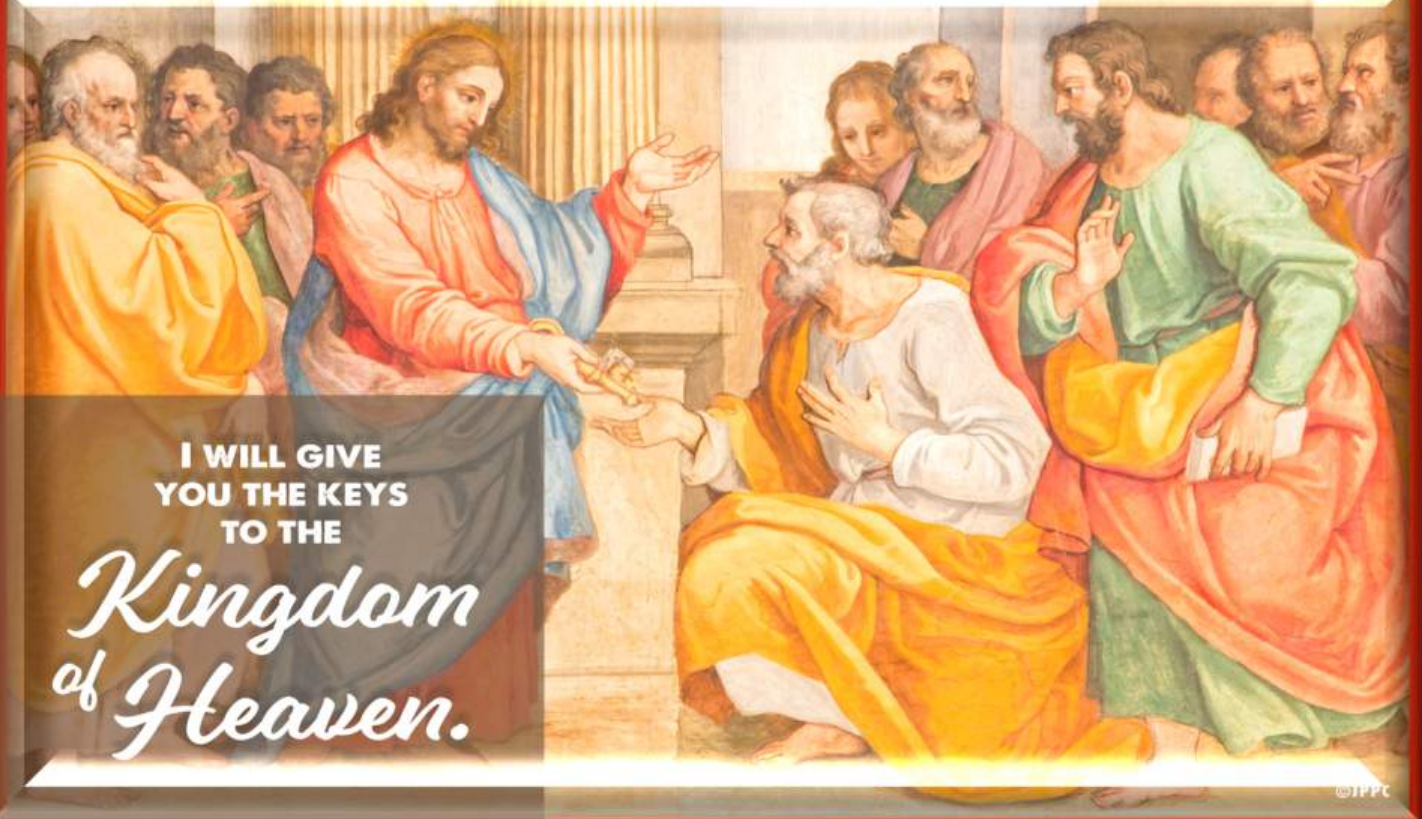


*SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH*  
*117 Washington Street*  
*Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524*

*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.*



*TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*AUGUST 27, 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**August 26** **Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20**  
 5:00 PM Josephine and Stephen Polzer  
*r/b Mike and Patty Peapos*

**Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 27** **Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20**  
 7:00 AM Rich and Kathy Schleppey  
*r/b Family*  
 9:00 AM Anna Milisits  
*r/b daughters*  
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Monday, Saint Augustine, Bishop**  
**August 28** **1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22**  
 8:00 AM Eleanor F. Barracato  
*r/b Barracato Family*

**Tuesday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**  
**August 29** **1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29**  
 8:00 AM Matt Schweitzer  
*r/b wife, Anne*

**Wednesday, Weekday**  
**August 30** **1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32**  
 8:00 AM Louis Zenz  
*r/b Dave, Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary*

**Thursday, Weekday**  
**August 31** **1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51**  
 8:00 AM Father Jacob Post (anniversary of death)

**Friday, Weekday**  
**September 1** **1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13**  
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund

**Saturday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**September 2** **Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27**  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 3** **Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27**  
 7:00 AM Anna and John Marth  
*r/b Family*  
 9:00 AM Emma Catalfamo  
*r/b Benedetta, Rose and Tina Mirabito*  
 11:00 AM Patricia Itterly  
*r/b Mike Marcellus*

**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 CANDLE**

is burning from  
 August 25 through August 31  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Anna Milisits**  
*r/b daughters*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 August 25 through August 31  
 for the repose of the souls of



**Deceased member of the Women's Guild**  
*r/b Women's Guild*



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 August 25 through August 31  
 for the repose of the soul of

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

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 August 25 through August 31  
 for the repose of the souls of



**Josephine and Stephen Polzer**  
*r/b Mike and Patty*



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<b>9/2-9/3</b>
5:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

<b>Lectors</b>
Frank Molchan
Bill Wilde
Lisa Wilde Barnhorst
Beth Beers

<b>Deacons/EMHCs</b>
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Alfred Krantz
Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Lewis Ferris

<b>Altar Servers</b>
Peter Vallance
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John Vallance
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**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 27th**

**First Reading**—Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family." (*Is 22:19-23*)

**Psalm**—"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands." (*Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6,8*)

**Second Reading**—Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (**Rom 11:33-36**)

**Gospel**—Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (*Mt 16:13-20*)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

on Thursday, August 31

8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

**PRAYER FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

*Lord, when we are infants, you partner with our parents in loving and caring for us. My parents are now elderly and infirmed and I ask that you partner with me in giving them the same tender loving care. Give me the strength to be fully present for my parents and lovingly tend to their needs. Please give me the wisdom of knowing you are by our sides giving us both patience and understanding. Amen.*



