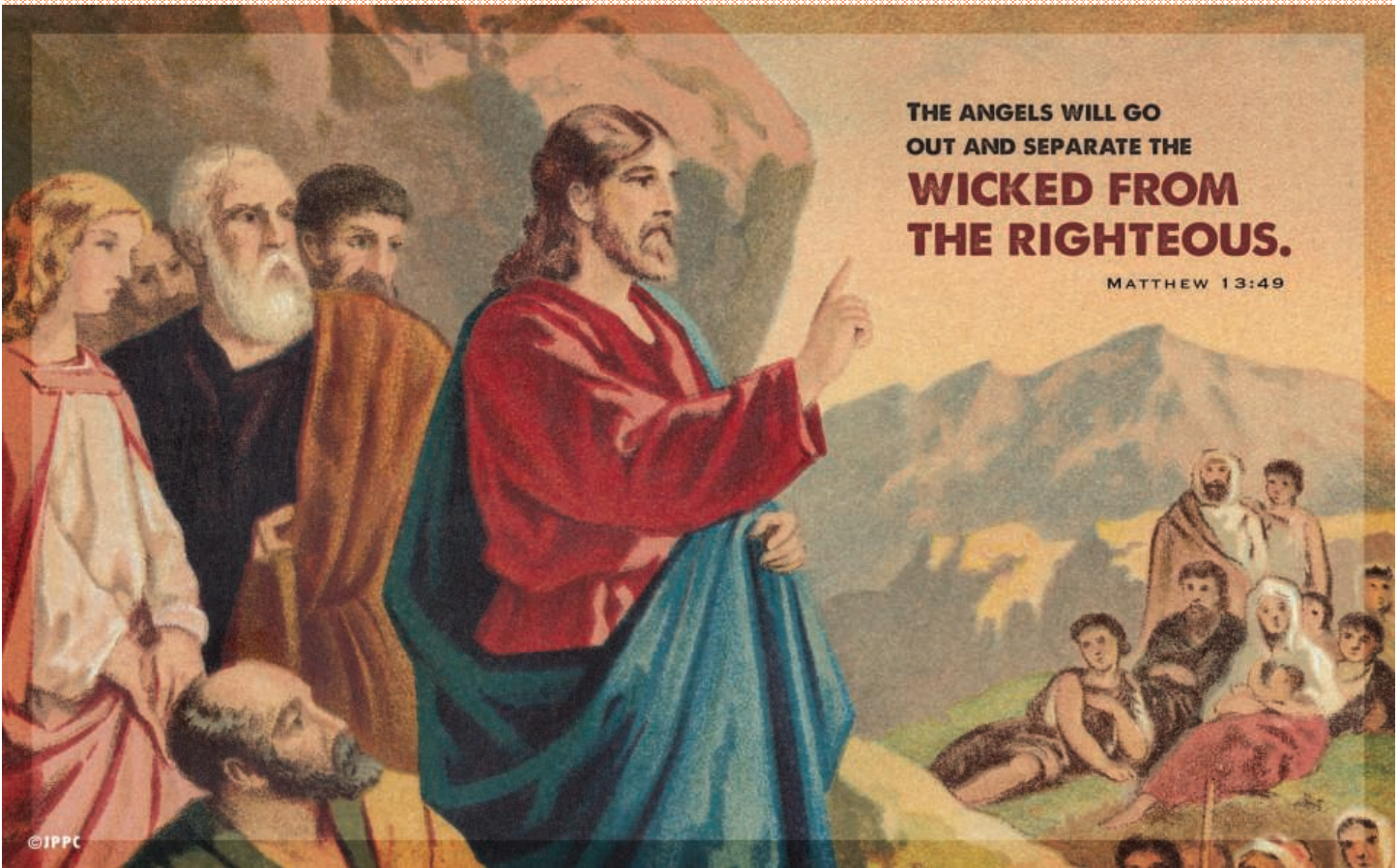


SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
117 Washington Street
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2023

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct 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, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
July 29 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46

5:00 PM Joyce Wunderler (1st anniversary of death)
r/b Loretta Mondschein and family

Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
Mt 13:44-46

7:00 AM Henry Moughamian
r/b Wachholz Family

9:00 AM Anna Edelman
r/b Tina and Al Perelli (Mondschein)

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
July 31 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

8:00 AM Camille Sciullo
r/b Hillhouse Family

Tuesday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
August 1 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

8:00 AM Gabriella Amato
r/b Tyler Matz and Grandma

Wednesday, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
August 2 Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

8:00 AM Nicholas Cascio
r/b James Alfano

Thursday, Weekday
August 3 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

8:00 AM Margot Alles
r/b Elfriede Kardos

Friday, Saint John Vianney, Priest
August 4 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund

