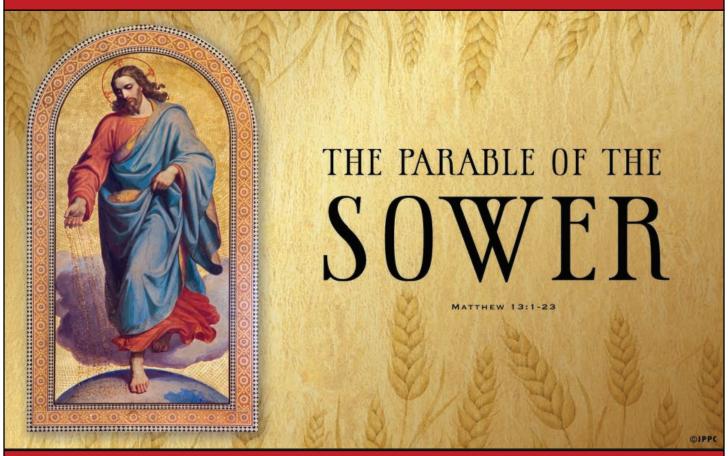
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 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 CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 15 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or

Mt 13:1-9

5:00 PM Augustus Mondschein

r/b Loretta and family

Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or

Mt 13:1-9

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Francis Duckworth

r/b Tim and Mary Kay Duckworth

11:00 AM Art and Pat Mulligan

r/b Friend

Monday, Weekday

July 17 Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1

8:00 AM Pam Amato

r/b Shimko Family

Tuesday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

July 18 Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

8:00 AM Madeline Wilkin

r/b Family

Wednesday, Weekday

July 19 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

8:00 AM Donald Remaly

r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka

Thursday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop

July 20 Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

8:00 AM Deacon John Hanni

r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild

Friday, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

July 21 Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8

8:00 AM Beverly Martin

r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Saturday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 22 Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or

Mt 13:24-30

5:00 PM James Hughes

r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Sunday, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 23 Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or

Mt 13:24-30

7:00 AM Emma Castagnari Garfola

r/b Reverend Christopher S. Butera

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Martha Quiroz

r/b sister, Christine and Stephen Nederostek

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 July 14 through July 20 for the repose of the soul of



Peggy Dunbar r/b John Dunbar

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
July 14 through July 20
for the repose of the souls of



Art and Pat Mulligan

r/b Friend

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

July 14 through July 20 for the repose of the soul of

Augustus Mondschein r/b Loretta and family

for the repose of the souls of

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from

July 14 through July 20

Art and Pat Mulligan r/b Friend



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical + Roles

7/22-7/23	
5:00 PM	
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
11:00 AM	

<u>Lectors</u> Richard Brand Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Beth Skinner

Deacons/EMHCs

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

Altar Servers

Peter Vallance

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16th

Tom Weber

<u>First Reading</u>—Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:10-11)

<u>Psalm</u>- "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest" (Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13,14))

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firs fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

(Rom 8:18-23)

Gospel—On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt 13:1-23)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Frank Blasko

of Sacred Heart Parish



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

on Thursday, July 20 8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates Mass on select days in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for publicized online Mass times and 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





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Week 2 and Week 3 winners of the Early Bird \$20 Picnic ticket drawings! Father Butera drew the winning tickets on Sunday, July 2 and Sunday, July 9.

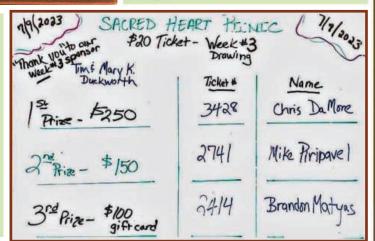
All tickets are eligible for future drawings, including the Grand Prize drawing on Saturday, July 15 on the picnic grounds where 10 winners will be selected and over \$9,000 in total prizes will be given away!

WEEK 2 WINNERS:

Ed and Jill Wandler
Mrs. Daniel Kelly
Rick & Connie Legath

WEEK 3 WINNERS:

Chris DaMore Mike Piripavel Brandon Matyas



SACRED HEART ANNUAL PICNIC

CLEAN UP / TEAR DOWN

Sunday, July 16, 1:00 pm start time

Please keep in mind help is needed for the after picnic clean-up/tear down. It would be greatly appreciated if you can lend a helping hand with this part of the annual picnic, even if only for one hour. This is a great way for high school students who need service hours, to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and donors, volunteers, patrons who make this a fun and lively place to be every year, and our partner businesses for helping us make a great picnic!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!



