

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.



For where
two or three are
gathered together
in my name,
there am I in the
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD

SUNDAY

IN

*ORDINARY
TIME*

SEPTEMBER 10,

2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
September 9 Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 5:00 PM Derrico Family
r/b Stan and Diane Petko

Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10 Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Davey Lack
r/b wife and children
 11:00 AM Dennis Gillen
r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Monday, Weekday
September 11 Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 8:00 AM Frank Blasko
r/b Klardie Family

Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Mary
September 12 Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
 8:00 AM Patrick and Rita McKeon
r/b Tim and MaryKay Duckworth

Wednesday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop
September 13 Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
 8:00 AM Alex Kardos
r/b Elfriede Kardos

Thursday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14 Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 8:00 AM Peter Russo
r/b Rick and Regina Gower and family

Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 /Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 8:00 AM Albert Schlert, Sr.
r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Saturday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
September 16 Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9 /Mt 18:21-35
 5:00 PM Peter Curiel
r/b sister, Christine and Stephen Nederostek

Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17 Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9 /Mt 18:21-35
 7:00 AM Davey Lack
r/b parents, Deb and Dave
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Thomas L. Sheffler
r/b Wachholz 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
 September 8 through September 14
 for the repose of the soul of




James M. Kohler
r/b Mother

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES


are burning from
 September 8 through September 14
 for



Jason Dorner (living)
r/b Kohler Family



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
on Thursday, September 14
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 is burning from
 September 8 through September 14
 for the repose of the soul of
Davey Lack
r/b parents, Deb and Dave

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>9/16-9/17 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Christina Gehringer Tim Geiger Beth Beers Deb Hayes</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Alfred Krantz Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers John Vallance -- Daniel Holub Peter Vallance</p>
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 10th

First Reading—Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. *(Ez 33:7-9)*

Psalm—"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." *(Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)*

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. *(Rom 13:8-10)*

Gospel—Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." *(Mt 18:15-20)*

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 weeks available during October-December for all votive candles. Call or visit the office to schedule. A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.



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!



We are pleased to offer prayers and congratulations to ***Joshua and Karen Coy*** of Sacred Heart Parish who have been joined together in the bonds of Holy Matrimony.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY
Sunday, September 10th

The Relationship Between Grandparents And Grandchildren

The relationship between grandparents and grandchildren is beautiful. Grandparents 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. Even as they 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.

The Responsibility Of Grandchildren

Just as grandparents have responsibility towards their grandchildren, the grandchildren have a responsibility towards their grandparents. Grandchildren are to honor their parents and grandparents. We bestow honor by speaking truthfully about them and by speaking respectfully to them and listening to them when they speak. Grandparents who love Jesus seek to teach their grandchildren – who have the responsibility of listening to them so that they might learn. Children and grandchildren have the responsibility of caring for their parents and grandparents as they age. This is a blessing and a learning opportunity all in one.

The Blessing Of Being A Grandparent

First and foremost, the Bible calls being a grandparent a tremendous blessing. God has given children to a family to bless them. This is a blessing not only for the parents but for all of the family – and because of this the grandparents are especially blessed. This relationship is very important and it can easily be one of the most beautiful relationships in that child's life.

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 in our life for they are a vital aspect of God's family plan. They provide a legacy that no one else can. They provide teaching and prayers and lessons that no one else can. Being a grandparent is such a tremendous blessing. Don't miss the opportunity to let grandparents know how special they are.

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!



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.



SACRED HEART PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD

"LIVING ROSARY" MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 6:00PM

The Women's Guild will be hosting a Living Rosary for the women of our parish and sodalities from four other parishes in the church followed by a social dinner in the auditorium.

All women of the parish are invited to join us in honoring Our Blessed Mother, Mary. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 610-837-7874.

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 September 12th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, September 8 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!



WOMEN'S GUILD PASTIE SALE



If you don't feel like cooking, order one or more of these delicious pasties.



Orders for these flavorful pasties will be taken now through October 4th, the deadline. Pasties are 12 oz. turnovers that are filled with beef, chicken, sausage, or veggies. All contain potatoes and onions. Beef has a choice of no onions.

