

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.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 4, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, The Most Holy Trinity (anticipated)**
June 3 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 5:00 PM Lawrence Cimino
r/b Nye Family
- Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity**
June 4 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 7:00 AM Gonella Family (living)
r/b Gonella Family
 9:00 AM Living and Deceased members
 of Sacred Heart's Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Monday, Saint Boniface, Bishop**
June 5 Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
 8:00 AM Robert Sampson
r/b daughter, Ginny Olivi and family
- Tuesday, Saint Norbert, Bishop**
June 6 Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
 8:00 AM Dolores Stranzl
r/b Marie Werkheiser
- Wednesday, Weekday**
June 7 Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
 8:00 AM Marilyn Scott
r/b Chris and Marcia Tallarico
- Thursday, Weekday**
June 8 Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
 8:00 AM Patricia Snyder
r/b husband, Gary and family
- Friday, Saint Ephrem, Deacon**
June 9 Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart
- Saturday, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
June 10 (anticipated)
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Sunday, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
June 11 Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
 7:00 AM Marylou Schlert
r/b Reverend Christopher S. Butera
 9:00 AM Antonia Klepeis
r/b Marty and Louise Klepeis
 11:00 AM Art and Pat Mulligan
r/b Maruscak 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
 June 2 through June 8
 for the repose of the soul of



Julia Marasco
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Bem

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 June 2 through June 8
 for the repose of the soul of



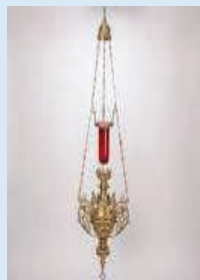
Gregory Marasco
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Bem

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 June 2 through June 8
 for the repose of the souls of



John and Dora Volk
r/b Kathleen and Larry Deibert



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 June 2 through June 8
 for the repose of the soul of

Carmen Shimko
*r/b husband Mike, Michael,
 Kathy, and Karen*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>6/10-6/11 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Richard Brand Alfred Krantz Frank Molchan Tom Weber</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p>Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- -- --</p>
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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
JUNE 4TH**

First Reading— Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. The he said, "If I favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as you own." (*Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9*)

Psalm—"Glory and praise for ever!" (*Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56*)

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (*2 Cor 13:11-13*)

Gospel—God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (*Jn 3:16-18*)


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>



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


**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!

**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!



Congratulations to all who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and joy of His life with you!

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| Laney Louise Bender | Nathaniel Patrick Georgeson |
| Molly Jean Butler | Madison Rose LaCapria |
| Nyla Nicole Cotton | Aubree Laine Rundle |
| Blaise Thomas Derhammer | Maddisyn Marilou Vogt |





Thank you to the teachers for helping the children in their preparation for this important sacrament:

Mrs. Carol Derhammer and Mr. Tom Weber, Sacred Heart Religious Education and Mrs. Sue Parker, principal, Good Shepherd Regional School, Northampton.



MAY CROWNING

On Sunday, May 14 at the 9:00 am Mass, we celebrated Mary with a May Crowning ceremony. Anna Dormarunno, a seventh grade parishioner in our Religious Education program crowned the Blessed Mother statue (pictured left). Pictured below is Anna with her sisters.





-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Monday, June 12 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30 Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom**

**Friday, June 16 – KofC Evening Out at the Iron Pigs
7:05pm Game Time – Coca Cola Park**

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

**Friday, June 30 – KofC Volunteering at the Iron Pigs
4:30pm to 9:30pm – Coca Cola Park**

A monthly reflection from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But, who denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” (Mt10:32-33) The logic is pretty clear-cut, isn't it? In this memorable promise, Jesus assures us of his intercession before the heavenly Father if we acknowledge him before others. Historians tell us that the 20th century saw more martyrs than ever before. These brothers and sisters courageously acknowledged Christ before others at the cost of their lives. In our comparative freedom, do we nonetheless deny Christ or hide our faith in little ways? Mindful of Christ's promise and inspired by the faith of recent martyrs, may we acknowledge our Savior before others with serenity, courage and love.

Did You Know: As a Knight of our Council, you are one of more than 1.8 million members in over 14,000 councils worldwide.

