

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 IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
January 13 **1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/**
Jn 1:35-42
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14 **1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/**
Jn 1:35-42
 7:00 AM John Fiedor
r/b Sandy Gaspar
 9:00 AM Marie Ann Fleck
r/b Jean Pulli
 11:00 AM Maddalena DiOdoardo
r/b Pina and Thomas Weber

Monday, Weekday
January 15 **1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22**
 9:00 AM Maddalena DiOdoardo
r/b Sherry Matrazzo

Tuesday, Weekday
January 16 **1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28**
 8:00 AM Marianna Quartararo
r/b Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Saint Anthony, Abbott
January 17 **1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6**
 8:00 AM Dorothy Kay
r/b James Kay

Thursday, Weekday
January 18 **1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12**
 8:00 AM David Saeva
r/b James Lesko Family

Friday, Weekday
January 19 **1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19**
 8:00 AM Kathleen Glancy Klug
r/b Debbie and Frank Molchan

Saturday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
January 20 **Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20**
 5:00 PM Deceased members of the Landsiedel Family
r/b Natalie and Cathryn

Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21 **Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Allen Marin
r/b O'Reilly Family
 11:00 AM Betty 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
 January 12 through January 18
 for the



Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/b Robert and Colleen Bem

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 January 12 through January 18
 for the repose of the soul of



Gregory Marasco
r/b Robert and Colleen Bem



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 January 12 through January 18
 for the repose of the soul of

Ronald Landsiedel
r/b Natalie and Cathryn

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 January 12 through January 18
 for



Special Intention
r/b Barbara and Stephen Raykos

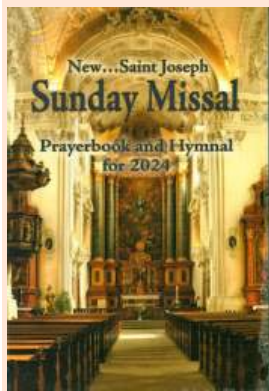
NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>1/20-1/21 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors William Doncsecz Alfred Krantz Christina Gehringer Beth Beers</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers -- -- 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!



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>



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 18th
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, at the Tabernacle or the Sanctuary Lamp, please call or visit the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. **We have open weeks available starting in January 2024 for all candle types.** Call or visit the office to schedule. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

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!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—EPIPHANY TRADITIONS

It is traditional for parish priests to bless water on Epiphany, which is used for the blessing of homes. Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, as a witness of their faith and protection against evil.

Father Butera will bless water and chalk for Epiphany on Saturday, January 13th at 4:45 pm prior to the 5:00 pm Mass. (This is the weekend after we celebrate the Epiphany, due to schedule accommodations.)

With chalk, families write an inscription on the lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters, and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2024, the line will read as follows:

20+C+M+B+24

The four digits designating the New Year appear at the beginning and end of the line. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat.*" "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's Eternal Word in this holy season.



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

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.



**PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED**

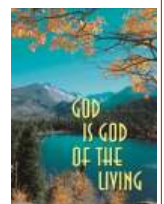
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to

bulletin@sacredheartbath.org
by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.



SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS

Consider Organizing a
Sacred Heart Parish Fundraiser!

A fundraising event allows a group of wonderful people to come together to support a particular event or sale. The funds that are raised are a part of these efforts and are donated directly to our parish. If you have an idea and would be interested in organizing or helping with a fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. This is a great way to meet parishioners, have fun and help support Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you!



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Friday, January 19 – March for Life, Washington DC
(See full details on page 6)

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

Monday, January 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

Monday, February 12 – Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

We conclude with the fourth of the Knights' four core principles, Patriotism. Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and Country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are among the greatest citizens.

Did You Know: Our Supreme Chaplain's Challenge: "I challenge you to offer one decade of the rosary each day-individually or as a family- for the intention of life. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Novena for Life and March for Life.

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.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
(In the church Auditorium)

What better way to bring in the New Year than a delicious breakfast by the Knights of Columbus!

Treat yourself, your family, and friends to this heavenly feast of eggs and omelets to order, bacon/sausage/ham, pancakes/waffles, French toast, home fries, pastries, and MANY more delectable breakfast goodies. No cooking, no clean-up, just come and enjoy great food and conversation.

Monthly Special: Potato Pancakes!

Breakfast

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 171 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on January 4, bringing our year-to-date total to **2,438 pounds**. This was the 8th donation for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Our next donation will be made to the St Vincent de Paul Society 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 2023.



NATIONAL RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH

HELD IN WASHINGTON, DC



Interested in participating in the 2024 March For Life?

DATE:

Friday, January 19th, 2024

DEPARTURE TIME:

7:00 AM (PLEASE BE 15 MINUTES EARLY)

DEPARTURE LOCATION:

St. Jane Frances De Chantal Catholic Church
4049 Hartley Avenue in Easton, PA 18045

THERE WILL BE A 6:30 AM MASS AT ST. JANES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND MASS BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON

YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE TO HOLD A SEAT

Make Payment to
Sacred Heart Church-Bethlehem

Mail to: Andrew Azan 3rd
at PO Box 3278, Bethlehem, PA 18017

TIP- \$5.00 PER PERSON:

A tip (per person) is customary and will be collected prior to boarding bus at St. Jane's Vestibule.

Attendance and collecting tip money will begin at 6:15 AM.

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS:

Looking for a sponsor... will enjoy after Mass

MEALS and REST STOPS:

We will make (1) rest stop on way down to DC and (1) rest stop on the way back; that will be restroom stops. If you want to eat lunch or dinner, please either brown bag or arrive back early at Union Bus Station.

