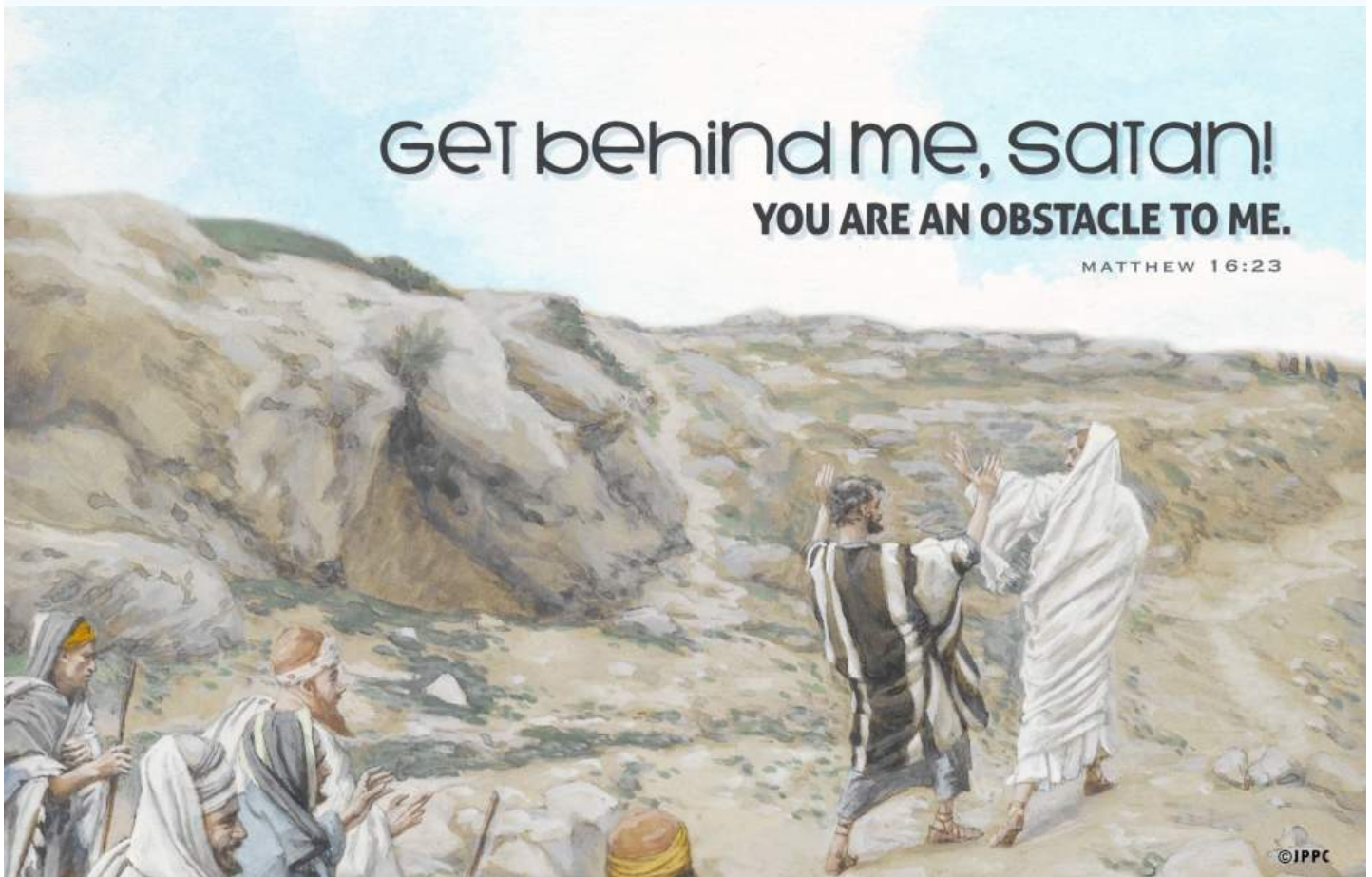


SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
117 Washington Street
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204
CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 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

Monday, Weekday
September 4 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
 9:00 AM Kimberly Primi (living)
r/b John Primi, Jr.

