

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4th Sunday of Advent (anticipated)
December 23 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 5:00 PM Theresa McManus
r/b Natalie and Cathryn

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent
December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Deceased members of the Olivi and Sampson families
r/b Mick and Ginny Olivi
 11:00 AM Ken Heckman
r/b wife, Rosanne, sons Rick and Todd

Sunday, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)
December 24 Vigil (anticipated)
Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
 (CHU) 4:00 PM Andrew Donello
r/b Pat and George Gasper
 (AUD) 4:00 PM William Baker
r/b Robert and Mary Lou Ross
 7:00 PM John and Eleanor Chuss
r/b children

Monday, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
December 25 **Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14;**
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20;
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
 Midnight Celebrant's Intentions
 9:00 AM Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Intentions
 11:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

Tuesday, Saint Stephen
December 26 **Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22**
 9:00 AM Jeanne Lauber
r/b sister

Wednesday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
December 27 **1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8**
 8:00 AM Rita and Dallas Kohler
r/b Pat Kohler and family

Thursday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
December 28 **1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18**
 8:00 AM Hilda Steier
r/b niece, Marion

Friday, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
December 29 **1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35**
 8:00 AM Shirley McElroy
r/b sister, Jean Pulli

Saturday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30 (anticipated)
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
 5:00 PM Elma Jean Cimino
r/b Nye Family

Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31 **Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40**
 7:00 AM Deceased members of Paukovits and Raykos families
r/b Barbara and Stephen Raykos
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Susan Cobb
r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly

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 22 through December 28
 for the repose of the soul of



Peggy Hoff
r/b daughter, Sharon

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 December 22 through December 28
 for the repose of the soul of



John Ozdinec
r/b wife, Roseann

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 December 22 through December 28
 for the repose of the soul of



Constance Wheary
r/b Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

12/30-12/31 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Lectors Frank Molchan Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Beth Beers Tom Weber	Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak	Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- -- --
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 24TH**

First Reading—When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, "Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?..."

(2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

Psalm—"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."
(Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

Second Reading—Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Rom 16:25-27)

Gospel—The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Lk 1:26-38)



**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!

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
December 22 through December 28

for the repose of the soul of

Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos families





Congratulations to those who were confirmed by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert at Sacred Heart of Jesus on Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- Marco Barracato*
- Aidan Michael D'Avanzo*
- Anna Alicia Dormarunno*
- Cole Anthony Gable*
- Aaron Fulton Georgeson*
- Alana Marie Ide*
- Thomas Anthony Markiewicz*
- Tyler Jason Matz*

Confirmati continued....

- Kevin Samuel Franco Prasanna*
- Justin Thomas Reilly*
- Madelyn Ann Taff*
- Giavonna Jessica Volkert*

A special "thank you" to the teachers for helping the children in their preparation for this important sacrament: Mrs. Deb Hayes and Mr. Tom Weber, Sacred Heart of Jesus Religious Education; Ms. Sue Parker and Ms. Connie Sisko, Good Shepherd Regional Catholic School, Northampton







A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

- UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Monday, January 8- Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom
- Monday, January 22 – Officers' Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

Over the next four weeks, we will explore the meaning and practical applications of the Four Core Principles of the Knights of Columbus. The first Core Principle is CHARITY. Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Did You Know: A Prayer Intention of Our Holy Father is: “We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war: may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofC14464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24. Sunday is also Christmas Eve day. Please note that the Sunday morning Mass schedule will be the same as all other Sundays—7 am, 9 am and 11 am.

These Masses (and the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23rd) will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

If you chose to go to Mass for Christmas on Christmas Eve, those Masses begin at 4:00 pm that same Sunday, December 24.

Please also note the time of one of our Christmas morning Masses has changed from 9:30 am (in prior years) to 9:00 am.

Please refer to page 2 Mass listing and article on page 7 for the complete Christmas schedule.

GIVING TREE

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your participation in blessing others through our Giving Tree project. Your kindness and generosity are unmatched.



Every year we are in awe as we see beautiful gifts come through: handmade blankets and tiny little caps for newborns, strollers, diapers, and everything in between. You have given hope to new parents. You have helped victims of domestic violence feel safe and cared for. You have honored veterans’ dignity by providing clothing and basic care items that we sometimes take for granted. You have reached out to your fellow parishioners, some of whom can no longer make it to Mass, and some who are in new living situations. It’s a nice reminder that they are thought of at this time of year even though we may no longer see them in church.

If you missed the deadline, we will be posting a list of the organizations’ addresses, and you may send or drop off to them directly.

