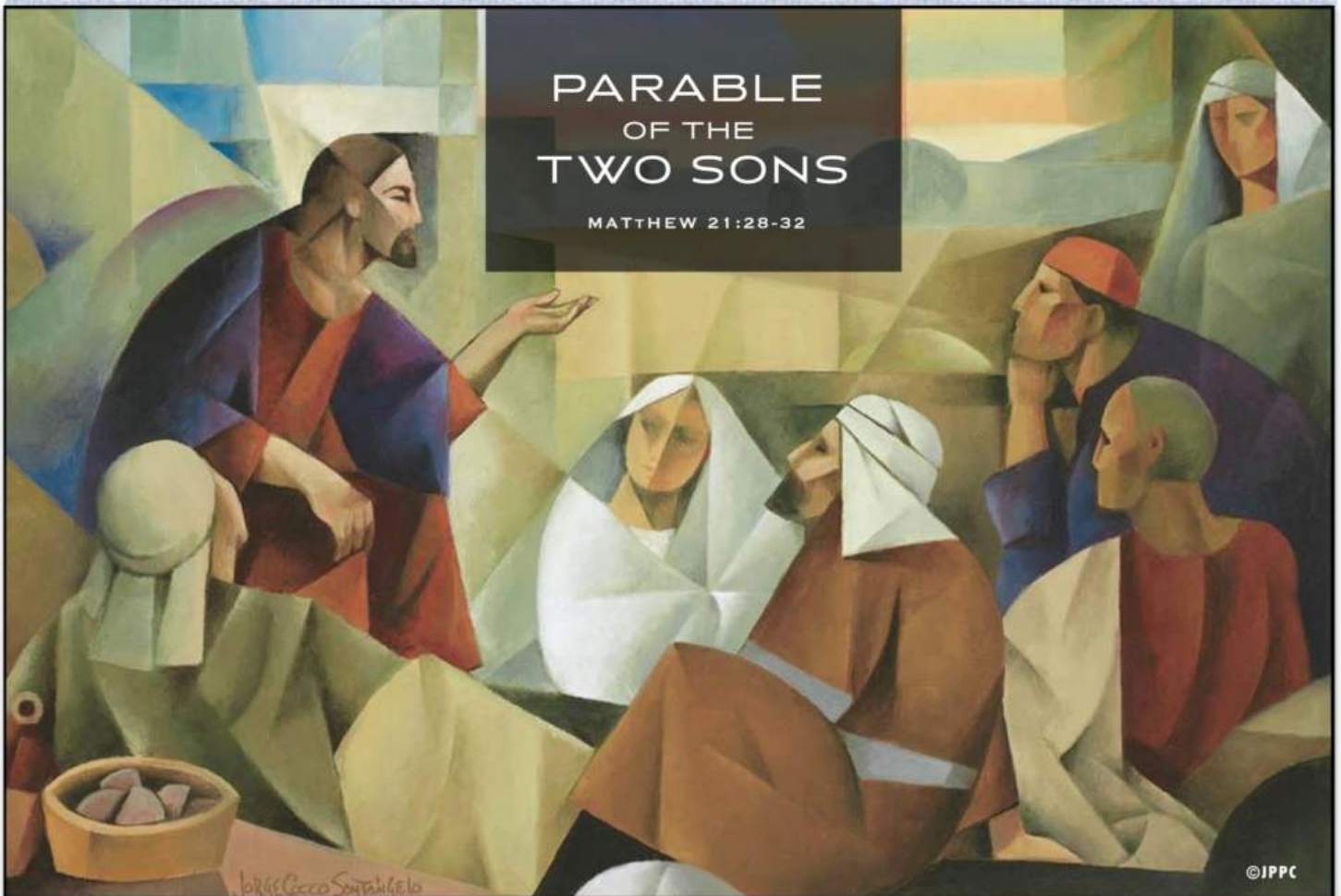


SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
117 Washington Street
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 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, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
September 30 **Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32**
 5:00 PM Father Joseph Reilly (anniversary of death)

Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1 **Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Ignatius Klepeis
r/b Marty and Louise Klepeis
 11:00 AM Mary Thomas
r/b Mariann, Crystal, Jennifer and Anthony Ulecka

Monday, The Holy Guardian Angels
October 2 **Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10**
 8:00 AM Peter Strubbe
r/b Annette Strubbe and Michael Rosario

Tuesday, Weekday
October 3 **Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56**
 8:00 AM Peter Russo
r/b Knights of Columbus Council #14464

Wednesday, Saint Francis of Assisi
October 4 **Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62**
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominicans

Thursday, Saint Faustina Kowalska
October 5 **Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12**
 8:00 AM Barbara Tuhy
r/b Knights of Columbus Council #14464

Friday, Saint Bruno, Priest
October 6 **Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16**
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Saturday, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
October 7 **Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43**
 5:00 PM William J. Byrne, M.D.
r/b Loretta Mondschein

Sunday, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8 **Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43**
 7:00 AM Eleanor Donello
r/b husband, Andy and family
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Antoinette Tallarico
r/b Tanczos 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 29 through October 5
 for the



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

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 September 29 through October 5
 for



Diane and John Flynn (living)
In honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary
r/b Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

on Thursday, October 5
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 September 29 through October 5
 for

Ed Hoff (living)
r/b daughter, Sharon Hillhouse

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>10/7-10/8 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors William Doncsecz Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Tim Geiger Frank Molchan</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p>Altar Servers John Vallance -- -- Peter Vallance</p>
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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1st

First Reading—Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. *(Ez 18:25-28)*

Psalm—"Remember your mercies, O Lord."
(Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. *(Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5)*

Gospel—Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?' They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." *(Mt 21:28-32)*



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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Susan V. Cobb, mother of Terry Cobb of Sacred Heart Parish

BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS

Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday, October 4th at 12:00 (NOON)



Bring your pet(s) for a **Blessing of the Animals** on the feast day of St. Francis. Father Butera will bless your pet(s), outside, in the Church parking lot, rain or shine!

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 **October 10 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, October 6 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 MEETING

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be **Monday, October 2 at 7:00 PM** in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building. All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities.



PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 in Observance of Columbus Day

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. Come check us out!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Donna Tanczos, OP at DLtanczos@aol.com or 610-349-7734

BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to bulletin@sacredheartbath.org by **NOON** on **Friday nine days** prior to the publication of the bulletin.



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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**SACRED HEART PARISH
LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY—OCTOBER 1st, 2023**

LIFE CHAIN: On Sunday, October 1st, Sacred Heart parishioners, led by our Knights of Columbus Council, will have the opportunity to participate with thousands of other parishes and organizations in a nationwide effort to demonstrate against abortion.

The **LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying the Rosary for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

**We will meet at the corner of
Washington Street and Northampton Street at 12:15pm.**



MARCH FOR LIFE - HARRISBURG

Monday, October 16th

3rd Annual Pennsylvania March for Life

A bus will leave from

**Sacred Heart School Bethlehem,
1814 Second Street, Bethlehem at 7:15 AM.**

There will be a stop in Hamburg to hear Mass by Bishop Schlert with Catholic high schools in attendance.

We will arrive in Harrisburg for speeches and participate in a march around the capital (about 1 mile).

Cost is \$15 Per Rider

(Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Bethlehem)

Some donuts and coffee may be available.

Lunch/dinner— Kindly pack brown bag with drinks.

A rest stop will be made on the way back.

Anticipated return will be around 4:00 PM

**For Reservations please call Richard Brand
at 914-588-1830.**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Never been to a pro-life rally at an abortion clinic? The next few local rallies at our local abortion mill, near the Lehigh Valley main Post office are on Saturday, Oct. 14th and Nov. 11th. Meet at Notre Dame Parish, Bethlehem for 8AM Mass and then travel to the abortion clinic.

Once at the clinic, we all silently pray the rosary right across the street from the clinic. The clinic workers know when the people praying will be there, so they usually try to have the mothers go through the opposite entrance. If you are lucky you may get to see one or two of the workers at the clinic come out for a cigarette break, and shout at the anti-abortion protestors, and display obscene hand gestures.