Angels for Clams, Oysters or Shrimp
We are looking for "Angels,"
individuals who are willing to purchase
any remaining clams, oysters or shrimp
for your own seafood fest.

Please call Rick Gower at 484-695-2546 or e-mail rcq@fritch.com.

Thank You and Enjoy!!!!





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PARISH 2023 GRADUATES!

Congratulations to parishioner,

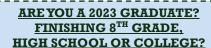
Julia Maruscak, (pictured right), daughter of Jen and John Maruscak.

Julia graduated from DeSales University in May. She earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Medical Science. She is currently in the Physician Assistant program at DeSales. She will begin clinical rotations this August and will graduate from the program in August 2024.

Congratulations and Best of Luck, Julia!







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!

FOOD BANK

NOTICE: JULY PICK UP WILL BE ON THE 3RD WEEK OF JULY TUESDAY, JULY 18TH



The food in our Food Bank bins is donated to Catholic Charities in Allentown and St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. The next food distribution is Tuesday, July 18 from 9:30-11 a.m. and from 6-6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, July 14th beginning at 1:00 p.m. to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Volunteers are now needed on the Friday before distribution instead of the Monday before distribution. Access is at the rear of the church. Thank you for your time and donations!



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.

Cost per child 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



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Saturday, July 22 – "Adopt-A-Highway" Cleanup – 7:30am
Meet in the Church Parking Lot at 7:15am
Monday, July 24 – Monthly Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building and Zoom
Thursday, August 17 – Volunteer at Iron Pigs Game
5:00pm to 10:00pm – Coca Cola Park

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori - And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant." (Lk 1:46-48) Praying together brings families closer to God and closer to each other. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, the first thing they do is pray: Elizabeth declares a blessing that we repeat each time we say a Hail Mary, and Mary responds with a hymn of praise called the Magnificat. Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, came from a prayerful home, and because of his work to strengthen families, we call him the "apostle of Christian family life." May we seek to make our own homes places of prayer to strengthen our families and draw nearer to God.

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.

ST. JOSEPH IN THE HILLS—RETREAT FOR MEN Malvern Retreat House—Malvern, PA August 25, 26 and 27, 2023

Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA.

The Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite you to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, and increase your personal communion with the Lord. Join us on this weekend Friday night to Sunday morning!

To register, contact Anthony Scarselletti of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group by phone (610-393-4671) or by email: OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com

PARISH MASS BOOK

OPENING OF THE MASS BOOK

We will begin scheduling **Masses for 2024** on **Wednesday**, **August 9th** in the Burkhart Building beginning at 8:30 AM until noon.

Four Masses scheduled at Sacred Heart will be the limit again this year.

KEY FOUND IN SACRED HEART CHURCH

Are you missing a key? One was found in the church the weekend of July 1st and 2nd. If you think it may be yours, please call the Parish Office at 610-837-7874 or stop in during office hours to claim it.

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY Will be Open July 16th AND August 6th 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.

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

Your Stewardship Report - July 2							
First Collection Parish Improvement Other Collections Other	\$2,032 \$280	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than July 2					
Total Collections	\$10,690	Other - donations, candles, etc.					

SPECIAL COLLECTION CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

Please be generous to the collection today.

More information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE Feast Day July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene is a pivotal person in the bible. She was a pillar of strength and faith who stood with our Blessed Mother. She cherished Jesus's love for sinners and

understood who He is and was a devout follower.

Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most. She stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with His beloved Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb. Jesus chose her to be the first to see him after his crucifixion.

We are all sinners but do we ask God for forgiveness and salvation? Do we think our sins are not that bad or keep doing the same sin over and over again? Saint Mary Magdalene understood that Jesus gave her salvation and she then walked along side Him with the disciples and Our Blessed Mother. She never looked back when she decided to follow Jesus no matter what happened. Do we have the faith that St. Mary Magdalene did to receive our salvation? Like Mary, we need to believe and understand that Christ is our Savior and it is He who will lead us to our Lord.

The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Pope Francis elevated the memory of Mary Magdalene to the status of Festivity on July 22nd, 2016 in order to stress the importance of this faithful disciple of Christ.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - July 23



<u>First</u>

Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Air Conditioning

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

June 24th, 2023 was the one-year anniversary of the repeal of Roe vs. Wade. Do you remember where you were when it happened? I do, just like I remember where I was when President John F. Kennedy was shot and when the twin towers in NYC were destroyed.