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

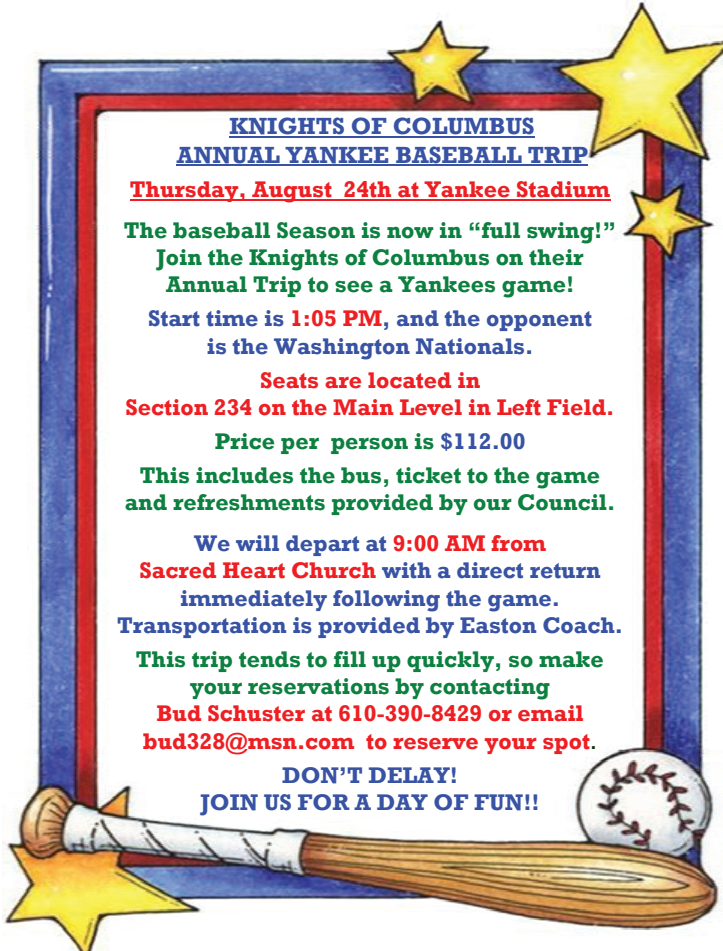
This includes the bus, ticket to the game
and refreshments provided by our Council.

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!!**



**GIFT CARDS—GREAT GIFTS
YEAR-ROUND!**



**GRADUATIONS,
BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS,
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS,
OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!!**

What a great gift to give for Graduations or Weddings. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. Sacred Heart receives a percentage of all sales.

Need a special gift card for a bridal registry? Come in and check out our list and we will gladly order the cards for you. We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees and Amazon gift cards. You can't go wrong with either of these cards as gifts.

Please stop in at the lower level of the Burkhart office (BLUE DOORS) between 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday and see the many available gift cards or call to order your specialty cards.

If you would like to order cards or have questions, please call 610-837-6391.



Your Stewardship Report - May 21

First Collection	\$6,851	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than May 21</i>
Cemetery	\$1,077	
Ascension	\$1,580	
Other Collections	\$835	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$55</u>	
Total Collections	\$10,398	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - June 11



First
Sunday Collection

Second
AD Times



BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

As of May 15, 90 Sacred Heart Parish parishioners have contributed \$22,593 to the 2023 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. This represents 7.3% of our total number of registered families. With 100% participation, we can make a major impact on the lives of friends, families, and neighbors in need. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 11

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity teaches that there is only one God in all existence who has revealed himself as three distinct Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three Persons of the one nature and being. These three Persons are co-equal and co-eternal.

The biblical foundations of the Trinity are that the Bible teaches there is only one God, calls the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit God, teaches that they are three distinct Persons, and teaches that these three Persons share significant divine attributes. We also see from the Bible that they work together perfectly, are grouped together and given equal importance in key passages, as well as put on an equal level with one another. All this forces us to view God in a Trinitarian way. While there is subordination within the Trinity, this is simply because God is a God of order and a community of love, and does not make the Son or the Spirit less divine than the Father.

We can't understand everything about God, but we can still know him personally for salvation, and everything that we need to know about him has been revealed in the Bible. The Holy Trinity is a biblical teaching that is essential to the Christian faith; we must believe in it in order to truly know God and have eternal life.

There is a legend about Saint Patrick using a shamrock to help him explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to unbelievers by showing them the three separate leaves of the shamrock which are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit but the 3 leaves connect to one base stem (GOD). He used this as an example of three persons in one God. Next time you see a 3 leaf clover look at it closely and see it as Saint Patrick did.

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

The "Catholic Medical Association" has expressed their deep concern over the possibility of the FDA making Birth Control pills available over the counter. These are not benign drugs. Medical journals such as Lancet and the American Journal of Psychiatry report that the birth control pills result in an increased risk for breast cancer, brain tumor, HIV transmission and suicide. Also, the World Health Organization classifies oral contraceptives as a class one carcinogen. These are pretty significant side effects especially since they are not treating a disease.

The press release continues: " If fully approved, the social impact of that decision would be dramatic. More women, especially adolescents and young adults, will develop these adverse effects." Needless to say, the CMA has a very strong recommendation against such approval.

I am privileged to be a founding member of our local CMA Lehigh Valley chapter, under the direction of Deacon (Doctor) Bruno Schettini. Bruno and I established the chapter at the direction of our then, head of the Deaconate program, Rev. James J. Mulligan.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



**SACRED HEART
ANNUAL PICNIC
COUNTDOWN**

Our parish's annual picnic will be here in 40 days and counting down

**Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15
(with limited activities on Sunday, July 16)**

We are hoping to make this the most enjoyable and the most profitable picnic to date. We look forward to seeing you there and ask that you spread the word to all!

