

## *Advent begins December 3*

*Bring your Advent Wreath to Sacred Heart for an  
Advent Wreath blessing at all Masses  
Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*



*During the Advent season, families spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath is a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations.*

*An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.*

*Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.*

*Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted and a prayer is said.*



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
210 E. Northampton Street, Bath, PA 18014

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### **ADVENT WREATH BLESSING**

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

At all Masses

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

7:00 pm Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BLESSING**

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

At all Masses

#### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

(with multiple Priests present)

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

6:30 pm

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL**

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

4:00 pm – Parish Auditorium

4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 12 Midnight – Church

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

9:00 am, 11:00 am

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 9:00 am

#### **BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER**

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 4:45 pm, prior to Vigil Mass