

*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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
*SEPTEMBER 17, 2023*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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*

**Monday, Weekday**  
**September 18** **1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10**  
 8:00 AM Mary Thomas  
*r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka*

**Tuesday, Saint Januarius, Bishop**  
**September 19** **1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17**  
 8:00 AM Patricia Martin  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*

**Wednesday, Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions**  
**September 20** **1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35**  
 8:00 AM John H. "Jack" Ford, Sr.  
*r/b Mike and Patty Peapos*

**Thursday, Saint Matthew, Apostle**  
**September 21** **Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13**  
 8:00 AM Bob Furino  
*r/b John Primi, Jr.*

**Friday, Weekday**  
**September 22** **1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3**  
 8:00 AM Eleanor Chuss  
*r/b Children*

**Saturday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**September 23** **Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a**  
 5:00 PM Ken Heckman  
*r/b wife Rosanne, sons Rick and Todd*

**Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24** **Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a**  
 7:00 AM Sylvie Frances Koempel (living)  
*r/b godfather, Robert Quartararo*  
 9:00 AM Giuseppe Romeo  
*r/b Benedetta, Tina and Rose Mirabito*  
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**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 15 through September 21  
 for the



**Holy Souls in Purgatory**  
*r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 September 15 through September 21  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Gregory Marasco**  
*r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bem*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**on Thursday, September 21**  
**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**  
**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 September 15 through September 21  
 for the repose of the souls of  
**Dornbach and Silfies parents**  
*r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



<p><b>9/23-9/24</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> Joan West Bill Wilde Beth Beers Beth Beers</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub John Vallance</p>
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**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 17th**

**First Reading**—Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

*(Sir 27:30-28:7)*

**Psalm**—"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." *(Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12)*

**Second Reading**—Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. *(Rom 14:7-9)*

**Gospel**—Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

*(Mt 18:21-35)*



**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!**

**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!**

**REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11th, 2001**

*O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.*

*We ask in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here--the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.*

*We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.*

*Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.*

*We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.*

*Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.*

*God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.*

*Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.*

*God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.*

*Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.*

*Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.*

**Pope Benedict XI**  
**Prayer at Ground Zero**  
**New York, 20 April 2008**

**PRAYER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, EMTs,  
POLICE, FIRE FIGHTERS, MILITARY**

**Lord God, Thank You for the courageous men and women who have chosen such difficult and dangerous jobs—police, fire, EMTs and others. Thank You for their sacrifices and service. Thank You for their hard work in training and preparing. Help them to feel the respect and gratitude of their communities, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**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.**

**BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL**  
**BURKHART BUILDING**



**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
***Sept. 23rd, Oct. 7th and 21st, Nov. 4th and 18th***

We are continuing to study St. Paul's epistles. The coming study is on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. We use Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

All are welcome. Please join us.

Any questions contact  
 Deacon Lewis Ferris at  
[lferris\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com)



**LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY**  
*will be OPEN*  
**October 1st and October 15th**  
**from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

If you don't see something you like, please feel free to come back again. If you have religious resources/items to donate, feel free to drop them off in the Library on these dates/hours.

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. drop off 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE**

Due to the generosity of our **Sacred Heart parishioners**, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered **527 pounds** of non-perishable items to the St Vincent DePaul Food Bank on August 31 bringing our year-to-date total to **1,644 pounds**. This was the 3rd donation for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Our next donation will be made to the Bath Area Food Bank in early October. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor. Please check the "Best By" date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a "Best By" date earlier than 2022.



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**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 on October 18th**  
**Burkhart Building, 3:00 to 5:00pm**

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



Make sure you order some of these tasty pasties !!



**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!**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Belts	Blankets	Clothing	Drapes	Purses
Sheets	Shoes	Sneakers	Stuffed Animals	

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Fabric Scraps	Household goods	Rags	Toys
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**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**TODAY - The First KofC Breakfast of the Year 7:00-11:00 am**

**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**

**Sunday, October 8—October 28 - Baby Bottle Drive**

**Benefiting Cay Galgon Life House**

**Saturday, October 21 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup**

**7:30am Meet-up in the Lower Church Lot**

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**Over the next 3 weeks we'll explore additional  
"Habits of Highly Effective Fathers"**

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

† ***Guard the windows to the soul*** - Keep a careful check over media influences, being mindful of inappropriate nuances. Would you let a stranger into the house who told dirty jokes or was sexually suggestive? Yet many fathers allow the same behavior into their homes through the media, which strikes at your fundamental moral values. Fathers, don't dull your family's sense of sin! The world is already doing it. Find wholesome alternatives that reinforce your values, and as your children grow, they will be much more apt to freely apply these same values when viewing entertainment on their own.

