

*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.*

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

LUKE 2:22-40



*THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*  
*DECEMBER 31, 2023*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, December 30** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (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, December 31** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**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*
- Monday, January 1** **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God**  
**Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21**  
 9:00 AM Roman and Jean Pietrzak and Loretta Gula  
*r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak*
- Tuesday, January 2** **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops**  
**1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28**  
 8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schrey  
*r/b Dale and Dolla*
- Wednesday, January 3** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
**1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34**  
 8:00 AM Cecilia Gonella (living)  
*r/b Women's Guild*
- Thursday, January 4** **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42**  
 8:00 AM James M. McAndrew  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*
- Friday, January 5** **Saint John Neumann, Bishop**  
**1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51**  
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund
- Saturday, January 6** **The Epiphany of the Lord (anticipated)**  
**Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12**  
 5:00 PM David Prentice  
*r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies*
- Sunday, January 7** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12**  
 7:00 AM John Fiedor  
*r/b Anne LaBar*  
 9:00 AM Agnes Blasko  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*  
 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 29 through January 4  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Carmen Shimko**  
*r/b husband, Mike and Michael,  
 Kathy and Karen*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 29 through January 4  
 for the repose of the soul of



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

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 December 29 through January 4  
 for the repose of the souls of



**Pam Amato**  
*r/b Shimko Family  
 and  
 Anita Harris  
 r/b Parish Office Staff*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 December 29 through January 4  
 for the repose of the soul of

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



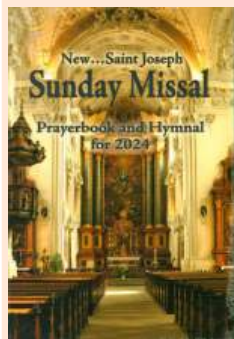
NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>1/6-1/7</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> Joan West Tim Geiger Frank Molchan Beth Beers</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> John Vallance -- Daniel Holub Peter Vallance</p>
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**UPDATE ON PRINTING THE WEEKLY READINGS IN OUR BULLETIN**

Due to copyright laws and issues impacting the ability of the USCCB to enforce its rights against commercial endeavors that misuse Scripture translations for profit, the USCCB has advised parishes to not reproduce the USCCB Scripture translations in weekly bulletins without



purchasing a license. Therefore, we will no longer be printing the Readings and Responsorial Psalms in our bulletin.

Fortunately, a generous benefactor has provided Sacred Heart over 140 copies of the 2024 Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Prayerbook and Hymnal. The Missals are available to all parishioners. We are happy we are able to provide this so you can follow along with the readings. There are copies in the ramp entrance vestibule and in the Parish offices. The Missal contains all readings, responsorial psalms, prayers, hymns, devotions and more.

Thanks to the availability of the Missal, we will not be licensing the USCCB scripture translations. Thank you for understanding!

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

This year, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls on a Monday. While it is still a Holy Day, the **Holy Day Obligation** is suspended in the United States when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or Monday.

**There will be one Mass celebrated on Monday, January 1 at 9:00 am.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, January 4th**

**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**

**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**



**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!**



**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF MOST REVEREND ALFRED A.  
SCHLERT, BISHOP OF ALLENTOWN**  
***RE: FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS - ON THE PASTORAL MEANING OF BLESSINGS***

The Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a Declaration entitled *Fiducia Supplicans – On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*. The document proposes ways in which persons in irregular situations, including same-sex relationships, may seek blessings from the Church. The Church's teaching that marriage is between one man and one woman has not changed.

The Declaration has reaffirmed that the Church does not have the authority nor capability to bestow a liturgical blessing on irregular relationships, including same-sex relationships. Pastoral blessings may be imparted on any individual to invoke God's help and mercy in their life, to help them grow in holiness, and to come to a greater understanding of Divine Truth. Such blessings are offered to the individual, and do not validate nor sanctify their union with another person.

The Church has always been a font of mercy and blessing for those who seek the Lord's consolation, protection, and grace in order to grow in holiness, and this Declaration affirms that.