COST IS \$7.50

Pick-up will be on October 18th in the Burkhart Building from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

To place orders, call Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369 or Cyndy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986



LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

will be OPEN

September 17th and October 1st
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

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 Lewis Ferris with any questions or interest; lferris_2000@yahoo.com



OUR LADY OF SORROWS (Feast Day— September 15th)

As we honor the Blessed Mother's Sorrowful Heart, it's important to understand that a "sorrowful" heart is not the same as a "sad" heart. Theologically speaking, sadness results from a form of self-pity, or an unhealthy attachment to something that was lost. Sorrow, on the other hand, is one of the Beatitudes, and therefore one of the holiest qualities we can possess. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). To "mourn" is to have a sorrowful heart. In this context of the Beatitudes, a heart that mourns is a heart that loves. Mourning, or holy sorrow, results from a heart that witnesses sin and grieves over it. In the Blessed Mother's case, she witnessed the brutal treatment of her Son, His rejection, suffering, and death. She did not despair as she witnessed this. She did not become angry. She did not succumb to confusion and frustration. She did not withdraw into herself in self-pity. Instead, she reacted with the empathetic love that flows from the holiest of hearts. She felt holy sorrow—not so much because she felt bad for her Son, but because she grieved over the sins that inflicted that suffering, and longed to see those sins redeemed.

Pray the rosary for Mary to help the hearts that are experiencing sorrow.

You can be sure our Blessed Mother will be ready, with open arms to love and comfort all who come to her.



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Monday, September 11 – Monthly Business Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom**
Sunday, September 17 – Our First KofC Breakfast of the year
**Friday, September 22 – Iron Pigs Volunteer Opportunity
5:00pm -10:00pm Coca Cola Park**
**Monday, September 25 – Installation of Officers
7:00pm All Members Invited**

**Over the next 4 weeks we'll explore additional
"Habits of Highly Effective Fathers"**

Here is the an additional way to give your family the greatest gift:

† ***Share your faith from your own experience. You may not be an expert on the faith, but you are your children's first and best teacher. Teach them about God from your own experience. Ordinary conversation while fixing cars, camping, fishing, hiking, gardening or driving offer opportunities to share with them simple stories that reveal how we relate to God in everyday situations. Tell them about your first Communion, first Confession and other memorable faith occasions. God ought to be as real to them as you are. You can't leave it to religious education or even Catholic school. God must be a part of every moment of every day and only you and your wife can make that happen.***

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
BUS EXCURSION
SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER
LANCASTER, PA**

Saturday, December 30, 2023

The Fr. Jacob W. Post Council of Sacred Heart Church is conducting a Bus Trip to see:

"Miracle of Christmas Live on Stage"

The performance is at 11:00am, with the bus departing Sacred Heart Church at 8:00am.

After the show, there will be a meal stop in Lancaster; location to be determined (please note that the cost of the meal is NOT included in the price of the ticket).

Cost of the trip is \$130.00 for Adults and \$85.00 for Children 3-12

which includes admission to the show and the transportation provided by Easton Coach.

We have reserved a block of 55 tickets; we expect they will sell out quickly so reserve your seat early! Payment is due 2 weeks after your reservation is placed.

For reservations or questions, please contact Brother Bud Schuster at 610-390-8429 or bud328@msn.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
7:00-11:00 AM**

Come and join us in September for the KNIGHT'S FIRST BREAKFAST of the year!

Don't feel like making breakfast? The Knights will do all the work.

All you have to do is come down to the church auditorium and enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, tasty omelets, baked goods and much more.

Pass the word along that Sacred Heart Parish's Heavenly Breakfast is BACK!!!

Bring your family, friends and your appetite!

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

***ALL ARE WELCOME*
See You There!!**

Your Stewardship Report - August 27

First Collection	\$7,015	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than August 27</i>
Other Collections	\$267	
Other	\$43	
Total Collections	\$7,325	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - September 17



First
Sunday Collection

Second
AD Times

SPECIAL COLLECTION
FIRE VICTIMS IN MAUI, HAWAII
Sunday, September 10th

This weekend, the second collection will be a special collection for the fire victims in Maui's deadly wildfire. The collection will help provide food and shelter for thousands left homeless and aid with the future challenges to rebuild. The funds raised through this special collection will be transmitted to the Diocese of Honolulu for distribution through the local Catholic Charities office. Your donations are greatly appreciated for all the people in Maui who were affected by this devastating fire.

Thank you and God Bless!

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!



SACRED HEART
MEMORIAL FUND
DONATIONS

In Memory of Frank Blasko

(in addition to those donors already published)

Deb and Bob Kriebel

In Memory of Anna Marie Yagerhofer

(in addition to those donors already published)

The Staff at Liza's House Personal Care Home
Gerald and Jill Makovsky and Family

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.**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Hey Grandma, you are next! National Right to Life reported on an article recently explaining that there is a straight line from abortion to euthanasia. As we get used to the idea that some lives are disposable, based upon our own preferences or choices, the slippery slope is now leading to the elderly.