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**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](http://www.KofC14464.org) or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at [pwbunting@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bud328@msn.com).**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00-11:00 AM**

**Come and join us 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!**

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



<b>Your Stewardship Report - September 3</b>		
First Collection	\$7,428	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>September 3</b></i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,595	
Other Collections	\$225	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$45</u>	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$9,293</b>	<i><b>Other</b> - donations, candles, etc.</i>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**

**Next Week's Collections - September 24**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Church in Latin America



**SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE**  
*Feast Day—September 21*

Jesus heals the paralytic in Capernaum, and he remains in the area of Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. Again crowds come to him, and he begins teaching them. As he walks on, he sees Matthew, who is also called Levi, sitting at the customs post. Jesus extends a wonderful invitation to him: "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed Jesus. Matthew responds immediately. Hence, Matthew leaves his responsibilities as a tax collector behind and becomes a disciple of Jesus.

Matthew holds a large feast at his house. Who are invited in addition to Jesus and his disciples? Well, a number of Matthew's former associates, other tax collectors, are present. They collect taxes for the hated Roman authorities, including taxes on ships coming into the harbor, taxes on caravan traffic on the main roads, and duties on imported goods. How do the Jews in general view those tax collectors? The people despise them because they often dishonestly exact more money than the regular tax rate. There are also 'sinners' at the feast, individuals who have a reputation for practicing wrongdoing.

The Pharisees do not understand that these are the people Jesus wants to follow him. Observing Jesus at the feast with such people, the self-righteous Pharisees who are present ask his disciples: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous people, but sinners."

How often in our busy lives do we give up something for God? When we have a chance to drop what we are doing and follow Jesus, Do We? For example, do we put God first, do we defend the words of our Lord, do we put someone else's needs first before our own, do we forgive and ask for forgiveness? Read the gospel of Saint Matthew and follow along with him as he walked side by side with Jesus and experience what he did.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

- ⇒ Mail your envelopes to:  
Sacred Heart Church  
210 E. Northampton Street  
Bath, PA 18014
- ⇒ Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at [www.sacredheartbath.org](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 Burkhardt Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

The National Right to Life association recently featured a Lehigh Valley OB-GYN doctor from Macungie. Dr. MaryAnne Freeman Brndjar. Dr. Brndjar is a pro-life doctor who does not compromise on her Christian values. I say Christian values, but before Christ, the pagan physicians abided by the Hippocratic Oath which in part states, "...I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; and in like manner I will not give a woman a pessary (an instrument) to produce an abortion."

Yes, even Pagan physicians knew that both euthanasia and abortion were morally evil and were not a part of their duties as physicians. It has now come to the point, because of its rarity, that a news article is written about a doctor who will neither perform nor refer a woman for an abortion. What has changed in 3000 years? Nothing has changed. In fact, one would think that the addition of the Light of Christ into the World would have made these two issues, abortion and euthanasia, even more repellant.

Hats off to Dr. Brndjar for not compromising. May her practice prosper and grow.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

**MARCH FOR LIFE - HARRISBURG**



Please mark your calendars for the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life in our state capital on **Monday, October 16th**

Arrangements are underway for a bus. More information will be provided when plans are complete. Stay tuned!



**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](mailto: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](http://www.sacredheartbath.org)**



Gift Card	Percentage	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage	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 stop in and we can order that special gift card!**

**We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!**

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.



**'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](http://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](http://www.mscreading.org); or email [cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto:cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ATLANTIC CITY TRIP**

**Tropicana Casino on the Boardwalk**

Wednesday, October 4

The bus leaves St. Paul's parking lot (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dlbucs@yahoo.com) for more information.

**St. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FALL FESTIVAL  
AND TRICKY TRAYS**

Saturday October 14 and Sunday October 15, 2023

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall  
924 N. Front Street, Allentown PA 18102



Tricky Tray – Autumn Basket Social

Saturday 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

No live drawing – winners will be notified by phone.

**"Super Prizes" 1 ticket (26 chances) for \$10.00  
or buy 2 and get one FREE.**

**and for our Regular baskets get 1 ticket (26 chances) for \$5.00 and buy 4 and get one FREE.**

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Saturday, October 7, 2023

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**St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua**  
**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-9:00 PM**



Our event will start off with a special German Mass with a Polka Flair by Robbie Lawrence on accordion at 4:00 PM in the Church.

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Music all night by Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers band. Please email the parish office with any questions [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com) or call 610-264-0332.

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**WELCOME**

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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**

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**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**

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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone  
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**Secretary for Youth Protection**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,  
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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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