Saturday, Transfiguration of the Lord (anticipated)
August 5 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

7:00 AM Barbara Tuhy
r/b Rick and Regina Gower and family

9:00 AM John Trinkle
r/b Loretta Mondschein

11:00 AM Mary and Leo Carasiti
r/b 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
 July 28 through August 3
 for the



Living members of the Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 July 28 through August 3
 for the repose of the souls of



Deceased members of the Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 July 28 through August 3
 for the repose of the soul of



Anna Manning
r/b Betty Kondikoff

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION

on Thursday, August 3

9:00 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



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| <p>8/5-8/6 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p> | <p>Lectors Christina Gehringer Tim Geiger William Doncsecz Tom Weber</p> | <p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p> | <p>Altar Servers -- -- Daniel Holub Peter Vallance</p> |
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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 30th

First Reading—The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12)

Psalm - "Lord, I love your commands."
(Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. (Rom 8:28-30)

Gospel—Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. (Mt 13:44-52)



**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>)

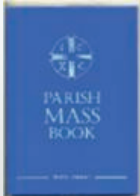
Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

<https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath>

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 car key fob? 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.

**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!

2023 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC PHOTOS

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing pictures from our 2023 picnic. We'll start with pictures of some of our volunteers at the various stands. If you have any pictures you'd like to share, please email to office@sacredheartbath.org



Some of our volunteers working hard and having lots of fun at the clam stand!

Pictured above left: Roz, Terry and Ginny and below left: Greg and Jim.

Pictured above: Dave, Stand Chairperson for the Hamburger, Hot Dog and Sausage Stand enjoying some clam chowder!



**Volunteers at the
Bingo stand
(pictured lower left)
—Chris, Jeff, Gen
and Bill.**

**Celia (pictured
upper left) and some
of our high school
volunteers with
participants at the
game tent pictured
above.**



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Monday, August 14 – Monthly Membership Meeting**
7:00 pm Rosary, 7:30 pm Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom
- Thursday, August 17 – Volunteer at Iron Pigs Game**
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Coca Cola Park
- Monday, August 28 – Monthly Planning Meeting**
7:00 pm Burkhart Building and Zoom

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 14:11) An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one’s own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. This reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13. Father McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

Did You Know: The Knights of Columbus bring the Pope to the world at least 3 times a year by providing the uplink cost for the televising of papal ceremonies, especially at Christmas and during Holy Week, and for the downlink access in poor mission countries.

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.



SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS
Feast Day—July 29th

“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (John 11:5). This is how John’s Gospel describes Jesus’ relationship with these siblings whom we honor on July 29th. Of course, Jesus loves all people equally with the perfection of divine charity. So why does John’s Gospel single these three out this way? In the Gospel passage, the word “love” does not only mean the perfect charity in the Heart of Christ for all people. It also implies that Jesus had a special relationship with them, perhaps throughout His life, but at least during the time of His public ministry. This fact is helpful to ponder since it gives us a glimpse into the authentic humanity of Jesus.

He formed friendships. He enjoyed spending time with those friends. As both God and man, He ate with them, laughed with them, listened to them, and loved them. Now, from Heaven, Jesus wants to extend that human and divine love He perfectly offers to everyone.

Jesus was not only friends with Martha, Mary and Lazarus but was great friends with the disciples and his followers. His friendships withstood sorrow, disappointment and denial, however his love for all of them never faded away or lessen. Jesus also allowed his friends to speak their mind even when He disagreed with them, but He would correct them with the truth.

He understood friendship, do you? Do you listen even when you disagree or do you argue, do you forgive when someone hurts you or do you hold a grudge, do you help someone who is struggling or do you seem to turn a blind eye, do you speak the truth or do you stay silent and run away? Jesus dearly loved his friends even with all their flaws. It is up to us to follow in Jesus footsteps. Cherish your friendships as Our Lord did!

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 as applicable. Congratulations and many blessings to all 2023 graduates as they complete an important milestone and move on to new adventures and opportunities!



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 after July 5th will be \$95.00.