Tuesday, Weekday
September 5 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
 8:00 AM Alfred A. Schlert, Sr.
r/b Rick and Regina Gower and family

Wednesday, Weekday
September 6 Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
 8:00 AM Amy Miller
r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka

Thursday, Weekday
September 7 Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
 8:00 AM Frank Blasko
r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly

Friday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

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

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 1 through September 7
 for the repose of the soul of



Pam Amato
r/b Hugh and Anita Harris

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 September 1 through September 7
 for the repose of the soul of



Pam Amato
r/b Hugh and Anita Harris



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 September 1 through September 7
 for the repose of the souls of

Francesco and Livia DeVirgilio
(In honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary September 10, 1973)
r/b Barracato Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



<p>9/9-9/10 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Frank Molchan Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Beth Beers Tim Geiger</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs TBD Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Ken Pietrzak</p>	<p>Altar Servers -- -- Daniel Holub Peter Vallance</p>
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**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 3rd**

First Reading—You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

(Jer 20:7-9)

Psalm—“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” *(Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)*

Second Reading—I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Rom 12:1-2)

Gospel—Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

(Mt 16:21-27)

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!



WELCOME

Sacred Heart of Jesus would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new parishioners:

Emil and Miryam Ghaly

Charles and Michele Kelly

Thomas W., Sarah and Thomas A. Markiewicz

Andrew, Amy, Layla and Lucy Warren

We hope they will feel at home in our parish!



THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast Day— September 8th

Today's Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Incarnation of the Son of God on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of three liturgical feasts in which we celebrate a birth: Christmas, the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, and the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births.

We celebrate all three birthdays for the same reason: all three were born without Original Sin. Christ, because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Mary, because she was kept free from the stain of Original Sin by the action of God in His foreknowledge that she would agree to be the mother of Christ; and Saint John, because he was blessed in the womb by the presence of his Savior when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, came to aid her cousin Elizabeth in the final months of Elizabeth's pregnancy (an event we celebrate in the Feast of the Visitation).

If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

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 Colette Mitch at 610-762-5067.

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!**



HAPPY LABOR DAY!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 4th
in observance of the
Labor Day Holiday.

Have a Blessed Labor Day!

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m

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.

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
Deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 4.

If you have questions,

Email: ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org
or call 610-289-8900, ext. 2329.

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:

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 5 weeks we'll explore additional
 "Habits of Highly Effective Fathers"**

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

† *Rediscover the faith. God's Word has inherent power to transform you. Read from the Bible a few minutes a day and experience a gradual growth into the heroic father God is calling you to be. Take another 10 minutes of your 24-hour day and bite off little pieces of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Make engagement with the faith a lifelong pursuit.*

A Monthly Challenge from Supreme Chaplain William E. Lori: We are challenged to introduce devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney-such as the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena-into our prayer life.

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

Come and join us in September for the FIRST KNIGHT'S 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 20

First Collection	\$7,528	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than August 20</i>
Assumption	\$1,527	
Other Collections	\$765	
Other	\$87	
Total Collections	\$9,907	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - September 10**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
Special Collection--Fire Victims
in Maui

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**FIRE VICTIMS IN MAUI, HAWAII**

Sunday, September 10th

Next week we will take up a special collection for the fire victims in Maui's deadly wildfire who are facing immediate need. The collection will help provide food and shelter for thousands left homeless and aid with 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!

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 Burkhardt 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;
lferris2000@yahoo.com

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate the beauty and splendor of God and will do so for all eternity. Please pray for me, that I will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that I can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. In the name of Our Lord. Amen.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

I was talking with a pro-life Catholic the other day. She commented how she was impressed that Bishop Schlert marched with her parish at the Allentown abortion clinic. She had recently moved here from New Jersey and was not used to seeing the bishop at such events.

We are indeed very blessed to have a bishop that takes an active part in the pro-life movement. Not only with his words, (which are important), but also, with his time. He has a lot of demands from a lot of different organizations to attend to on top of his normal routine work of running the diocese.

It is easy to take such things for granted in a time when Catholic Bishops are under a microscope. About 2 years ago, I wrote the bishop about a decision to have a local speaker in the diocese, whose opinions were not in line with the bishops or mine on a certain controversial matter. His response was "who do you want to insult?" Without getting into details, he handled the situation in a very clever and diplomatic way without compromising his opinion on the matter. We are blessed indeed to have such a bishop. Pray for him.

-- 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	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 come in and we can order that special gift card?

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees .

REFLECTIONS ON MARIAN APPARITIONS

Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Church
(4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015)

Friday, September 8th, 7:00 pm

Join us for Father Philip Maas's reflections on Marian Apparitions. There will be pizza and refreshments in the Parish Jubilee Center following Father Maas's talk, which will take place in the church.

Questions or to register please contact
Maggie Riggins at
mriggins@allentowndiocese.org

**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.



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

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena
18th Street & 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.

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



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 enliven 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.

**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

**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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 Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone
 Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,
 Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct**, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

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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