

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.



I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17

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THIRD
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME
JANUARY 21,
2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children
January 22 **2 Sm 5:17, 10/Mk 3:22-30**
 8:00 AM Richard Naylor
r/b Robert and Cheryl Adams and Francis Zuercher

Tuesday, Saint Marianne Cope
January 23 **2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35**
 8:00 AM Fran Elizabeth Hazel
r/b Chris and Marcia

Wednesday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
January 24 **2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20**
 8:00 AM Michael Washer
r/b Linda Savarese

Thursday, The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
January 25 **Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18**
 8:00 AM Zachary Richard
r/b Sharon and Bill Hillhouse

Friday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
January 26 **2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34**
 8:00 AM Joe Maroski
r/b wife, Marie

Saturday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
January 27 **Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28**
 5:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Gasper
r/b John M. Gasper

Sunday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28 **Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28**
 7:00 AM Stephen J. Gasper
r/b Pat and George Gasper
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Marianna Quartararo
r/b Quartararo 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 19 through January 25
 for the repose of the soul of



Anita Harris
r/b Karen Shimko

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 January 19 through January 25
 for



Tony DiOdoardo (living)
r/b Mike and Karen Shimko



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 January 19 through January 25
 for the repose of the soul of

John McManus
r/b Natalie and Cathryn

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 January 19 through January 25
 for the repose of the soul of



Betty Haldaman
r/b Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

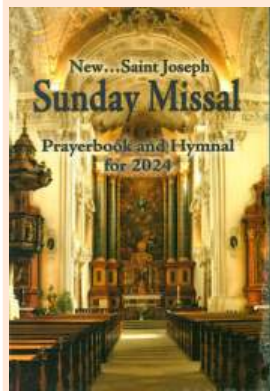
Liturgical Roles*

1/27-1/28 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Lectors Joan West Alfred Krantz Frank Molchan Beth Beers	Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris	Altar Servers John Vallance -- Daniel Holub --
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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 25th
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
for the week of
January 19 through January 25
are in memory of
Walter and Katherine Peppel
r/b Family



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!



SHOP STOP 2023 SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Shop Stop event. We had so many amazing Tricky Tray Baskets donations! The table of delicious homemade baked goods was also a hit! **Thank you** to the shoppers, volunteer workers, basket and baked good donors and everyone else who helped make this a success! Our total profit was just over \$1,000!

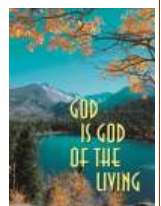
2023 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION



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 received by Sunday, December 31st will 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.

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:

TODAY – KofC Breakfast CANCELED!

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

A practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: “Blessed are you when they insult you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Mt 5:11-12a) It often isn't popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs. But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness – even when we face opposition or persecution to do so – we know we do so as followers of Christ.

Did You Know: A Prayer Intention of our Holy Father: “We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
HAS BEEN CANCELED
DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES
Apologies for the short notice; it could not be avoided.
Stay tuned for news on future breakfasts and thank you for your patronage!

Good Morning

Breakfast



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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Good Shepherd Catholic School in Northampton will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28th through February 3rd.

Open House
Sunday, January 28th
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Current and future families are encouraged to come in and see what GSCS is all about! Come visit, take a tour, and meet our fabulous staff.

Accepting enrollment for the 2024-25 school year.

Grades K-8, Preschool (3 yrs.) and Pre-K (4 yrs.)

GSCS now offers an *Aquinas Program* for students diagnosed with a specific learning disability.

For more information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call Ms. Erica Nochtan, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

January 22, 2024

Prayer from Pope John Paul II

Please God you may continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being.

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

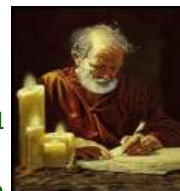
BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

Bible Study will be: January 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.

**THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE**
Feast Day—January 25th

Even after Saint Paul's conversion he had to strive to attain what God gave him.

