

*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.*

*Be watchful!*  
*Be alert!*

MARK 13:33

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*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*DECEMBER 3, 2023*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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*

**Monday, Saint John Damascene, Priest**  
**December 4** **Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11**  
 8:00 AM Ken and Mary Jane Pietrzak (living)  
*r/b Jim and Eileen Glancy*

**Tuesday, Advent Weekday**  
**December 5** **Is 11:10/Lk 10:21-24**  
 8:00 AM Helen Fiedor (living)  
*r/b Anne LaBar*

**Wednesday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
**December 6** **Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37**  
 8:00 AM Agnes Blasko  
*r/b Louise Ifkovits and family*

**Thursday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop**  
**December 7** **Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27**  
 8:00 AM Herman Wieder  
*r/b Rebecca*

**Thursday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (anticipated)**  
**December 7** **Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38**  
 7:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Friday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**December 8** **Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38**  
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart  
 4:30 PM John C. Volk  
*r/b wife, Rosemary*

**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

**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 1 through December 7  
 for the living and deceased members of



**The Morales Family**  
*r/b Family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 1 through December 7  
 for the living and deceased members of



**The Morales Family**  
*r/b Family*

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 1 through December 7  
 for the repose of the soul of



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

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 December 1 through December 7  
 for the living and deceased members of

**The Morales Family**  
*r/b Family*





NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>12/9-12/10</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> William Doncsecz Tim Geiger Beth Beers Tom Weber</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub John Vallance</p>
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 3rd**

**First Reading**—You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. (*Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7*)

**Psalm**—“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved” (*Pss 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*)

**Second Reading**— Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (*1 Cor 1:3-9*)

**Gospel**—Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” (*Mk 13:33-37*)



**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!

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, December 7th  
(Holy Day Vigil)

**NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, December 14  
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church  
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm





*2023 Forty Hours Devotions, Sacred Heart of Jesus*









**THIS WEEKEND!**

**Sacred Heart's Annual "Shop Stop"**

**Saturday, December 2nd—Following 5:00 pm Mass**  
**Sunday, December 3rd—Following 7:00 am Mass until 1:00 pm**

**Join us in the auditorium for Christmas shopping including chances to win Christmas-themed Tricky Tray baskets! Purchase gift cards, January lottery calendars and Oplatky wafers! Place your order for Christmas Pocono Candles!**

**Enjoy baked goodies, hot chocolate and coffee.**  
**Christmas spirit and fellowship included!**

*Merry Christmas*

**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.**

**BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS:**

*"Christmas Fantasy"*  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church, 206 E. Main St. Bath 18014**  
**Free Will Offering**  
**To benefit: Bath Food Bank**

**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 or the Pope Room of the Burkhardt Building?

**DEADLINE for Cay Galgon gifts is December 10.**

**Absolute Deadline for all other gifts is December 17.**

**Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!**

**Wagmans** **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).

**VISA** (NOW AVAILABLE: SHOPRITE and MCDONALDS GIFT CARDS)

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 Burkhardt 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 at 610-837-6391.

**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!

<b>Your Stewardship Report - November 19</b>		
First Collection	\$6,307	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than</i> <b>November 19</b>
Other Collections	\$1,804	
Other	\$45	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$8,156</b>	
Poverty Relief	\$1,444	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**  
**Next Week's Collections - December 10**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Retirement Fund for Religious



**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 & 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**  
 (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

**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 Burkhardt Building during Parish office hours

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

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Some good news from a secular group for a change. The AMA (American Medical Association), the largest group of organized physicians in our country made the following decisions at their last meeting in November, 2023;

- † Voted against changing their code of ethics which is against assisted suicide.
- † Voted against staying neutral of the question of assisted suicide.
- † Voted against changing terminology from "Assisted Suicide" to MAID; Medical Aid in Dying.

Good for the brave doctors in the AMA who have resisted the push of the pro-death movement and stuck to their ethics when it comes to treating terminally ill patients. They also, realized that calling murder; "Medical Aid in Dying" may sound nicer, but the end result is the same. Remember the first law of the physician; "Do no Harm."

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



**- UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- Saturday, December 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**
- 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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**Additional "Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas".**

**Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family.** Giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family demonstrates Christ-like love and service. A back rub to a spouse/running an errand for a family member are examples of personal and meaningful efforts.

**Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.** Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read a few Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.

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**Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention – We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

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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**  
**Baby Bottle Campaign**

*Our Baby Bottle collection is finished and the total donated was \$2640.65. All proceeds go to Cay Galgon Life House. A big thank you from the Knights of Columbus to our Parishioners for your generous donations. **THANK YOU!***

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DONATIONS**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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**

**One Saturday left—December 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!***

**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, 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)**

**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> 2024**. 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.



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (HOPE)—DECEMBER 3, 2023**

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis? If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

*Prayer: Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen*

**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).**



**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](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com).



**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**



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

**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.\*\***



**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.**

**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.

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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,  
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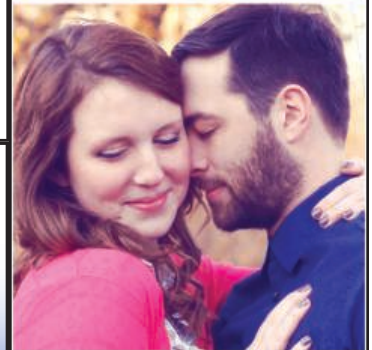
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