You will notice that reality is just the opposite of what we see performed on movies, or TV shows, about these anti-abortion protests. The TV/ Movie version always has the pro-life people shouting and cursing, while the peaceful abortion clinic workers are peacefully trying to take care of the women coming to the clinic to have their babies destroyed. Demonic propaganda at its best.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

HEALING PRAYER FOR BABIES

Cradle our beautiful babies Jesus,
hold them safe in your arms.

Let the breath of your spirit,
Bring healing so deep and calm.

Comfort them, and enfold them,
Bless their quiet sleep.

Wrap them up in the warmth of renewal,
Let your power fall, to restore and keep.

May we be your hands and feet,
To these little treasured ones.

Jesus, through our prayers, grant these
little gifts with your healing touch. Amen

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL

BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

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.**



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- TODAY - Annual Life Chain Observance**
- 12:30pm Meet at the Church entrance (Washington Street)**
- Sunday, October 8 /October 28 - Baby Bottle Drive**
- Benefiting Cay Galgon Life House**
- Monday, October 9 – Monthly Membership Meeting**
- 7:00pm Rosary-7:30pm Meeting, Burkhardt Building & Zoom**
- Saturday, October 21 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup**
- 7:30am Meet-up in the Lower Church Lot**

We conclude the "Six Habits of Highly Effective Fathers"

Make your home tranquil and love your wife - Love your wife as Christ loves the Church (Eph. 5:25). Your sons will relate to women in much the same way you relate to your wife, and your daughters will learn what to desire and expect from men from your example. St. John Chrysostom said the home should be a "little church" or domestic church that reflects the kingdom of God. Provide great love, admit mistakes, ask forgiveness, and laugh a lot. Adorn your home with constant reminders of your Catholic faith—crucifixes, sacred pictures, statues, an open Bible—all remind us of what is most important in life.

Did You Know: As a Brother Knight you are one of the more than 1.8 million members in over 14,000 Councils.

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
FOOTBALL CRAZR CONTEST IS BACK!**

A new NFL season is upon us, and with the new season comes the sale of **Football Crazr Sweepstakes Tickets** in support of Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus.

This yearly contest pays \$3,000 in weekly winners, \$30,000 for the last 10 weekends of the NFL season, starting with the games of November 5. Here's how it works: each ticket has four random teams each week, team combinations are new for each of the 10 weeks. To see if you've won, simply total the points scored by your four teams; that's your weekly score. Monetary prizes are paid for the highest point total of the week through the 17th highest and also for the eight lowest point totals. Prizes range from \$400 for the highest total to \$30 for the eight lowest totals.

Tickets are \$10 each

To order, place your check payable to "KofC #14464" in the Collection Basket in an envelope marked "KOFK/CRAZR"

Please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. If you prefer, you may also send your ticket request to: **Bud Schuster, 4555 Fir Drive Nazareth, PA 18064**

Please remember to include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Orders must be received by October 18, no exceptions. Questions may be addressed to: bud328@msn.com

GOOD LUCK!



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 !!

Your Stewardship Report - September 17		
First Collection	\$7,147	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than September 17</i>
AD Times	\$1,029	
Other Collections	\$219	
Other	\$37	
Total Collections	\$8,432	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - October 8



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Facilities Repair

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—October 1, 2023

In the Bible, God tells us that children are a blessing and a gift! Their spirits are filled with innocence, joy, and laughter. Jesus actually tells us to be like children and to come to Him full of faith and trust. "All are precious in His sight" and no matter your race, gender or nationality, God wants to see all children come to Him. Jesus died on the cross for all people!

Bible verses about children to remind us of the tender heart that God has for all of His children.

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them! (Psalms 139:13-17)

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." (Mark 9:35-37)

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them. (Mark 10:13-16)


When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. (Luke 1:41-44)

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 Burkhart Building during Parish office hours**

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




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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
Feast Day— October 7th

The rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it "a compendium of the entire gospel". The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Father reminds us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Mary reminds us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Be reminds us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

Our Lady has a prayer that fills her heart with joy—the Hail Mary and the most Holy Rosary. Every time the Hail Mary is prayed with attention and sincere heart, Our Lady's heart is filled with joy. Therefore, let us honor Our Blessed Mother by praying the most Holy Rosary.



