

*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.*



The Solemnity of our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
**King of the  
Universe**

MATTHEW 25:31-46

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*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

*NOVEMBER 26 2023*

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**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 25 (anticipated)**

**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46**

5:00 PM Ron Landsiedel  
*r/b Natalie and Schuster Family*

**Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 26**

**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46**

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
9:00 AM Richard M. Meyers  
*r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family*  
11:00 AM Frank Blasko  
*r/b Harvey, Beth and Amanda Beers*

**Monday, Weekday  
November 27**

**Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4**  
8:00 AM Anne K. Albert  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*

**Tuesday, Weekday  
November 28**

**Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11**  
8:00 AM Elizabeth Morales (living)  
*r/b Family*

**Wednesday, Weekday  
November 29**

**Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19**  
8:00 AM Robert Nead  
*r/b Richard and Marie Brand*

**Thursday, Saint Andrew, Apostle  
November 30**

**Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22**  
8:00 AM Anthony Liberto  
*r/b wife Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family*

**Friday, Weekday  
December 1**

**Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33**  
8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund

**Saturday, 1st Sunday of Advent (anticipated)  
December 2**

**Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mt 13:33-37**  
5:00 PM John Dornbach  
*r/b Silfies and Dornbach families*

**Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent  
December 3**

**Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mt 13:33-37**  
7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
9:00 AM Phil Dunbar  
*r/b John Dunbar*  
11:00 AM Mary Ann Eckard  
*r/b Dormarunno 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  
November 24 through November 30  
for the repose of the soul of



**Constance Wheary  
*r/b Family***

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
November 24 through November 30  
for the repose of the soul of



**Carmen Shimko  
*r/b Shimko Family***

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
November 24 through November 30  
for the repose of the souls of



**Michael & Catherine Shimko  
*r/b Shimko Family***



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
November 24 through November 30  
for the repose of the soul of

**Constance Wheary  
*r/b Family***

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles<sup>+</sup>

<b>12/2-12/3</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Lectors</b> TBD TBD TBD TBD	<b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak	<b>Altar Servers</b> -- -- TBD --
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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**November 26th**

**First Reading**—Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (*Ez 34:11-12, 15-17*)

**Psalm**— “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want” (*Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6*)

**Second Reading**—Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (*1 Cor 15:20-26, 28*)

**Gospel**—Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' (*Mt 25:31-46*)



**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 Stella Farnack of Sacred Heart Parish**



**TRICKY TRAY BASKETS NEEDED**

**Sacred Heart's Shop Stop**  
**Dec. 2 & 3 (Next Weekend!)**  
**We need your help!**  
**Our Annual**  
**Sacred Heart Shop Stop**  
**is fast approaching and we will**  
**be including our popular**  
**Christmas-themed**  
**Basket Raffle again this year!**

**If you, your family or your**  
**business would like to donate a**  
**Christmas-themed basket or**  
**other prize, please deliver your**  
**donation to the parish office in**  
**the lower-level (blue doors) of**  
**the Burkhart Building by**  
**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

**If you need someone to pick up**  
**your donation, have questions or**  
**just need basket ideas, please**  
**call Maureen at @ 610-844-6329**  
**Thank you for your support!**



**Wegmans** **SACRED HEART PARISH**   
**GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

**AVAILABLE GROCERY GIFT CARDS**  
**Sacred Heart Will Earn 4-5%**  
**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 (by order).**

**NOW AVAILABLE:**  
**(SHOPRITE and MCDONALDS)**  
**We have on hand VISA cards with NO**  
**VISA Activation Fees, Amazon gift cards**  
**and many more or you can place an**  
**order for gift cards from our**  
**extensive retail list.**

**Please stop in at the lower level of the**  
**Burkhart office (BLUE DOORS) between 8:00**  
**am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday to**  
**get gift cards or place an order! Questions**  
**or to place an order, please call Karen at**  
**610-837-6391**

**This is a great way to help support our**  
**Parish!!!For a full list of**  
**available gift cards for ordering, call the**  
**office or stop by!**



**- UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**Saturday, December 2 & 9- "Drive-Thru Donation Station"  
Food Drop-Off for Christmas Food Baskets  
9:00am-11:00am Lower Church Parking Lot**

**Sunday, December 10-Parish Children's Christmas Party  
Following 11:00am Mass – Church Auditorium**

**Sunday, December 17 - "Knight Before Christmas" Exemplification  
12:30pm Sacred Heart Church**

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**Additional "Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas"**

- † **Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Consider reading this account with your family and discussing it together.**
- † **Set up a Nativity scene in your home.**
- † **Plan a project of goodwill this Christmas. Consider adopting a single mom for Christmas. By providing gifts for the family and subsidizing their food budget, you could make their Christmas season a VERY MERRY one.**
- † **Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital. If visitation restrictions preclude this, why not just find shut-in individuals in our parish and carol to them from outside their homes**

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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.**