GOD BLESS YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sacred Heart Giving Tree Committee

PRAYER FOR ORDAINED AND LAY PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ. Bless the priests, deacons, and all other ordained and non-ordained lay people who are involved in all aspects of Sacred Heart Parish. Bless all who participate in our weekly Masses and funerals, upkeep of the altar and church, Religious Education, and all who dedicate their time in keeping our parish up and running with faith and community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Thank you for ALL you do!!!

<u>Your Stewardship Report - December 10</u>		
First Collection	\$7,385	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than</i> December 10
Immac. Conception	\$1,435	
Other Collections	\$1,224	
Other	\$34	
Total Collections	\$10,078	
Retired Religious	\$1,504	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
Next Week's Collections - December 31



First
Sunday Collection

Second
None



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Sunday, 24th December 2023
4:00 pm – Parish Auditorium
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 12 Midnight – Church

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, 25th December 2023
9:00 am, 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, 1st January 2024
9:00 am

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER
Saturday, 6th 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. 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


In the very excellent movie, "Jesus of Nazareth," King Herod, after realizing the Magi had outsmarted him and not returned from Bethlehem, shouts: "kill them, kill them all!" He refused the potential possibility that he would have to share his Kingdom with another King. His solution was to slaughter all of the two-year-old boys and younger who are found in Bethlehem.

Sounds pretty brutal, but it emphasizes the reality of the reasons for most abortions. "I will not share my kingdom." It's my life, my body, my choice. King Herod could have accompanied the wise men to be one of the first to witness this newborn King of Kings. Rather he chooses to protect his own little kingdom at the expense of dozens of innocent babies. He could have been remembered as a great man who welcomed the baby Jesus. Instead, he is remembered as a petty, cruel despot. Too bad.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Anita Harris of Sacred Heart Parish



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, December 28th
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
December 25th (Christmas Day)

We read all kinds of books about love, devotion, and trust. One book that has all this and more is the Bible. Start by reading the gospel of Matthew Chapter 1. It starts with a miraculous birth and continues with the life of Our Savior. We all know the story of the Nativity of the Lord, but have you actually read the words from Saints Matthew and Luke?

The Birth of Jesus. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus. (Mt 1:18-25)

This is the start of a story which will keep you turning the pages to find out what happens in Jesus's life. The Gospel of Matthew has all the great elements of a beautiful novel, from the birth of Christ to Our Lord's crucifixion. It is filled with suspense, faith, miracles, and love. What more can you ask for in an exciting piece of literature? Consider opening the bible to Matthew Chapters 1 through 28 with your family and read this brilliant story. What a wonderful why to introduce God to your children and loved ones. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



SACRED HEART PARISH
OFFICES CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS and
NEW YEAR'S DAY

CLOSED: Monday, December 25,
Tuesday, December 26, and
Monday, January 1, 2024.

Parish offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024
at 8:00 am.

All of us here at Sacred Heart wish you and your families a wonderful and blessed Christmas season and a bright New Year.

Never forget why Our Savior was born.
God loves us so much He sent His Only Son
for our salvation.

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING



SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

Bible Study will be December 30th,
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.



LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

will be OPEN

January 7th and 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
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.

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.

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 14th 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 and we will do our best to get the articles in upcoming bulletins.



JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDARS
GREAT AS A STOCKING STUFFER!!!
\$\$\$\$Take a chance to win from
\$50 up to \$500 \$\$\$\$
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.
WE HAD (6) NOVEMBER WINNERS
November winners won from \$55 up to \$150!
You can be next..... GOOD LUCK!!!!!!



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!




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
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Bethlehem, PA 18017
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Bethlehem, PA 18017-9255
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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!!!!





SACRED HEART PARISH
GIFT CARD PROGRAM
GREAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND
ALL YEAR ROUND!
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, 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 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 Karen at 610-837-6391.**


2023 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION
 If you would like to receive a statement of your 2023 contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket at church and/or the Parish Office and include your envelope number on the request. All contributions must be received by Sunday, December 31st to be included on your 2023 Contribution Statement. Due to the cost of postage, you **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request or pick the statement up in the parish office during regular business hours. Statements will be sent in late January 2024. We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially supported the parish family of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the year.

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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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,
 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 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.

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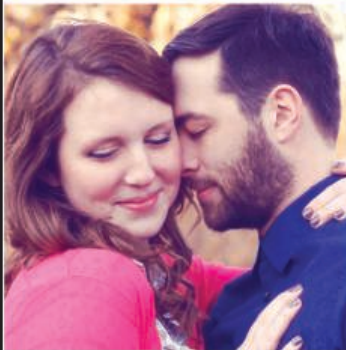
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