Forward in Christ. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus]. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. Let us, then, who are "perfectly mature" adopt this attitude. And if you have a different attitude, this too God will reveal to you. Only, with regard to what we have attained, continue on the same course. **(Philippians 3:12-16)**

Saint Paul was struck down by God for his conversion and had a reawakening to God's will. God speaks to us too. He tells us to change our ways, believe in Him and his beloved Son, help one and other, follow His laws, ask Him for forgiveness, repentant for our sins, spread His word and open his book (The Holy Bible) to follow His teachings. God will always help you to have a conversion of heart and get closer to Him. He is waiting for you!!

**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday,

January 27th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) in
the Father Post Room of the
Burkhart Building.

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

Your Stewardship Report - January 7

First Collection	\$6,843	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than January 7</i>
Parish Improvement	\$997	
Christmas	\$790	
Other Collections	\$210	
<u>Other</u>	\$29	
Total Collections	\$8,869	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - January 28



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Catholic Relief Services

“SPECIAL COLLECTION”

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY

**REVEREND JEFF WHORTON,
ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN**



Jakob Alles

r/b Elfriede Kardos

Maddalena DiOdoardo

r/b Rick and Regina Gower and Family

Andrew Donello

r/b Ed Yost

Virginia Forest

*r/b Robert and Cheryl Adams
and Francis Zuercher*

Francis L. Mulville, Sr.

r/b O’Reilly Family

Anne Schweitzer

r/b George and Pat Gasper

Anna Marie Yagerhofer

r/b Deborah Bohus

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Just as a reminder, since we, Catholics, are anti-abortion that doesn't mean we are anti to those who have had abortions or taken some part in getting others an abortion. The Church never leaves us alone.

There is a ministry called, "Project Rachel" (HopeAfterAbortion.org) which supports those who fall into the above categories. We read in Genesis that Rachel was Jacob's second wife and was buried in Bethlehem. The ministry takes her name in honor of the Holy Innocents who were murdered by King Herod in Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus.

Remember, God is a God of second chances. Regardless of what we have done in the past, the confessional is always available, as is God's unconditional forgiveness.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



SAINT MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN
Feast Day—January 23rd

Saint Marianne Cope was a German-born American nun who dedicated her life to serving the sick and vulnerable. She is known for her work in Hawaii, where she spent the latter part of her life caring for patients with leprosy. Saint Marianne Cope was born on January 23rd, 1838, in Heppenheim, Germany. Her family emigrated to the United States when she was a young girl, settling in Utica, New York. She entered the Sisters of Saint Francis religious order at the age of 24 and was given the name, Marianne.

In 1870, Sister Marianne was appointed the superior of Saint Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She was known for her compassionate care of patients and for her innovations in healthcare, such as the establishment of the first hospital-based school of nursing in the United States.

In 1883, Sister Marianne was asked to lead a group of nuns to Hawaii to care for patients with leprosy, a disease that was then incurable and highly stigmatized. She spent the next 35 years on the island of Molokai, where she established a hospital and cared for patients with leprosy with great love and dignity.

Sister Marianne's work in Hawaii earned her widespread admiration and respect. She was known for her gentle and compassionate approach to caring for patients with leprosy, whom she saw not as outcasts but as beloved children of God. She was also known for her courage and determination, often traveling great distances on foot to visit patients in remote areas of the island.

She died in 1918 and was beatified on May 14, 2005 and canonized on October 21, 2012, both by Pope Benedict XVI.



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.

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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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 (registration 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](http://www.freewill.com)
 [\(allentowndiocese.org\) to begin](http://allentowndiocese.org)

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!!!

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

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!

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

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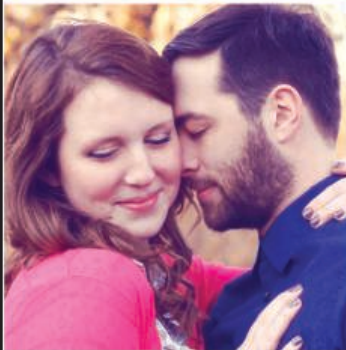
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