**SACRED HEART PARISH  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
 In the church auditorium from 12 pm to 2 pm  
 All children of members of Sacred Heart Parish,  
 13 and under, are invited to attend  
 and meet with Santa.  
 A great chance for family group photos with Santa.  
 Santa will have a gift for all children attending.  
 Light refreshments will be provided.  
 Pre-registration is suggested so that adequate  
 numbers of gifts and refreshments are available.  
 Please RSVP to [kenboyce@ptd.net](mailto:kenboyce@ptd.net)



**SACRED HEART PARISH AND  
K9 KOP PROJECT**  
**2024 - K9 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**

**K9 CALENDARS ARE \$10.00**  
**\$6.00 of every K9 calendar sold goes directly to K9  
program and \$4.00 will go to Sacred Heart Parish**  
 Please give to this very heroic cause...  
**\*\*This beautiful calendar is available in the Church  
sacristy after weekend Masses and at the parish offices  
during office hours.\*\***



**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: **\$155.00 for Adults  
\$100.00 for Children 8-12  
\$97 for Children 4-7**  
 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!  
**Please note the last day to reserve tickets is  
Monday, November 27th!!**  
 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**  
**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DONATIONS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd AND 9th**

The Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Church Council is soliciting supplies to fill our **Christmas Food Baskets** for needy families of our Parish.

**“Drive-Through Donation Station”** in the Church's Lower Parking Lot  
 Saturdays, **December 2nd and 9th** from 9:00am to 11:00am

Donations of Canned and Packaged Goods, Turkeys, Hams and Gift Cards are welcome as we work to make the Christmas Holiday a time of joy for families of Sacred Heart Parish. If you are unable to make these times, please drop your donations in the Food Bin at the ramp entrance of Church or the Church Envelope drop-off area in the Burkhart Building.

To make other donation arrangements, or if you are aware of a family in need who would be willing to accept this gift from the Knights, please contact Bob Wilkin at [nancinator@aol.com](mailto:nancinator@aol.com) or (610) 746-4211.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations,

**Merry Christmas!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**  
**Saturday, December 16th**

This year, **National Wreaths Across America Day** will be held on **Saturday December 16th**.

This annual tribute to our country's veterans has continued since December 1992, touching the lives of millions of veterans' families and volunteers and growing in scope through the years.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is simple: Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, and Teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

Locally, a ceremony will begin at noon followed by placement of wreaths at Resurrection Cemetery located at 547 N. Krocks Rd, Allentown.

**Father Butera will be giving the invocation and benediction at this ceremony!**

Cost to sponsor a wreath is **(\$17.00)**.

Donating is easy and can be done at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).



**HOLIDAY DONATIONS**

Are you or your family in need of help?  
 Do you know a parishioner family in need?  
 Food? Children's coats?

Sacred Heart of Jesus has many generous supporters who typically make donations around the holidays to help those parishioner families in need. Donations in past years have included monetary gifts, frozen turkeys and other holiday food. In addition, our Knights of Columbus council is very faithful at collecting food donations and putting together amazing food baskets for families in need this time of year. The Knights are also sponsoring a children's coat drive this year.

Many times it is hard to know who needs our help. Please ask.

Contact the parish office if you would like to request this type of aid or to submit the name of a family/person in need.

Email us at [office@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:office@sacredheartbath.org)

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



**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**

**December 2nd, 16th, 30th and January 13th, 27th**

We are presently studying all of St. Paul's epistles. 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).

<u>Your Stewardship Report - November 12</u>		
First Collection	\$10,099	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than November 12</i>
Cemetery	\$1,016	
Other Collections	\$1,061	
Other	\$24	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$12,200</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

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

**Next Week's Collections - December 3**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Parish Improvement

**CONFIRMATION AND INDULGENCES**


**Bishop Schlert will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**Please pray for our young adults who are receiving the sacrament.**

**As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:**

- † **A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the Bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.**
- † **A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to the parish church at the time of the Bishop's visitation.**




**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 Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**on Thursday, November 30th**

**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**

**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**


**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

The recent elections across the nation did not bode well for the pro-life movement. In Ohio, a ballot referendum called "The rights to reproductive freedom" act passed 55% to 45%. Considering the name of the bill it is surprising that it didn't pass 100% to 0. Who could be against such rights? Well, of course 45% of the voters knew that what they were voting against was an across-the-board Ohio constitutional amendment that would make abortion available at all stages of the pregnancy.

Of course, on the surface the bill would not allow abortions up to the viability of the baby. However, on closer reading there were a number of exceptions including the sneaky one; "health of the mother." Sounds reasonable until you realize that can include, not only physical health, but also; mental, emotional, financial etc.

And so, another victory for the Evil One. C.S. Lewis in his book; "Screwtape Letters," has the demon, Screwtape, call humans "hairless bipeds." Satan hates human beings and child sacrifice is as old as the Old Testament itself when, slaughtering infants was a common practice of the pagan god's Molech and Baal.