DEPARTURE:

Union Station (entrance lobby)
50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

ARRIVAL TO UNION STATION FOR DEPARTURE:

5:00 PM

Please consider participating in this faith-filled pilgrimage. To reserve a seat or if questions,

CONTACT ANDREW BY EMAIL OR PHONE:

andrewazan3rd@rcn.com or
(484) 259-7740

POPE BENEDICT XVI PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN



Lord Jesus,

- † You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence the Church and the history of men; You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life; We adore and bless you.
- † Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us, we beg you.
- † Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life.
- † Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.
- † Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life.
- † Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.
- † Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.
- † Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them.
- † Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.
- † Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True Good and Savior, the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You, in communion with the Blessed Trinity.

-- Pope Benedict XVI --

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING



SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

*Bible Study will be: January 13th & 27th,
February 10th & 24th, March 9th & 23rd,
April 6th & 20th*

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.

Your Stewardship Report - December 31		
First Collection	\$5,088	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 31</i>
Christmas	\$2,130	
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,038	
Other Collections	\$220	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$37</u>	
Total Collections	\$8,513	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - January 21



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Facilities Repair

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY
REVEREND JEFF WHORTON,
ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



Jochiam Alles
r/b Elfriede Kardos

Maddalena DiOdoardo
r/b Mike and Karen Shimko

Andrew Donello
r/b Mike and Debbie Kopach

Thomas Fiorini
r/b Melanie Clifford

John Mayza
r/b O'Reilly Family

Zachary Richard
r/b Beth and Harvey Beers

Anna Marie Yagerhofer
r/b Marie Bohus

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

My wife, Freda and I, recently welcomed our 20th grandchild into the world. At the end of it all folks, it's all about the grandchildren! There is nothing like the feeling of seeing your grandchildren. Not as intense as seeing your children, but a totally different experience. Its often said these days by many of the young that they do not want to bring children into the world because it, the world, is in such bad shape. They make it sound like its some sort of virtue.

What they don't understand, or refuse to understand, is that bringing more human life into the world makes it a better place by its very nature. Each new life gives everyone the hope that tomorrow will be possible, and the hope that tomorrow will be better. Looking into the eyes of my beautiful new granddaughter gives me a joy that is unrepeatabe in its uniqueness. I wonder if God gets that same feeling when each new child is born? After all, we humans have been made in His likeness and image.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

PRAYER FOR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE

Almighty and everlasting God, I seek your wisdom and guidance as I navigate the challenges and decisions of life. Please give me the discernment to make good choices, and the courage to follow your will for my life. Help me to trust in your love and direction, and to seek your wisdom in all things. Amen.



SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT
Feast Day January 17th

Saint Anthony is the best known of the Desert Fathers. He was born in the year 251 in Egypt to wealthy landowner parents. When he was about 18 years old, his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. Hearing at Mass the words, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor," he gave away all

his vast possessions, staying only to see that his sister's education was completed, and retired into the desert. He then took up his abode in one of the tombs, near his native village, and there it was that he encountered strange conflicts with demons in the shape of wild beasts, who inflicted blows upon him, and sometimes left him nearly dead.

The devils assaulted him furiously, appearing as various monsters, but his courage never failed, and he overcame them all by confidence in God and by the sign of the cross. St. Anthony fasted with only bread and water, which he never tasted before sunset, and sometimes only had once in two, three, or four days and he wore sackcloth and sheepskin, and he often knelt in prayer from sunset to sunrise. After more vain assaults, the devils fled, due to Saint Anthony's courage, strength and his devotion to our Lord. Because of this God appeared to Anthony in His glory.

In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us. Do we turn away from God when tempted or do we turn towards God for strength and courage to overcome our sinful ways like St. Anthony?

QUOTES FROM SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOTT

- ◆ The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.
- ◆ The days are coming when men will go mad; and, when they meet a man who has kept his senses, they will rise up against him, saying, "You are mad, because you are not like us."
- ◆ Do not be afraid of temptation. Remember that the devil is a liar, and will always try to trick you into believing that you are worse than you are, or that God will not forgive you. But remember that God is merciful and loving, and will always forgive you when you turn to him in repentance.

-- St. Anthony, Abbott --

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

will be OPEN

January 21st and February 5th & 19th
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

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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NEW AND APPROVED AD TIMES ONLINE

Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

Email your name and address to

communication@AllentownDiocese.org

and we'll sign you up for a free email subscription and remove your name from the mailing list of the printed newspaper.

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

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 any special occasion? Just stop in and we can order that unique gift card!

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

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 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!!!

SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE
3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA 18045
MINI—RETREAT

"An Overview of Synod Topics and Participants"
will be the focus on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

After the 6:00 pm meal, Fr. Pat McCloskey will present from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Register at stfrancisretreathouse.org (click retreats tab, then dropdown mini-retreats) or call 610-258-3053 ext.0.

Onsite participant's donation is \$35 (registration closes on February 9 at 4:00 pm)

Virtual is \$20 (closes on February 14 at 4:00 pm).

MAKE STEWARDSHIP YOUR RESOLUTION IN 2024

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care.

Through our new partnership with **FreeWill**, you can start the new year by completing this important act of care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost. Please visit our website:

[Giving | Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown \(allentowndiocese.org\)](http://allentowndiocese.org) to begin.



BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Bethlehem Catholic 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.
Presented in the Becahi Auditorium.
Tickets available at the door or online at <http://bit.ly/becatheater>



PARISH INFORMATION

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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 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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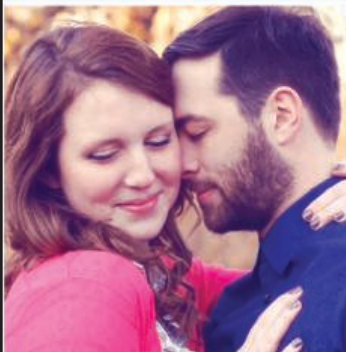
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