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

Your Stewardship Report - July 16

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| First Collection | \$6,501 | <i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than</i> |
| Other Collections | \$112 | |
| Other | \$40 | |
| Total Collections | \$6,653 | July 16 |
| Central & Eastern Europe | \$1,138 | <i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i> |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - August 6



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Parish Improvement

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
Sunday, July 30th

The relationship between children with grandparents or seniors can be a beautiful one. These individuals are given to us to bestow their wisdom on us, to teach us about God and His word, and to help raise up children who will serve the Lord. As people age and are able to do less, they are no less valuable. Their lessons may change as they age – but we still will learn to love others and to love God by caring for them. There are several beautiful examples in Scripture about the precious blessing that the relationship between grandparents and seniors can be. **“Children’s children are the crown of the elderly, and the glory of children is their parentage.” (Proverb 17:6)**

While a lot of our culture is pushing for old age to be eliminated, and for the aged to be put away and forgotten – the Bible teaches quite the opposite. We are to incorporate our grandparents and seniors in our life for they are a vital aspect of God’s family plan. They provide a legacy of teachings, prayers and lessons that no one else can. What a blessing it is to have someone from other generations to guide us through our lives. **“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by a life that is just.” (Proverb 16:31)**

Another way grandparents and seniors can be a tremendous influence is by telling their testimony to their children over and over. Telling their stories about God’s provision, about how He always keeps His promises, about His faithfulness. All grandparents and seniors have a long life that they have lived – and now they are at the stage where they get to sit and tell stories of His goodness! What a remarkable way to leave a legacy! **“Remember the days of old, consider the years of generations past. Ask your Father; he will inform you, your elders, they will tell you.” (Deuteronomy 32:7)**

God wants us to understand that with age comes knowledge and it is to be passed on to each generation. This knowledge is, His only son Jesus died for our sins and His undeniable love for all of us. You are never too old to understand this knowledge and pass it on...

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. **We have open Sanctuary Lamp weeks available during August-October.** Call or visit the office to schedule. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

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

They shoot horses, don't they?" Continuing the horror of the pro-euthanasia narrative—Canada who has had legal euthanasia for years, in 2021 approved the "procedure" to include those who are not terminally ill. As a result, the euthanasia cases have risen by 24%. These nightmares never have an end point.

You may recall, the story of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the so-called Dr. Death, who "assisted" "at least 130 patients. According to on-line sources only 25% of them were terminally ill. If I recall properly one of his victims, I mean patients, wanted to die because she could no longer play the violin. Dr. Kevorkian himself died peacefully and naturally at the age of 83, of a blood clot. May he rest in peace.

God has a perfect plan for our lives. He also has a perfect plan for our deaths. The concept of the euthanasia movement is that a person can control their own destiny. As Christians, we want God to control our destiny.

- - 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!

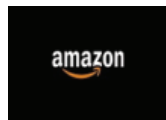
GRADUATIONS, BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS, OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!

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 VISA cards with NO activation fees 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



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 August 8 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, August 4 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!

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!

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

Will be Open on only one weekend in August—August 20th—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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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| Belts | Blankets | Clothing | Drapes | Purses |
| Sheets | Shoes | Sneakers | Stuffed Animals | |

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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|---------------|-----------------|------|------|
| Fabric Scraps | Household goods | Rags | Toys |
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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
mriggins@allentowndiocese.org.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA

St. Joseph the Worker Annual Parish Festival
will take place on August 4th and 5th
in the grove behind the church.

Homemade food such as pierogies, bleenies,
halupkies and more along with live entertainment
each night beginning at 7pm.

Theme Basket auction takes place along
with raffle tickets being sold.

*One of the large prizes to be chanced off
is an Italian dinner for six,
made by our Pastor, Fr. Giuseppe Esposito!*

SAINT MARY'S BEAT THE HEAT BINGO

122 Union Street, Catasauqua, Pa

"Beat the Heat Cash Bingo"
Sunday, August 20th in the Parish Center

The doors and kitchen will open at 11:30 AM
and Bingo will begin at 1:00 PM

\$15 includes 15 games, six specials,
and a jackpot round

Our kitchen will sell you hot favorites, as well as,
bagged snacks so please no outside foods
or beverages (with the exception of BYOB)

Additional game sheets and specials will be available
for purchase - bring your daubers ***no hard boards***

To reserve a table, please email the Parish Office
at kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or
call 610-264-0332

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 www.stfrancisretreathouse.org 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

RETROUVILLE:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Upcoming programs will be held
August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023
at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages
through Retrouville (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know
anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass
this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and
to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage
problems, difficulties or crises.

For more information, or to register, visit
HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or
800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



PARISH INFORMATION

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 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625
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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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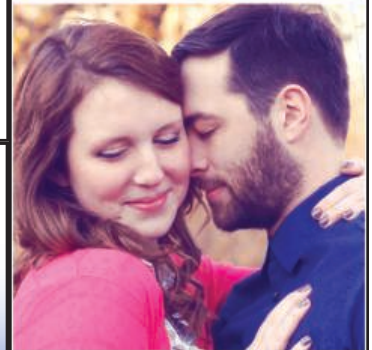
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