**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>

**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!**



**AUGUST 2023**  
**SACRED HEART**  
**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**DONATIONS**

**In Memory of Catherine M. Lowrey**  
**Pat Mulligan**  
and  
**Louis Savarese**  
Linda Savarese

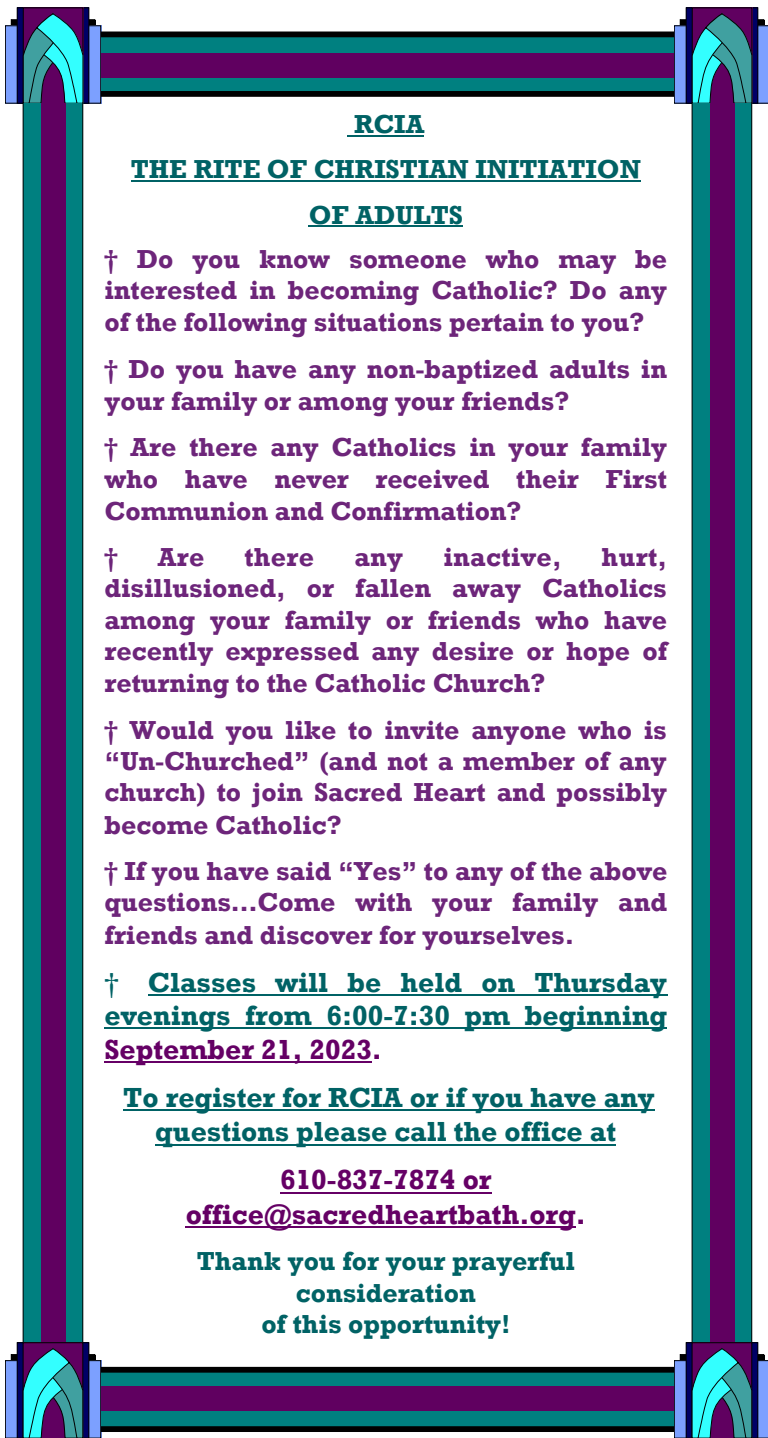
**In Memory of Anna Marie Yagerhofer**

Marie Bohus and Denise Bohus-Twaddle  
Tom and Cathy Braun  
Neil and Mary Ann Dancho  
Richard and Dorothy Grois  
Mike, Ronda, Sean and Ciara Marsh  
Ann Paluda  
John and Christine Paukovits  
Robert and Joanne Santoroski  
Kathleen Wehr  
Franklin and Jane Yagerhofer

**SACRED HEART MEMORIAL FUND**

Please consider remembering your loved one in the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund. A donation to the Memorial Fund assists the mission of the parish and benefits the person remembered through the fruits of Holy Mass offered every First Friday.

**Memorial Fund Remembrance Cards are available in the Parish Office.**



**RCIA**  
**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**  
**OF ADULTS**

† Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic? Do any of the following situations pertain to you?

† Do you have any non-baptized adults in your family or among your friends?

† Are there any Catholics in your family who have never received their First Communion and Confirmation?

† Are there any inactive, hurt, disillusioned, or fallen away Catholics among your family or friends who have recently expressed any desire or hope of returning to the Catholic Church?

† Would you like to invite anyone who is "Un-Churched" (and not a member of any church) to join Sacred Heart and possibly become Catholic?

† If you have said "Yes" to any of the above questions...Come with your family and friends and discover for yourselves.

† **Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm beginning September 21, 2023.**

**To register for RCIA or if you have any questions please call the office at**

**610-837-7874 or**  
**office@sacredheartbath.org.**

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opportunity!**

**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 October-December.** Call or visit the office to schedule. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

**CONFIRMATION**

**Wednesday, November 29**  
**at 4:30 pm**

**Bishop Schlert will administer the sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church.**

**Please pray for the candidates from our Parish who are preparing for Confirmation.**





**2023 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC PHOTOS**

The last of the pictures from the Picnic! Wrapping up our photo sharing with some final pictures of parishioners enjoying the festivities!