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 candle intention weeks available in November-December. Call or visit the office to schedule. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

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 Burkhardt 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 stop in and we can order that special gift card! We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE — 3918 Chipman Rd. Easton, PA

MONDAY MIN-RETREAT—October 23, 2023

Kim Fiorentino, Secretariat for Administration in the Diocese of Allentown, will present "Working in the Kingdom." She will reflect on her personal faith journey as she grew in learning the importance of a mature relationship with the Lord and in her understanding of our Catholic faith as her professional career moved from Washington, DC, to working for the Church, then coming home to Allentown.

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm; the presentation is from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

In-person participation is \$35; registration deadline is October 13 at 4:00 pm.

Virtual participation is \$20; deadline is October 18 at 4:00.

To sign up call 610-258-3053, ext. 10, or on When/Now at stfrancisretreathouse.org.

SAINT ROCCO'S CHURCH

6658 School Street, Martins Creek

PRAY FOR AMERICAN 2023 ROSARY RALLY

Every year around this time, our women's group, the Altar & Rosary have a Rosary Rally.

This year it will be on
Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 12:00 noon

As we approach the Feast of Saint Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is more important than ever that we provide a powerful message of faith and goodness to our families, communities and Nation. We live amidst some of the greatest crises in human history. Values are unsettled, norms are broken.

Praying the Rosary for America campaign: As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother, asking his urgent help.

You are welcome to join us as we stand on the corner where the stop light is in Martins Creek. We have a "Pray the Rosary" sign and we pray the Rosary out in the open so that the traffic can see us and hear us.

This Rosary Rally is planned by the group "America Needs Fatima" and is done throughout the world on this date.

If you have questions, please call 610-258-9059 or email stucco@enter.net.

All are welcome to join us in Martins Creek! Hope to see you then!



SEVENTH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua

Saturday, October 21st 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. Following Mass come over to our Parish Center for our delicious homemade foods you love Pulled Pork, Schnitzel, Spätzle, and more.

The Bier Garten will remain in our parking lot with a fire pit (weather permitting). We will offer a variety of Oktoberfest beers, as well as, your everyday favorites. Music all night by Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers band. Please email the parish office with any questions kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or call 610-264-0332.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

122 Union St., Catasauqua

OKTOBERFEST— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

in conjunction with our Oktoberfest

Registration is \$50 per team and forms can be found at annunciationbvm.net or by emailing the Parish Office kim.stmarys122@gmail.com.

Register early and receive a token for a free beverage. This event will begin at 12:00 pm on Parish Grounds.

Food, beer, and soda will be available for purchase.

Players are required to play with bags provided.

This event is being managed by North Catasauqua Parks & Recreation Cornhole League.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions 610-264-0332.



St. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FALL FESTIVAL AND TRICKY TRAY

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 sheet (26 chances) for \$10.00 or buy 2 and get one FREE.

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

Questions? Office (610-432-0034) during regular hours or email stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com.

Ethnic Foods: Halupkie, Pierogies and Halusky! Church made baked goods

Available HOT or COLD for TAKE OUT or EAT IN.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA

OKTOBERFEST

October 21, 2023 - 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of fun while supporting Our Lady's Helpers mobile ultrasound unit. Hosted by The Defenders of Life of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Enjoy traditional Oktoberfest food, apple cider, cash bar (beer & wine), live music by the MountainXpress Band, dancing, stein holding contest, and raffle items.

Tickets: \$65.00/person Cash Beer (beer & wine)
Email OurLadysHelpers@proton.me to purchase tickets



OCTOBER BONANZA BINGO!!!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall - 924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102
Sunday, October 22, 2023

We really hope to see you this month! Delicious food, good times, great people!

Regular bingo and all the specials will still have CASH prizes. \$15.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7!

Doors and Kitchen Open at NOON Bingo begins at 1:00 PM

First come – first served seating. Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS

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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.

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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 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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