

*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.*



*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*DECEMBER 10, 2023*

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**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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 2nd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**  
**December 9** **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8**  
 5:00 PM Deceased members of Mock and Schuster families  
*r/b Schuster Family*

**Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10** **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8**  
 7:00 AM Richard M. Meyers  
*r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family*  
 9:00 AM Margaret Spader  
*r/b Beers Family*  
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Monday, Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
**December 11** **Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26**  
 8:00 AM Anthony Liberto  
*r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family*

**Tuesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**December 12** **Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47**  
 8:00 AM Davey Lack  
*r/b parents, Deb and Dave*

**Wednesday, Saint Lucy**  
**December 13** **Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30**  
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera  
*r/b Lay Dominicans*

**Thursday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest**  
**December 14** **Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15**  
 8:00 AM George Steier  
*r/b Daughter*

**Friday, Advent Weekday**  
**December 15** **Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19**  
 8:00 AM David Eckel  
*r/b daughter, Kathleen and family*

**Saturday, 3rd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**  
**December 16** **Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**December 17** **Is 61:1-2A, 10-11/1Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**  
 7:00 AM Anna Marie Yagerhofer  
*r/b Lucille and Stephen Sismanovich*  
 9:00 AM Annmarie Scholl  
*r/b sister, Doris*  
 11:00 AM Kenneth Haldaman  
*r/b 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  
 December 8 through December 14  
 for the repose of the soul of



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

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 8 through December 14  
 for the repose of the soul of



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

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 8 through December 14  
 for



**Kylie Schneider (living)**  
*r/b Shimko Family*



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 December 8 through December 14  
 for the repose of the soul of

**John C. Volk**  
*r/b wife Rosemary*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>12/16-12/17</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> Frank Molchan Bill Wilde Christina Gehringer Deb Hayes</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> John Vallance -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 10th**

**First Reading**—Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. (*Is 40:1-5, 9-11*)

**Psalms**— “Lord, let us see kindness, and grant us your salvation.” (*Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14*)

**Second Reading**—Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. (*2 Pt 3:8-14*)

**Gospel**—The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (*Mk 1:1-8*)



**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 Thomas Gillich formerly of Sacred Heart Parish**



### **FATHER BUTERA INVESTED AS DEPUTY CHAPLAIN FOR SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA**

Father Butera, was invested as a Deputy Chaplain for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta during a Mass November 9 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Bishop Alfred Schlert, a Chaplain of the order, was main celebrant of the Mass.

The Order of Malta is a lay religious order of the Catholic Church founded in 1113. It is known for its care of the sick and the poor, and for its defense of the faith. It is active in 120 countries caring for people in need through its medical, social, and humanitarian works.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to serve as a Deputy Chaplain to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta..." said Father Butera. "Bishop Schlert asked me if I would consider becoming a Deputy Chaplain as a position became available in our region. I was greatly humbled and honored for him to consider me to work with such a benevolent and chivalrous order. The Knights and Dames of the order, although themselves look for no attention or recognition, are renowned for their works of charity and service to those in need, whether it be the sick, the needy, imprisoned, you name it. To be part of such an organization is a privilege, and I said 'yes.'"

To read the full article about the investiture ceremony at St. Patrick's, go to [ad-today.com](http://ad-today.com) or read it in the AD Times.

### **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.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org)**



### **BAPTISM**

**We are happy to welcome  
Serafina Licari, daughter of  
Ronald III and Lauren Licari  
of Sacred Heart Parish  
who began to share in the life  
of Jesus through the  
Sacrament of Baptism.**



**- UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**TODAY - Parish Children's Christmas Party**  
**Following 11:00am Mass – Church Auditorium**  
**Monday, December 11 – Monthly Membership Meeting**  
**7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting-Burkhart Building & Zoom**  
**Sunday, December 17 - “Knight Before Christmas” Exemplification**  
**12:30pm Sacred Heart Church**

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**“Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas”**

- † **Attend a Christmas church service together with your family.** If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.
- † **Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message.** This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmastime. If you've already bought the reindeer cards-no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.
- † **Write a Christmas Letter to a missionary.** Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so Christmas can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special letter to a missionary of your choice and thank them for giving their life in service to the Lord.

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**Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention – We pray that volunteer nonprofit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to cooperation.**  
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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.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DONATION TO GEORGE WOLF SCHOOL BATH, PA**



On Monday November 20, Brother Knights John Flynn and Bob Wilkin presented 4 dozen winter coats to George Wolf Elementary School in conjunction with the Knights' "Coats for Kids" program, a national initiative. Also, due to the generosity of "Granny" ( a Sacred Heart parishioner) more than 50 handmade hats and headbands were donated for the students. This is one of the many endeavors our Sacred Heart Council undertakes to benefit both our Church and the Bath Community as a whole.

**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. Games, crafts, music and 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)**





**CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday, December 17th starting at 1:30 pm**  
 Typically, it takes 1-1/2 - 2 hours, depending on the number of volunteers. What a wonderful way to start Christmas with helping decorate our church!! Your help will be most welcomed.

**CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS**

Christmas spiritual bouquet cards are available during Advent in the Church ramp entrance and in the pick-up station in the Burkhart Building.