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

Keep a look out in the upcoming bulletins for information on sales of our \$20 RAFFLE TICKETS AND SOME NEW ADDITIONS TO THE DRAWING FOR 2023!

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.

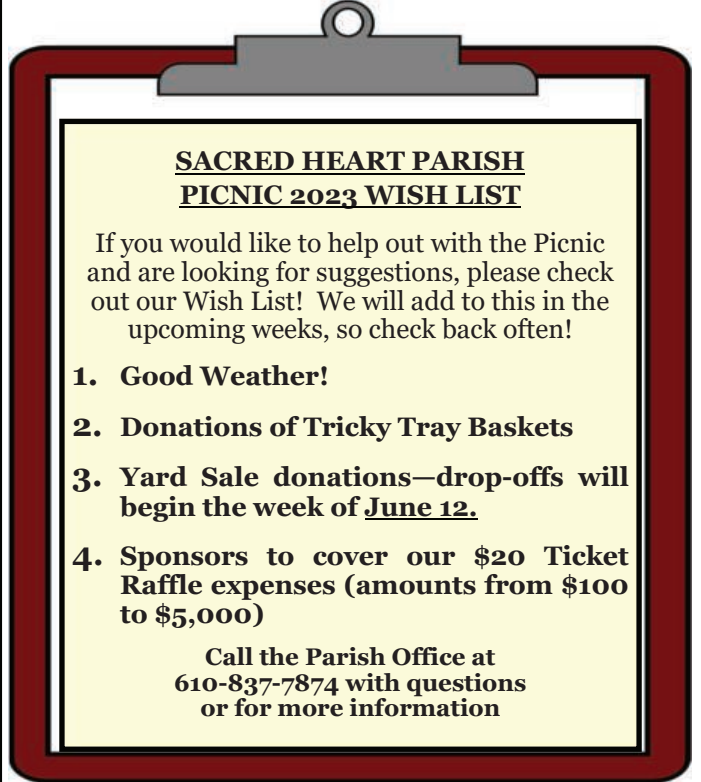
Help will be needed to set-up and clean-up. Stay tuned to the bulletin and our website for updates on how to sign-up!

**COME JOIN THE FUN!
SEE YOU THERE!!!**



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 Burkhart Building (blue doors) between 8 am and 3 pm, Monday-Friday. Any questions, or need any ideas, please call the parish office 610-837-7874.



**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. Donations of Tricky Tray Baskets
3. Yard Sale donations—drop-offs will begin the week of June 12.
4. Sponsors to cover our \$20 Ticket Raffle expenses (amounts from \$100 to \$5,000)

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



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 OLD TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS OR COMPUTER TOWERS, PRINTERS NEW CLOTHING WITH TAGS ACCEPTED

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.

YARD SALE



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 prayerfully 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.



BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM
June 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: Iferris_2000@yahoo.com.

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

Will be Open

June 4th and 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

BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS:

"This Land I Love"

June 4, 2023—4:00 PM

Freewill Offering Benefits Klecknersville Fire Dept.

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church
3175 Valley View Drive, Bath, PA

Members of Sacred Heart Parish Participating

Come out and show your support!!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT

The Office of Evangelization and Formation is hosting a

Catholic Trivia Night

on June 7, 2023 at 7pm at

The Crimson House in Pottsville

This is an all ages event and prizes will be awarded to the top team. Table reservations can be made by contacting The Crimson House.

For more information, contact Rob Johnson at

rjohnson@allentowndiocese.org

Food Drive
for Hunger



FOOD BANK

The food in the Food Bank bins is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and the Bath Area Food bank at St. John's Lutheran Church on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. The next food distribution is June 13th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 9th 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!

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR LIVING

GOLF OUTING—JUNE 26, 2023

All are invited to support Holy Family Senior Living for a day of golf, fun & fellowship.

The outing will be held at Southmoore Golf Club (235 Moorestown Road, Bath, PA 18014)

Four-person scramble format Shotgun start at 8:00AM

Golfers can participate for \$125.00 each which includes green fees, cart, food & refreshments on the course, buffet after golf, grab-n-go breakfast, gift for every golfer, and awards reception.

Learn more and register to play or sponsor go to <https://www.holyfamilysl.org/golf/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 10TH



PARISH INFORMATION

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 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625
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 Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 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.

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

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

JAMES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE, PC

Successor to Snyder, Hinkle & Lunsford Funeral Home

LOUIS C. JAMES - SUPERVISOR
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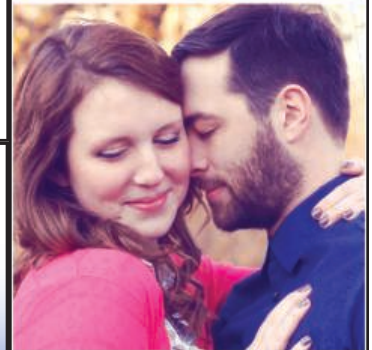
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