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

### <u>OUR MISSION</u>

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2023

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Saturday, 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (anticipated)

r/b Barbara and Stephen Raykos

r/b Rich and Eileen Badesso

r/b Mike and Pat Peapos Monday, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hendricks

Tuesday, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop October 24 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19/Lk 12:35-38

8:00 AM Monsignor James McHale (anniversary of death)

Saturday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated) October 28 Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

r/b Christine and Stephen Nederostek

October 21 Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Sunday, 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 22 Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

7:00 AM Anna Marie Yagerhofer

October 23 Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

October 25 Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

October 26 Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

8:00 AM Gianni Morales (living)

October 27 Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

r/b friend, Linda

5:00 PM Ramon and Catherine Curiel

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Dr. Forrest M. Noll

11:00 AM Anna Kresge

Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

r/b Loretta Mondschein

October 29 Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

r/b Family

r/b Lucas Family

9:00 AM Annette O'Donnell

11:00 AM Joseph Lehman

8:00 AM Lucille Miller r/b Niece

Wednesday, Weekday

Thursday, Weekday

Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM Kathleen Lang

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#### **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 October 20 through October 26 for the repose of the soul of



Kathleen Lang r/b Friend

#### SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from October 20 through October 26 for the repose of the soul of



Kathleen Lang r/b Friend



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Thursday, October 26

r/b Loretta Mondschein and family

8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from October 20 through October 26 for **Kylie Schneider (living)** 

r/b Shimko Family

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Altar Servers John Vallance

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>10/28-10/29</u>	Lectors
5:00 PM	Richard Brand
7:00 AM	Alfred Krantz
9:00 AM	Frank Molchan
11:00 AM	Tim Geiger

## Liturgical + Roles\*

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris

#### 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 22th

**First Reading**—Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other. **(Is 45:1, 4-6)** 

#### <u>Psalm</u>— "Give the Lord glory and honor." (*Ps* 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10)

**Second Reading**—Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

**Gospel**—The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (*Mt 22:15-21*)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF David Prentice and Constance Wheary of Sacred Heart Parish ris | - aukulak | Daniel Holub ris | Peter Vallance





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: <u>Facebook</u>: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (https:// www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath) <u>Twitter</u>: follow @sacredheartbath (https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath) <u>Periscope</u>: 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



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Open the calendar each month and meet the K9 officers and their handlers! What a wonderful and honorable way to help our police officers and their loyal partners.





#### <u>\$6.00 of every K9 calendar sold goes directly to the K9 program</u> and <u>\$4.00 will go to Sacred Heart Parish</u>

This fundraiser is to help with the cost for the K9 handlers such as training, injury, vet bills, tracking collars, vests, and many more expenses. Just initial training alone can cost up to \$8,000-\$9,000 per dog.

K9's are: Cash, Boomer, Nisha, Nevie, Titus Lucy, Nyala, Rock, Romeo, Ruby, Spike, and Yara

Please give to this very heroic cause...

Fundraiser supports the brave K9 officers and Sacred Heart Parish.





<u>\$\$\$ NOVEMBER LOTTERY CALENDARS </u> BIGGER CASH WINNERS UP TO \$500.00

<u>More Opportunities To Be A Winner—Buy 3 for \$25.00</u> <u>Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500</u> <u>on our November Lottery Calendar!</u>



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

 GUESS WHAT? We had (5) winners in our September lottery calendar.

 Winners won from \$55.00 up to \$200.00. Congratulations to ALL lucky winners!!!!

 YOU CAN BE THE NEXT TO WIN!!!!



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#### -UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Continuing through Sunday, October 29 - Baby Bottle Drive Benefiting Cay Galgon Life House Monday, October 23 - Monthly Planning Meeting 7:00pm - Burkhart Building & Zoom Saturday, October 28-Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup (Revised Date & Time!) 8:00am - Meet-up in the Lower Church Lot Monday, November 13- Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

A reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20) Christ is present to us in many different ways: In his Word, in the Mass, in the community of believers at prayer, and in the poor, vulnerable and suffering among us. He is especially present in the Eucharist, his true body and blood, soul and divinity. Let us also be mindful of his presence in the person of the priest, who is *alter Christus* (another Christ), as he offers the sacraments to the faithful. May we always be aware of Christ's presence with us.

