 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Richard Brand Tim Geiger Frank Molchan Chris Gonella</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers John Vallance -- Peter Vallance --</p>
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MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
JUNE 18TH

First Reading—Moses said to the people: “You are a people scared to the LORD, your God; he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own. It was not because you are the largest of all nations that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you, for you are really the smallest of all nations. It was because the LORD loved you and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn your fathers, that he brought you out with his strong hand from the place of slavery, and ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. *(Dt 7:6-11)*

Psalms- **“The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.”** *(Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10)*

Second Reading—Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. *(1 Jn 4:7-16)*


Gospel— At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” *(Mt 11:25-30)*



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>



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
on Thursday, June 22
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast Day-June 17th

Immaculate Heart of Mary, I give you my heart. With it, I want to love you, and with you, and through you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and the entire divine creation. My dear Mother, I place myself in your Holy and Immaculate Heart. I know that you will take care of me, and all those who have recourse to you in all our needs. With your motherly help, I wish to sanctify this entire day, for the conversion of sinners, the reparation of our sins, the salvation of the dying, for the glory and love of the Most Holy Trinity. Amen

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KOLBE ACADEMY GRADUATES!

Congratulations and many blessings to Mr. Peter B. and Mr. Travis D. who graduated from Kolbe Academy this year. A Baccalaureate Liturgy and Commencement were celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, June 5th with Rev. Christopher S. Butera as the celebrant and Rev. Bernard J. Ezaki, concelebrant. Family, friends, faculty, and several Kolbe Academy board members attended.



Travis D. (left) and **Peter B.** (right) after graduation, pictured with Fr. Butera. Travis will be attending Trade School, pursuing a welding career and Peter will be attending Lincoln Technical Institute.





**CONGRATULATIONS TO
REV. ALEXANDER THOMAS
BROWN**

On June 3, Bishop Alfred Schlert conferred Priestly Ordination on Father Brown at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Fr. Brown's first assignment is Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Parish in Bethlehem. Congratulations, prayers and God's blessings to our parish son! We are so proud of you! Fr. Brown is pictured with the Bishop, Fr. Butera and at his First Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 4th with newly ordained transitional deacons, Aaron Scheidel, Keaton Eidle, and Nikolai Brelinsky.





HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL FATHERS OF OUR PARISH!!

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, June 26 – Planning Meeting 7:00pm-Burkhart Building and Zoom

Friday, June 30 – KofC Volunteering at the Iron Pigs

4:30 pm to 9:30pm – Coca Cola Park

Monday, July 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting – Burkhart Building and Zoom

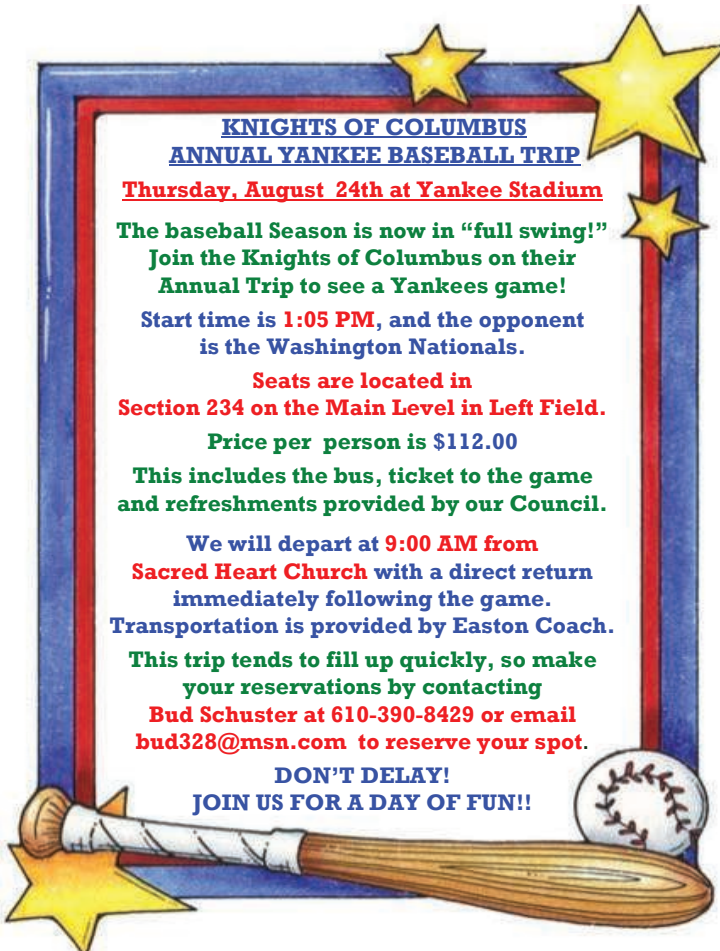
Tuesday, July 11 – Setup Begins for the Church Picnic

A monthly reflection from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (Jn 14:18)

Jesus keeps his promises to us. He does not leave us orphans. He appeared to the disciples several times after He rose from the dead. He gave us the Eucharist, his real presence, to nourish us until the end of time. He said he would return at His Second Coming. And there is another way He did not leave us orphans: He gave us his own mother to be ours. Let us turn to the Blessed Mother often with our needs and prayers of intercession.