**A donation of \$10.00 per card is suggested.**

The 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass will be offered for all those to whom you send a card and there will be a remembrance at all Masses throughout the Christmas Season. All donations will go to Sacred Heart Church Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

**Please place donations in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.**

**GIVING TREE UPDATE AND DEADLINES DID YOU????**

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. Place the gift under the trees? Drop the Gift Cards in the offertory, parish offices or the Pope Room of the Burkhart Building?

**DEADLINE for Cay Galgon gifts is December 10th.**  
**Absolute Deadline for all other gifts is December 17th.**

**Wegmans SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM GREAT FOR THE GIVING TREE AND CHRISTMAS 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, BURGER KING and MCDONALDS)**

We have on hand **VISA cards with NO ACTIVATION FEES** and 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.**

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**\$\$\$\$ LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$\$\$ GREAT STOCKING STUFFER!!!**

**Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500 on our January 2024 Lottery Calendar**

**Increase your chances with 3 for \$25.00**

**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 December 31st. Extra calendars are available in parish offices. This is a fun way to help support our parish.**

**GOOD LUCK!!!!!!**

<u>Your Stewardship Report - November 26</u>		
First Collection	\$6,502	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>November 26</b></i>
Christmas Flowers	\$1,684	
Thanksgiving	\$748	
Other Collections	\$1,054	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$51</u>	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$10,039</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**  
**Next Week's Collections - December 17**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
None



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BLESSING**  
 Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
 Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
 At all Masses


**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**  
 (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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, December 14th**

**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**

**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**

**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!

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Bear hunting season is back. Being brought up in Northern N.J. I never even contemplated hunting animals of any kind. The only animals we saw in Newark were wild dogs and stray cats. I was confused when we moved to Pennsylvania and found out there was actually a day that the schools closed down for hunting.

"I thought it was a bear." If a hunter accidentally shoots another hunter, the excuse of thinking it was an animal does not have any credence. And rightly so. However, an abortionist can take the life of a pre-born human being in the womb and have less evidence that the baby doesn't somehow qualify as a human, than the hunter did. And that tiny human person has as much of a right to live as the helpless hunter who was mistaken for a bear.


After all, shouldn't the burden of proof be on the abortionist that he is not taking the life of an otherwise innocent human being? Why should the pro-life people have to prove that the baby is a human being at a stage of development we all went through? It makes as much sense as if the wounded hunter would have to prove that he was indeed not a bear.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris




**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**  
**The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic**  
**meeting will be held on Saturday,**  
**December 16th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon)**  
**in the Father Post Room of the**  
**Burkhart Building.**

**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 December 12 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 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!

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




**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**December 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.

**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.  
 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) or phone at 610-837-7874.



**LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY**  
**will be OPEN**  
**December 17th and January 7th, 21st**  
**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. Please no Bibles, Missals or Catechisms. We have an overabundance of these items.  
 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

**OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)**



**\$2.00 PER PACKET**  
**(three wafers in each packet)**  
 Oplatky are available from the sacristan before weekend Masses or at the Burkhart Building drop-off/pick-up station during parish office hours.

**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!**

**LAST CHANCE!**



**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...they make great Christmas gifts!  
**\*\*This beautiful calendar is available in the Church sacristy after weekend Masses and at the parish offices during office hours.\*\***



**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Belts	Blankets	Clothing	Drapes	Purses
Sheets	Shoes	Sneakers	Stuffed Animals	

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Fabric Scraps	Household goods	Rags	Toys
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**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT— PEACE****December 10, 2023**

On the second Sunday of Advent, we light a second purple candle, known as the Bethlehem Candle. This candle represents Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. During the second week of Advent we are invited to reflect on God's promise of universal peace through Christ and how we can be an incarnation of that peace in our daily lives by helping those in need, just as Mary and Joseph were.

*Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, that the Father will send in my name-he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. (Jn 15:23-28)*

This Sunday as we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace, let us remember that God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table. Let us prayer for peace in our hearts and to open the hearts of others to our Lord. Like St. John the Baptist, when we ask God for forgiveness and repent for our sins, He will always show us a path to love and peace.



**SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**CHRISTMAS CARD LIST**

**Reverend Msgr. Robert Kozel**  
3276 Oakland Square Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18020-1292

**Reverend Luigi Palmieri**  
Holy Family Villa  
1325 Prospect Avenue  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-4916

**Reverend Msgr. Walter Scheaffer**  
Holy Family Villa  
1325 Prospect Avenue  
Bethlehem, PA 180018-4916

**Deacon and Mrs. Lewis Ferris**  
5431 Congress Way  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

**Deacon and Mrs. Edward Saukulak**  
5385 Colony Drive  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-9255

**Reverend Dominic Pham**  
St. Joseph Parish Center  
84 N. Center Street  
Ringtown, PA 17967

**Reverend Jason Stokes**  
Holy Family Rectory  
538 Sunbury Street  
Minersville, PA 17954

**Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky**  
Holy Trinity Rectory  
4102 South Church Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**



**SAINT MONICA MINISTRY**

**HOLY HOUR - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th**

**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 12th, 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)**

**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

**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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**Director of Religious Education:** Mr. Thomas Weber  
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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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