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

**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 January 9th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-  
6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath.  
Volunteers are needed on Friday, January 5th 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!**



**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!**

***\*\*This beautiful calendar is available in the  
Church sacristy after weekend Masses and at the  
parish offices during office hours.\*\****



**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.**

**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC THEATER SHOW**

**Bethlehem Catholic High School Theater  
invites you to come see**

**"GOD'S FAVORITE"**

**Neil Simon's amusing take on The Book of Job.**

**Showtimes: Jan 12 and 13 at 7pm and**

**Jan 14 at 3pm**

**in the Becahi Auditorium.**

**Tickets available at the door or online at**

**<http://bit.ly/becatheater>**



**A BLESSED AND NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**Monday, January 8- Monthly Membership Meeting  
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building and Zoom**

**Friday, January 19 – March for Life, Washington DC  
(Watch the Bulletin for Travel Details)**

**Sunday, January 21 – KofC Breakfast 7:00am to 11:00am – Church Auditorium**

**Monday, January 22 – Officers' Planning Meeting  
7:00pm Burkhart Building. & Zoom**

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**We continue with our Brotherhood's Core Principles: This week we feature UNITY: None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that– as a Knight of Columbus- you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.**

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**A BIG THANK YOU is due all of our parishioners for their donations to the KofC Christmas Food Basket project. Your kindnesses were greatly appreciated by the Basket recipients.**

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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  
FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE**

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 193 pounds of non-perishable items to the St Vincent dePaul Food Bank on December 14, bringing our year-to-date total to **2,267 pounds**. This was the 7th donation for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Our next donation will be made to the Bath Area Food Bank. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

*Please check the "Best By" date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a "Best By" date earlier than 2022.*



**JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDARS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**

**\$\$\$\$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!!!!!!**

<u>Your Stewardship Report - December 17</u>		
First Collection	\$9,514	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 17</i>
Christmas	\$1,705	
Other Collections	\$617	
Other	\$60	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$11,896</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

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

**Next Week's Collections - January 7**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Parish Improvement



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**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 Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

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

**START THE NEW YEAR WITH PEACE AND HEALING THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"* (John 20:21-23)

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

God's door is always open and  
He will always listen.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Why do Christians let non-believers take our Holy days away from us? Advent season is the time of year when stores and offices start playing "Christmas" songs. I noticed this year that almost all of the songs are "secular" Christmas songs. Jingle bells, White Christmas, etc. Nice songs but nothing to do with the birth of Jesus.

I seem to recall not that long ago when the Christmas songs were, well, Christmas songs. Silent Night, Away in the Manger, types, etc. These true Christmas carols elicit a much different feeling than the secular songs. They make us happy.

What does this have to do with the Pro-Life corner? These days a lot of younger people are replacing having children with having dogs! Babies and puppies both make us happy by the release of endorphins into our system which makes us "feel good." However, just as the secular Christmas songs cannot replace the Christmas Carols, puppies, as cute as they are, cannot replace babies.

Our secular culture has put a fear, almost a dread, into the hearts of a lot of our young people of having children. Let us not add to it. Encourage young married folks to have as many children as God wants them to have.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

**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 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.

**SAINT MONICA MINISTRY  
HOLY HOUR**

All are warmly invited to take part in a Holy Hour sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry.

Tuesday, January 9  
6:00 pm

St. Theresa Church  
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown

We will come together before the Blessed Sacrament to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones.

Presiding at the Holy Hour will be Rev. Stephan Isaac, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral Church of Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

Immediately after the Holy Hour, a meeting and book discussion will take place in the rectory.

All are welcome, and no registration is required.

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

**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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**GIVING TREE**

If you missed the Giving Tree deadlines and would like to deliver your gifts, please use the addresses below:



**GIVING TREE RECIPIENTS 2023**

**Catholic Charities / Allentown Diocese  
Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program**  
402 West Chew St.  
Allentown, PA 18102  
Jeremy Leidich: 610-435-1541, Ext. 310

**Turning Point of Lehigh Valley**  
444 E. Susquehanna St.  
Allentown, PA 18103  
610-437-3369

**Cay Galgon Life House**  
714 West Broad St.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610-867-9546

**Valor Clinic for Veterans**  
c/o Kevin Cope  
4418 Wagner Drive  
Bethlehem, PA  
(leave on front porch)

**Valley Youth House**  
Holiday Gift Drive  
3400 High Point Blvd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
610-820-0166

**THANK YOU FOR YOU GENEROSITY!!!!**



**SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

**GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

**Sacred Heart Will Earn 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, Shop Rite**

**OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS**

**Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.**

**Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.**

**For more info: Please email Karen at [kshimko@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:kshimko@sacredheartbath.org) or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!**

Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Red Lobster	8%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Burger King (NEW)	6%	\$10	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Shop Rite (NEW)	4%	\$25
Target	2.5%	\$25	McDonalds (NEW)	2%	\$10
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Visa (No Activation Fees)	1.25%	\$25/\$50/\$100

**WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS! GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!**

**BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS,**

**OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!!**

**What a great gift to give for any occasions. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. Need a special gift card for a bridal registry? Just stop in and we can order that special gift card!**

**We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625  
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 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](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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