I was golfing and received a text from one of our parishioners. It was a memorable event and seemed like an impossible goal, but God prevailed! Now a year later we are reading or hearing in the secular media about how the majority of Americans are upset by that decision. They are angry. Why would anyone be so concerned about possible restrictions of aborting human babies?

Not that long ago, a very pro-abortion politician said that; "abortion should be legal, safe and rare." While I don't agree with him, the present pro-abortion folks have dropped the "rare" part of their rhetoric. The good news is that according to some pro-life agencies, approximately 25,000 babies have been spared over the past year due to the repeal of Roe vs. Wade. Praise the Lord, abortion has become "rarer" anyway.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM



AVAILABLE GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 4-5% 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 (by order).

GIFT CARDS—GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!

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

What a convenient way to help with all your summer gift shopping needs!

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.

We have on hand <u>VISA cards with NO activation fees</u> and Amazon gift cards and many more or you can place an order for gift cards from our extensive retail list.

Please stop in at the lower level of the Burkhart office (BLUE DOORS) between 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday to get gift cards or place an order!

Questions or to place an order, please call Karen at 610-837-6391













Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Visa (No Activation Fee)	1.25%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Apple Store	5%	\$25/\$50/\$100	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Lowe's	4%	\$25/\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Subway	4.5%	\$10
WaWa	1%	\$25	Red Lobster	8%	\$25
Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10	Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$25
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Target	2.5%	\$25

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.



ANGELORUM

One of the choirs of the Diocese of Allentown, and based out of the Cathedral, is a talented group of women whose blend is angelic and filled with love of God. Their style is a perfect combination of traditional and contemporary, all of it directed toward Our Lord.

Their music can be heard on Spotify, Amazon music, and many other streaming sites.

We would love for you to visit our webpage at Angelorum (angelorumvoices.com), subscribe to our

YouTube channel, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

These women represent many parishes throughout our Diocese.

Their CD will be released sometime in July. Follow on social media to get the date!

Please contact Beverly McDevitt with any questions or interests in booking this choir at your parish.

Email: bevmcdevittl@gmail.com



Clams Sausage Sandwiches Picrogies Fries Chicken Fingers
Hot Ham Sandwich Pizza Turkey BBQ Hot Dogs
Funnel Cake Fried Dough Jee Cream

SPECIAL GUEST STAR

LARGE FLOWERHEADS - FRIDAY
PHILLY FUNK AUTHORITY - SATURDAY
JOSEPH KROBOTH - SUNDAY
UNCLE SMILEY - SUNDAY

LOCATED AT THE END OF WEST CENTER ST IN NAZARETH

7/28 & 29 7/30 5-11 1-7

Free Parking -ATM-Free Admission

SUNDAY MASS [AT] NOON UNDER THE TENT

JULY 28 THRU JULY 30



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us on August 2nd for a free retreat in Jim Thorpe at 178 W Broadway

The day begins with an optional **3pm-6pm Holy Hour**, **6pm Mass**, and lastly a talk from our guest speaker, **Mary Matunis at 7pm**.

To register or have questions, please contact <u>mriggins@allentowndiocese.org</u>.

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE 3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA 18045 August 12th and 13th

What is Pope Francis' message for you as seen in his writings and pastoral outreach?

Father Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, will present

"Pope Francis' Evolutionary and
Revolutionary Vision and Spirituality"

Register at <u>www.stfrancisretreathouse.org</u> or 610-258-3053 x10

Donation requested is \$185 per person onsite which closed at 4:00 pm on July 5.

Couple, commuter, and virtual options are available.



INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH

BINGO BUFFET

Saturday, August 19, 2023 LaBuda Hall (Church Basement) 617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, PA

Doors Open at 5:15 pm (after 4:15pm Mass)
Bingo Starts at 6:15pm

Tickets: \$25 advance/\$30 at the door (adults 18 & over)

Ticket Includes 15 Games, 2 Boards, Cash Prizes, Buffet Supper Early Bird and Book Specials available for purchase

Advance tickets are available at weekend Masses or by calling the rectory at 610-866-3391

Parking: Laufer Street Lot, Jackson & Buchanan Lot or On-Street

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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ctallarico@sacredheartbath.org, 610-442-3589
Safe Environment Coordinator: Ms. Karen Shimko
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.

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.

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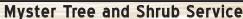


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