<u>A Prayer Intention of our Holy Father</u>: "We pray for those persons living on the margin of society, in inhuman life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

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

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

"Miracle of Christmas Live on Stage"

Performance at 11:00am Bus departing Sacred Heart Church at 8:00am

After the show, there will be a stop at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant (Smorgasbord) in Lancaster at 2:30pm.

Cost of the trip: <u>\$155.00 for Adults</u> <u>\$100.00 for Children 8-12</u> <u>\$97 for Children 4-7</u>

This includes admission to the show, dining 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 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 "KOFC/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!



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AND KNIGHTS **OF COLUMBUS** PARTICIPANTS

On Sunday, October 1st, about 15 Sacred Heart parishioners participated in our Life Chain Rosary at the corner of Washington and E. Northampton Streets, joining thousands of other parishes and organizations in a nationwide effort to pray for Life. Some of the participants are pictured above. The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life praying for our nation and an end to abortion.

#### **ALL SOULS' DAY DEVOTIONS**



Please join us for Cemetery Devotions on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and process to the cemetery. If you are unable to process to the cemetery, please meet at the cemetery by 6:15 pm. In case of inclement weather, devotions will be held in church.



#### LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY will be OPEN November 5th & 19th

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 <u>DLtanczos@aol.com</u> or 610-349-7734

#### SAINT SIMON, APOSTLE Feast Day—October 28th

Simon left everything in his previous life to follow Jesus. He lived true to the Great Commission after Jesus' ascension. Bible scholars argue over whether Simon was a member of the radical Zealot party or whether the term simply referred to his religious zeal. Those who take the former view think Jesus may have chosen Simon, a member of the tax-hating, Roman-hating Zealots, to counterbalance Matthew, a former tax collector, and employee of the Roman empire. Those scholars say such a move by Jesus would have shown that his kingdom reaches out to people in all walks of life.

Another odd aspect of Simon's appointment was that the Zealots generally agreed with the Pharisees, as far as legalistic observance of the commandments. Jesus frequently clashed with the Pharisees over their strict interpretation of the law. We might wonder how Simon the Zealot reacted to that.

Jesus' kingdom was not about politics but salvation. He made disciples of men who had been fixed on the things of this world and changed their lives to focus on things that last forever.

Each of the apostles was chosen for a specific reason. Jesus was the ultimate judge of character and saw an intensity in Simon the Zealot that would work well in spreading the gospel. Jesus Christ transcends political causes, governments, and all earthly turmoil. His kingdom is eternal.

Stand up for Jesus and the reason He died for us... God is real and NOTHING is GREATER than Our Almighty Lord.

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#### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Fear mongering? Many of the pro-abortion medical groups are trying to cause confusion and fear aimed at the physicians in anti-abortion states that have passed laws limiting or eliminating selective abortion. An excellent article written by an OB-GYN physician, Dr. Ingrid Skop states: "Here is the truth that all doctors and patients need to know: Not a single state law protecting unborn life prevents a physician from providing appropriate care for a pregnant woman facing a life-threatening complication or a heartbreaking pregnancy loss."

Dr Skop also states that The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists advocates for the destruction of babies in the womb throughout all nine months for any reason. So, the very organization that should be clarifying and explaining the laws to OB-GYNs, because of radical pro-abortion leadership, is purposely causing more confusion.

The bottom line? Don't believe the fear mongering hype. All Physicians (the overwhelming majority of them) will protect the health and welfare of their patients and the babies. Remember pregnancy is not a disease.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>



Women's Center 31 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem Please pray for the unborn. If you cannot pray at the Women's Center, please set aside time to pray in church.



If you have any questions, please contact

Theresa Shemanski at 610-704-6935.

## BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM <u>Nov. 4th and 18th</u>





#### SAINT JUDE, APOSTLE Feast Day—October 28th

As one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, St. Jude Thaddeus preached the good news of Jesus throughout Galilee, Samaria and Judea. St. Jude also journeyed across Libya, Turkey, Persia and Mesopotamia with St. Simon. Together they preached the good news and led many people to Christianity. He

is often credited as having helped start the Armenian Church and other congregations outside the Roman Empire.

In 60 A.D., St. Jude wrote a letter to newly converted Christians in the Eastern Church who were suffering persecution. In his letter he warned them to be careful of the false teachers of the current day who were spreading wrong teachings about Christianity. He encouraged them to keep persevering and to stand firm in their faith in the midst of the harsh realities that they were facing.

In spite of the widespread persecutions of Christians during his time, St. Jude Thaddeus stood by his beliefs and ultimately paid the price for his faith. He is believed to have been martyred either in Persia or Syria sometime in 65 A.D. In religious art, he is often shown with the flame of the Holy Spirit above his head and holding an axe or club which symbolizes the way he was martyred.

After his death, the apostle's body was transported to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones are kept in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica, under the main altar of St. Joseph, in one tomb that holds the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

To this day, many devotees visit the site as a sign of respect and admiration. Because of his steadfast faith, St. Jude Thaddeus is invoked as the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations.

In today's world it seems that our faith is being tested and questioned. When you believe in your heart that God exists, like St. Jude, it is not hard to stand firm to your Christian values and beliefs. Do not turn away from Our Lord, our world needs the truth to be told.

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ALLENTOWN DIOCESE PLANNING YOUR LEGACY WITH FAITH: NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING OCTOBER 22nd "A good person leaves an inheritance

for their children's children." - Proverbs 13:22

This week is National Estate Planning Awareness Week and an ideal time to steward everything God has entrusted to you. Creating your estate plan allows you to establish a legacy that cares for your loved ones, honors your faith, and shares the Light of Christ with future generations. Through our partner, FreeWill, you can create your estate plan for free and use your legacy to make an eternal impact. Please visit www.freewill.com/ allentowndiocese to get started.



TONS OF BASKETS & GIFT CARDS TO WIN

## Sunday November 5, 2023

All are Welcome

9 AM - 2 PM KITCHEN OPEN & BAKE SALE Take-Out available

For more information e: fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Check our Events page at www.stnicholaswalnutport.org

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<u>SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE</u> 3918 Chipman Rd., Easton PA

Deacon Rick and Sheryl Lanciano will present "<u>On the Road to Emmaus Together: A Couple's Journey</u>" <u>November 13, 2023</u>

While sharing their personal story, they will address marriage as a sacrament and sacrifice, how to confront obstacles, and the need for God's grace.

> This Monday Mini-Retreat begins with a full meal at 6:00 pm, followed by the presentation from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Register at <u>stfrancisretreathouse.org</u>, (click retreats tab, then dropdown mini-retreats) or call 610-258-3053 ext.0.

Onsite participant's donation is \$35 (registration closes on November 3 at 4:00 pm) Virtual is \$20 (closes on November 8 at 4:00 pm)

#### <u>"ASK, KNOCK, SEEK"</u> CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Allentown Diocese's Men's Commission invites you to attend their Annual Catholic Men's Conference.

This year, the conference is titled, "Ask, Knock, Seek", and will be held on

> <u>Nov. 18th, from 8am-4pm</u> <u>at DeSales University.</u>

The day-long conference will welcome keynote speakers: Matthew Leonard, Peter Herbek, and Father Larry Richards, who will be speaking on the importance of the masculine pursuit of faith in a modern age.

Learn more here at www.allentowndiocese.org/events/ mens-conference-sponsored-commission-men





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

Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625 PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Rectory and Parish Office: Phone : 610-837-7874, Fax: 610-837-4570, Email: office@sacredheartbath.org Website: www.sacredheartbath.org Pastor: Rev. Christopher S. Butera Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak Director of Accounts: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz Outreach & Advancement Office: Ms. Karen Shimko

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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 **<u>RCIA</u>**. 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 <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth</u> <u>Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

**<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u>** Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

#### **CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at <u>www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</u> or by calling 800-276-1562.

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