A monthly prayer intention of the Holy Father. We pray that the Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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.



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

The baseball Season is now in "full swing!"
Join the Knights of Columbus on 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!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Food Bank Donation Update

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 122 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on June 9. This is the 14th donation for the 2022-23 Fraternal Year, bringing the total year-to-date to 3,013 pounds. Our next donation will be made to the St Vincent De Paul Society Food Bank at St. Paul's Church in South Allentown. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor. Please check the "Best By" date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a "Best By" date earlier than 2021.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
Feast Day- June 24



In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, his wife Elizabeth and his son John the Baptist. Zechariah was filled with the holy Spirit, prophesied, saying: "And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sin, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace." "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel." (Luke 2:76-80)

Saint John was brave and non-conforming to Herod which cost him his life. He and his parents understood who Jesus was and they were devoted to God. What great role models to have in our faith.

Your Stewardship Report - June 4

First Collection	\$9,364	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than June 4</i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,586	
Other Collections	\$740	
Other	\$30	
Total Collections	\$11,720	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

SPECIAL COLLECTION

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit:

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

FATHER'S DAY- SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

Father's Day is a celebration of appreciation for all fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, and all the men who provide leadership, guidance, and protection in your life. In addition to the gifts of appreciation and dinner outings, let's focus on sharing words, gratitude, and blessings as we prayer for our father's - both the biological and spiritual.

Father's Day brings us an opportunity to reflect on the biblical importance of dads and honor the significant role they play in our lives. Throughout the Scriptures, we find profound examples of fatherhood that serve as a testament to the immense impact fathers have on their families, communities, and the spiritual growth of their children. From Abraham's unwavering faith to David's shepherd heart, fathers have been entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing and guiding their children in the ways of righteousness. On this special day, let us celebrate and encourage fathers, recognizing their vital role in shaping and molding the lives of their children, and let us express our heartfelt gratitude for their sacrificial love, strength, and unwavering support. Ask that God will bestow His grace and mercy upon them as they seek to influence and inspire the next generation.

Remember these most powerful words that you can say to your father which are **(I LOVE YOU)** and **(I FORGIVE YOU)**.

Don't miss a chance to say these words while you can.

(Think of how many times God Our Father has said this to us.)

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Dear loving Father, hear this prayer, we pray now for all fathers.
Thank you for their life, for without them, we would not exist.
Thank you for the times, when they cared for us, and held us close.
Thank you for the lessons, learned by their examples, and their mistakes.

Oh loving Father, bless all fathers, bless their souls, and for when they fail, let all of us forgive them, and love them, as you love them.

Through your Spirit, we ask that you watch over all fathers living or deceased. Loving Father spread out your mercy to daughters, and sons to love their fathers unconditionally as you do for all of us. For the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, in his holy name. Amen.

All of us here at Sacred Heart Parish wish all fathers a very Blessed and Happy Father's Day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - June 25



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Peter's Pence Collection

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 Burkhardt Building during Parish office hours

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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Some reminders on how to peaceably talk about abortion. Never, never use the term "pro-choice" it is a meaningless term. The pro-abortionist refuses to call themselves "pro-abortion," because they know the majority of people are against abortion in general. As a result, they stretch the semantical choosing of definitions with such nonsensical terms as; "pro-abortion rights" or "reproductive rights," as though being pregnant was some sort of disease.

I don't know about you, but I am not anti-rights, or anti-choice. If we use their terms for themselves than we are calling ourselves something we are not. We are anti-abortion. Why? Because abortion is the "taking of innocent human life", the very definition of murder in the Bible. It is not a "choice" anyone should have.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



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



**SACRED HEART
ANNUAL PICNIC
COUNTDOWN**



Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15

Our parish's annual picnic will be here in 27 days and counting!

We look forward to seeing you there and ask that you spread the word to all!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR \$20 TICKETS! Return the stubs with payment as soon as possible. Good Luck!!!!

It is never too early to make a donation to help offset the fixed expenses associated with the operation of the picnic. Call the parish office at 610-837-7874 for more information.