People Magazine had a "human interest" (Umm or is it inhuman?) article, explaining how a daughter "helped" her mother die. It was very touching, and obviously was in favor of euthanasia. Yes, it's true our children will have the right to decide if we are going to be allowed to die a natural death or be prompted along by some unnatural means. Hope we did a good job raising them in proper Church doctrine.

So, for those of us who think we are being objective by proclaiming ourselves, "against abortion personally, but let others make their own choice"—keep in mind that the next choice being made may have a direct influence on our lives, not just the baby in the womb.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM
GROCERY GIFT CARDS



Sacred Heart Will Earn 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

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.



Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



**This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!
 For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to:
www.sacredheartbath.org**



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Subway	4.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	McDonalds (NEW)	2%	\$10
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Visa (No Activation Fees)	1.25%	\$25/\$50/\$100

WHO DOESN'T LOVE 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.

Need a special gift card for a bridal registry, just come in and we can order that special gift card?

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!

BASKET SOCIAL**ASSUMPTION B.V.M PARISH**

22nd Street and Washington Ave., Northampton, PA
Saturday, September 16th from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm
and Sunday, September 17th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Drawings will be held Sunday, September 17th
 starting at 1:30 pm. You need not be present to win.

Homemade food and baked goods will be on sale.

Tickets are 25 for a \$5 donation and
 will be on sale at the door.

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

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA
 September 18, 2023



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 enlsh 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 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**Tropicana Casino on the Boardwalk**

Wednesday, October 4

The bus leaves St. Paul's parking lot
 (3rd and Susquehanna St, Allentown) at 8:00 am
 and returns at 7:30 pm.

Cost is \$45 per person which includes bus ride and
 \$20 slots cash.

Contact: Dave at 484-695-6477
 or at dlbucs@yahoo.com for more information.

SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA

October 6th to 8th

Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman, author, poet, Holy
 Land guide, educator, will offer a weekend retreat,
 "Pope Francis' Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*
 Through Franciscan Eyes"

Register at www.stfrancisretreathouse.org or
 610-838-1048 prior to September 25, 4:00 pm,
 for onsite participation or

September 29, 4:00 pm, for virtual.

Donation requested is \$285 per person,
 \$550 per married couple onsite, or
 \$80 virtual participation.

Private room with bath, 6 meals, and
 materials are included.

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 & Tatra Slovak Folk Group

Tricky Tray, Fantastic Foods, Bake Sale, 50/50 Drawing

Information: 610-866-3391—Parking: Laufer Street Lot;
 Jackson & Buchanan Lot; On-Street

MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

St. Thomas More Church

1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA
September 21, 2023 at 6PM



Let us gather as a community of faith! You are cordially
 invited to Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert in celebration
 of persons with disabilities. All are welcome!

'CASTING THE NET'—MEN'S HALF-DAY RETREAT

Saint Mary's, Hamburg, PA

September 23rd, 2023

Men, join this life-changing experience with the
 Catholic Men's Morning Reflection!

This half-day event is designed to strengthen your
 faith, connect you with other Catholic men, and equip
 you with the tools to live as a faithful disciple of Christ.

Our keynote speaker, Msgr. Andrew Baker, Rector,
 Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. Msgr.
 Baker will inspire and challenge you as he talks about
 your role as men to evangelize. His talk is entitled "Put
 Out Into the Deep: The Evangelization of Men by
 Men."

We will also have breakout sessions that will provide
 practical insights for you to discover what men of other
 parishes are organizing to further Men's Faith
 Formation. Register now for this free event at
www.menaliveinchrist/events/conference.org.

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE
 MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Oktoberfest – October 8, 12:00-5:00 pm

Reading Liederkrantz

143 Spook Lane, Reading PA 19606

Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the
 #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.!

Live Music and Dancing with the Josef Kroboth Band
 from 1:00pm—4:00pm

\$20 entrance fee online or at door
 (\$10 under 10-17—under 10 free)

An outdoor celebration in a scenic, accessible grove
 with pavilion seating, open-air first-come seating
 and scattered heaters, if needed.

Authentic German Food and Beer ordered by guests at
 cash/credit food and beverage stands
 (see menu options online).

To purchase tickets, sponsor or donate, visit
www.mscreading.org; or email
cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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