**-- Deacon Lewis Ferris**




**LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY**

*will be OPEN*

**December 3rd and 17th**

**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](mailto:DLtanczos@aol.com) or 610-349-7734

**WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY****December 4th at 6:00PM****Reception Hall of the  
Bath American Legion****It will be a "Pot Luck Dinner"****Women of the Parish are invited to attend  
and may bring their  
favorite dish or dessert.****Please bring a \$10.00 WRAPPED GIFT  
for the Gift Exchange.****Any questions please call  
610-762-5067 or 610-762-1986****PRAYER FOR CHARITY**

O Lord our God, we offer Thee our hearts united in the strongest and most sincere love of brotherhood; we pray that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament may be the daily food of our souls and bodies; that Jesus may be established as the center of our affections, even as He was for Mary and Joseph. Finally, O Lord, may sin never disturb our union on earth; and may we be eternally united in heaven with Thee and Mary and Joseph and with all Thy Saints. Amen

**VOLUNTEERING AT YOUR CHURCH**

Here is a great opportunity to experience all the things listed below by volunteering at our upcoming "Christmas Shop Stop," "Giving Tree," and helping decorate the Church for Christmas!

**VOLUNTEERING AND SERVING**

Serving allows us to experience His power firsthand, God has called us to serve Him by serving others. If we do all things with love, serving others is a joyful experience. God places gifts inside each of us, seeds that can grow into skills and abilities for serving others. A seed will only grow into what it was designed to be when it's planted in the right environment. You'll discover your unique contribution when you start serving! There are many reasons why it's important to get involved as a church in community service.

**SERVICE BRINGS JOY**

Uniting for a purpose brings joy not only to those you are serving, but also to you and your brethren. Deepening your connection with fellow members of the church lifts your heart and your spirit in the name of the Lord. Spending time and bonding with our brothers and sisters in Christ is an extension of the faith and happiness we enjoy in Christ Jesus. When we are filled with His joy, we experience His love and become more receptive to His teachings.

**YOU ARE NEEDED**

Believing the lie that the church doesn't need you will rob you of the joys God designed for you to experience through serving. Take a risk and get involved. God will honor that step of faith and grow it into so much more!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! COME JOIN THE FUN!!!**

**GIVING TREE**

**The giving trees will be up next weekend December 2nd!**

**IT'S EASY TO GIVE**

1. **Take a tag!**
2. **Purchase the item on the tag.**
3. **Put the tag on the outside of the gift or envelope with (gift cards).**
4. **Gifts can be placed under the trees in church; Gift Card purchases may be put in the offertory collection or dropped in the box inside the Burkhardt Building.**

***This year's recipients will be the Cay Galgon House, Turning Point, Valley Youth House, the Valor Project for Veterans, Catholic Charities Ecumenical Kitchen and Pregnancy/ Parenting Support Program, and Sacred Heart Parishioners who are homebound.***

**Help is needed to distribute the gifts to agencies.  
(One person delivers to one agency.) Call Debbie at 484-281-8017.**

***Thank you for blessing others.***



**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 BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for our bulletin submissions.

**These shortened timeframes will run through till January 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. If you have any specific deadline questions for upcoming bulletins, you may email [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) and we will do our best to get the articles in upcoming bulletins.

**SAINT MONICA MINISTRY**

**HOLY HOUR - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

The St. Monica Ministry will hold a bilingual Holy Hour to pray for the return of loved ones who have left the Church.

The Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown, 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

It will be preceded by a buffet dinner and basket raffle starting at 4:00pm in the parish's Friendship Hall.

Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Deacon Miguel Ramirez of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes in Easton.

Deacon Ramirez will offer a bilingual reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe's maternal love for her children, and on her constant intercession for those who have left the Church.

No registration is required to take part in the Holy Hour.

To register for the dinner, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/stmonicaministry)

For more information, please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC YOUTH THEATER**

Please Join us for Bethlehem Catholic Youth Theater's production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*  
 Local elementary students will be performing this play.

**December 1st & 2nd at 7pm and Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm in the BecaHi Auditorium.**

Tickets at the door or online at <http://bit.ly/becatheater>

**CHRISTMAS BINGO ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

122 Union St., Catasauqua, PA

**Christmas Cash Bingo on Sunday, December 3rd**

Cost is \$15 for 15 games, six specials, and a jackpot round.

Seating is first come/first serve.

Kitchen and doors will open at 11:30 AM.

Bingo begins at 1:00 PM.

Kitchen will be selling snacks, your bingo favorites, and soda/water/iced tea, (Please other than BYOB, no outside food or beverages.)

Additional game sheets and specials will be available for purchase - bring your daubers \*no hard boards\*

To reserve a table, please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or by email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com)

**WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT: A SEASON OF JOY**

St. Mary's Church Hall, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, PA

**Saturday, December 16, 9:00 am – 12 noon**

Open to women of all ages, the morning will feature breakfast, fellowship.

Keynote by Fr. Stephan Isaac, and prayer.

Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving

**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

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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](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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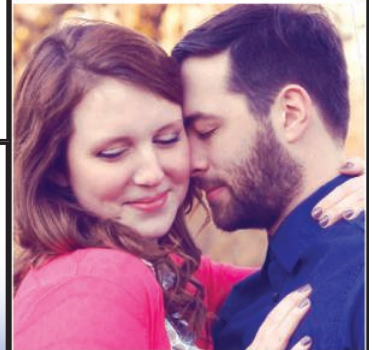


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