**Hold the dates for the 2024 Picnic:  
July 12-14, 2024  
See you next year!**







**Your Stewardship Report - August 13**

First Collection	\$6,691	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than August 13</i>
Other Collections	\$452	
Other	\$10	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$7,153</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>
Mission Co-op	\$1,463	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**  
**Next Week's Collections - September 3**



**First**  
 Sunday Collection  
**Second**  
 Parish Improvement



**SAINT AUGUSTINE Feast Day—August 28th**  
**Quotes from St. Augustine:**

*"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."*

*"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future."*

*"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."*

*"He who has God has everything; he who has everything but God has nothing."*

*"God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."*

*"The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to truth."*

*"Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, and ends with a teardrop."*

*"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself."*

Everyone should read the incredible writings of St. Augustine. His words are for all who want to listen and be inspired.

**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](http://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!**

**THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**Feast Day—August 29th**

*Foreshadowing. John the Baptist is the forerunner or precursor. John went ahead of Jesus with his miraculous birth and his unique role as prophet, preacher, and baptizer. These set the stage for Jesus' own miraculous birth, as well as his baptism and his ministry as prophet and teacher. John the Baptist's suffering and death prefigures Jesus' suffering and death, and the details in the account of the passion of John anticipate the Passion of Jesus. Specific similarities include: John spoke the truth, Jesus is truth; it was the festive occasion of a birthday, it was the festive occasion of Passover; Herodias bitterly opposed John, the religious leaders bitterly opposed Jesus; John was arrested and bound, Jesus was arrested and bound; Herod declared John innocent, Pilate declared Jesus innocent; John was held in a prison cell in Machaerus, Jesus was held in a prison cell below Caiaphas' palace; Herod tried to please his wife, Pilate attempted to please the crowds; Herod condemned John, Pilate condemned Jesus; Roman soldiers put John to death by beheading, Roman soldiers put Jesus to death by crucifixion; John's disciples took his body and laid it in a tomb, and Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus and laid it in a tomb. They knew each other before they were born and understood the bond they would have with one another and with the world. Open the bible and read on how similar the life of Jesus and St. John the Baptist were and how they accepted God's will.*



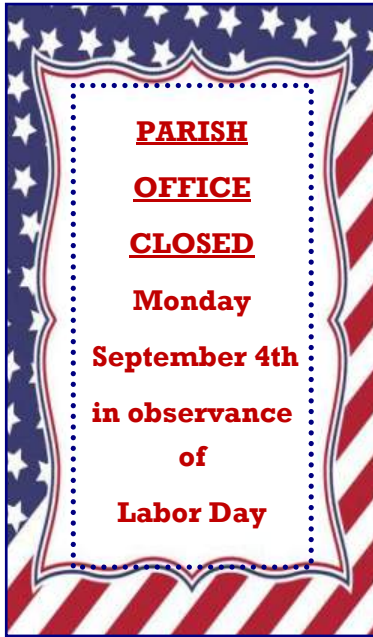
**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

**Abortion affects many people, not just the unfortunate baby and the wounded mother. The father is rarely mentioned, but it's obvious that either he had no choice in the matter, or he is a willing participant in the decision. Many times the father can be the instigator especially if it involves an out of wedlock situation.**

**I read a recent article about the effect on grandparents. This is a group that is rarely mentioned. In this article the grandmother describes her unwilling involvement with her daughter who got an abortion. After trying to stop her adult daughter from getting the abortion, she the grandmother, accompanied her daughter to the abortion clinic for support.**

**She later states that her daughter has never been the same since the abortion and how it negatively affected both grandparents. Abortion is an inherently evil act and as such has far reaching negative effects beyond the actual participants.**

**-- Deacon Lewis Ferris**



Lord, on this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work. We ask for the strength to complete each day. We ask for rest for when we are weary. We ask for your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that you be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.



**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be August 28th at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building. (Please note location change back to the Burkhart Building.) All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities.

**BIBLE STUDY START UP IN FALL**

A Jewish neighbor of mine mentioned that she heard the Catholic Church discouraged their members from reading the Bible. Maybe in years gone by. It's a long story. However, the Catechism, paragraph 133, clearly states; We are "forcefully and specially" exhorted to study sacred Scripture. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." St. Jerome.