Volunteers are needed! Teenagers, especially those in need of service hours, are encouraged to consider volunteering and help make this picnic a success.

Sign-up boards are in the ramp entrance vestibule OR go to our website, sacredheartbath.org and click on the Volunteer "here" under Picnic news.

COME JOIN THE FUN!



**PICNIC
TRICKY TRAY**

We are looking for basket donations, gift cards, individual items or even the good old "green stuff." We are trying to put a grand prize together with monetary donations. Baskets and other items may be dropped off to the lower level parish office in the Burkhardt Bldg. (blue doors) between 8 am and 3 pm, Monday-Friday. Any questions, or need any ideas, please call the parish office 610-837-7874.

New for Sacred Heart's 2023 Picnic...



"Ticketmania"

More Chances To Win!

All \$20 tickets returned by the Friday before each drawing are eligible to win during the three Sundays leading up to the picnic!

Beginning June 25th winners will be drawn following the 9:00am Mass in the auditorium*

Three winners each week!

First prize - \$250 cash

Second prize - \$150 cash

Third prize-\$100 gift card (winner's choice)

All winners are still eligible for the weekly drawings and Grand Prize drawing on Saturday, July 15th

Buy your \$20 tickets early!

**You do not need to be present to win*



SACRED HEART PICNIC YARD SALE

Our Annual Picnic yard sale is in need of donations!

We are accepting all unused or lightly used household items.

STARTING ON JUNE 12TH

PLEASE NOTE - WE DO NOT ACCEPT TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS OR COMPUTER TOWERS, PRINTERS

WE DO ACCEPT- NEW CLOTHING WITH TAGS ATTACHED

Drop-off your items to the "Scout Room" (enter through Church parking lot south side door by the Rosary Garden down to Church basement)

Monday-1-3 pm and 7-8 pm*

Wednesday-1-3 pm and 7-8 pm*

Friday-11 am-2 pm and 7-8 pm*

Please contact Mary at 484-821-6637

for any questions or to make arrangements for drop-off times outside of posted hours.

**enter Church parking lot from Wabash Avenue after hours*

**SACRED HEART PARISH
ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Cake and Coffee Stand
Donations Requested**

The Cake and Coffee stand is in need of your home baked goods for this year's picnic!

All donations can be dropped off at the Cake and Coffee stand each evening of the picnic.

**Friday-July 14 and
Saturday-July 15**

**Donations of baked goods and ground coffee will be greatly appreciated.
Thanks in advance for your support!**

**SACRED HEART PARISH
PICNIC 2023 WISH LIST**

If you would like to help out with the Picnic and are looking for suggestions, please check out our Wish List! We will add to this in the upcoming weeks, so check back often!

- 1. Good Weather!**
- 2. Volunteers! Sign up to help today!**
- 3. Donations of Tricky Tray Baskets**
- 4. Sponsors to cover our tent expenses**

**Call the Parish Office at
610-837-7874 with questions
or for more information**

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

Will be Open

June 18th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Some of the books are well used so please maintain the book(s) with care. If you don't see something you like, please feel free to come back again.

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 but 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!

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

DLtanczos@aol.com or 610-349-7734



**FALL ENROLLMENT FOR
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Currently Open for Children from
1st- 8th Grade**

Classes start Tuesday, September 12th

Registration forms can be obtained from the parish website under "Parish Life" and "Religious Education" or by emailing

Mr. Thomas Weber at dre@sacredheartbath.org

Please complete and return all new and re-registration forms to

dre@sacredheartbath.org by August 6th.

**Registration form and check if returned
by July 10th is \$85.00 per child.**

Cost per child after July 10th is \$95.00.

For those interested in assisting by being a catechist or aid, please pray and consider giving your time to help foster the faith to the children of our parish.

**For more information, please contact
Tom Weber at dre@sacredheartbath.org**



ARE YOU A 2023 GRADUATE?

**FINISHING 8TH GRADE,
HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?**

We would like to spotlight and recognize our parish's 2023 graduates. If any parishioner graduate would like to share their accomplishment in a future bulletin, please send a photo to office@sacredheartbath.org along with the graduate's name, school and future plans. Congratulations and many blessings to all 2023 graduates as they complete an important milestone and move on to new adventures and opportunities!

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA 18045

Join author Jo-Ellen Darling at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton for a time of journaling, rest, and retreat from **July 15 to 16** as she introduces a variety of techniques to uncover where we truly are with ourselves and with God.

**Register at www.stfrancisretreathouse.org or
610-258-3053 x10. Donation requested is \$175 per person
onsite which closes at 4:00 pm on July 5.**

Couple, commuter, and virtual options are available.

PARISH INFORMATION

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 Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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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.

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