We will resume our Bible study in the Fall, meeting every other Saturday on the following dates:

Sept. 23rd., Oct. 7th. and 21st.; Nov. 4th. and 18th.

We meet at the Burkhart Bldg. between 10AM and 11:30AM and use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, with commentary by Dr. Scott Hahn.

All are welcome. Please email Deacon Lew Ferris with any questions or interest; [lferris\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com)



**LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY will be OPEN**

**September 3rd and 17th 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](mailto:DLtanczos@aol.com) or 610-349-7734



**\$\$\$ SEPTEMBER LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$\$ - BIGGER CASH WINNERS UP TO (\$500.00)!!!!**



**Increased Opportunity to be a WINNER through our Buy 3 for \$25.00 Promotion!**

**Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500 on our September Lottery Calendar!**

If you are feeling lucky, fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before **August 31st**. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. This is a fun way to help support our parish.

**Guess What? We had 2 winners in our May lottery calendar.**

**Winners won \$150.00 and \$50.00.**

**Congratulations to both lucky winners!!!**

**YOU CAN BE THE NEXT TO WIN!!!!**



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



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

What a great gift to give for any occasions. 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.





**CHURCH PICNIC****SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST RC**

3024 S. Ruch St., Whitehall, PA

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be on

**Sunday, September 3rd from****1:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the parish grounds.**

Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers from 1:00-4:00 PM and Joyous from 5:00-9:00 PM.

All are invited to join us for delicious foods, including homemade pierogies, children's games, raffles, refreshments, and Bake Sale.

Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking. Rain or Shine.

**FOR GOD AND****COUNTRY CONCERT****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH****AT 2:00 PM**

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena

18th Street &amp; Turner Street, Allentown, PA

Join in a medley of patriotic music and songs by the choirs of the Cathedral Parish. Scripture, patriotic readings and reflection.

First responders are welcome and invited to wear their uniforms.

A free will offering will be taken.

**FALL MINI-RETREAT****ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE**

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA

September 18, 2023

With a presentation by Carol Swavely, MA, entitled "Places of Comfort and Healing." Through her input, time for reflection, and participant interaction, Carol will explore the theme of "God's mercy" and our call to enfold this mercy with one another. Information will include the compassionate outreach of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and Project Rachel.

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm;  
presentation from 7:00 to 9:00.**Register at [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org) or 610-838-1048 prior to September 11, 4:00 pm, for onsite participation or September 15, 4:00 pm, for virtual.****Donation requested is \$35 per person onsite, \$20 virtual participation.****FALL BAZAAR & POLKA MASS**

Incarnation of Our Lord Parish

617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Bazaar runs 12 pm – 7pm

Polka Mass at 4:15 pm, led by

The Changing Times &amp; Tatra Slovak Folk Group

Tricky Tray, Fantastic Foods, Bake Sale,

50/50 Drawing

Information: 610-866-3391

Parking: Laufer Street Lot;

Jackson &amp; Buchanan Lot; On-Street

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at

**Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena,**  
**Allentown, on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m****Those couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50-plus years of marriage will receive special recognition.**You can register to attend the Mass by visiting [allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass)

See AD Today and the AD Times for more information as the date gets closer.

Deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 4.

If you have questions,

Email: [ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org)  
or call 610-289-8900, ext. 2329.**LOW IMPACT AEROBICS SIGN-UPS**Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering 10 weeks of aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from September 5 to November 7 with (2) Wednesday classes on Sept. 20 & November 1.St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall  
435 Pershing Blvd. Whitehall  
(Note: No classes on 9/26 & 10/31)The cost is only \$30.00 per person for the entire 10 weeks. **This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.**

Registration deadline is on September 1 or until the maximum number of participants is reached.

Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).See our website at: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org). Bring a friend!**BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS**

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

**EIGHT WEEKS ON TUESDAYS** September 5 – October 24 from 5:30-6:00 pm (No class on 9/26. One Wednesday make-up class on 9/20.)Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall 435 Pershing Blvd.,  
Whitehall, PA

Registration is required. Only \$20.00 for all 8 weeks.

Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). See our parish website: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org)This 1/2 hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. **Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!**

**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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**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](http://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**

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