

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, The Epiphany of the Lord (anticipated)
January 6 **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, The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7 **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

Monday, The Baptism of the Lord
January 8 **Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11**
 8:00 AM Stephen Gasper
r/b Ed Yost and family

Tuesday, Weekday
January 9 **1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28**
 8:00 AM Ronald Konapelsky
r/b Reverend Christopher S. Butera

Wednesday, Weekday
January 10 **1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39**
 8:00 AM Man Sung Lee
r/b Nancy Hebert

Thursday, Weekday
January 11 **1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45**
 8:00 AM Richard Naylor
r/b Anthony Ulecka and Nicole Adams

Friday, Weekday
January 12 **1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12**
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

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

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 5 through January 11
 for the repose of the soul of



Anita Harris
r/b the Hayes Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 January 5 through January 11
 for the repose of the soul of



Leonard Marchica
r/b the Hayes Family

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.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 January 5 through January 11
 for the repose of the souls of
deceased members of the
Hayes Family
r/b Deb and Paul Hayes



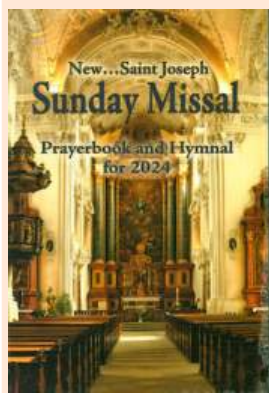
NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>1/13-1/14 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Christina Gehringer Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Beth Skinner Tom Weber</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p>Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- John Vallance Daniel Holub</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>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF Louise Kahler of Sacred Heart Parish and Rev. Monsignor John Murphy and Rev. William N. Seifert both of the Diocese of Allentown



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 11th
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



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

JANUARY 7, 2024

As with the Three Kings, Pope Francis said, “the experience of God does not block us, but frees us; it does not imprison us, but puts us back on our way, returning us to the usual places of our existence. The places are the same but, after the encounter with Christ, we are not the same as before.”

To worship like the Magi did, is “to bring gold to the Lord and to tell him that nothing is more precious than He is. To offer Him incense and to tell Him that only in union with Him can our lives rise up to heaven. To present Him with myrrh, balm for the bruised and wounded, and to promise Him that we will aid our marginalized and suffering neighbors in whom He Himself is present,” the pope said.

Like the Magi, Christians discover the meaning of their life’s journey in worshipping the Lord and it brings them great joy.

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.

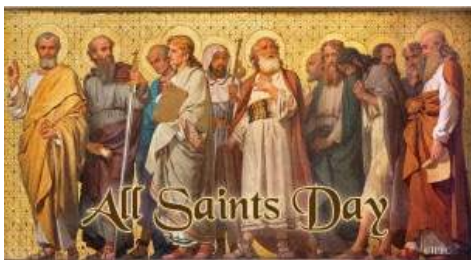
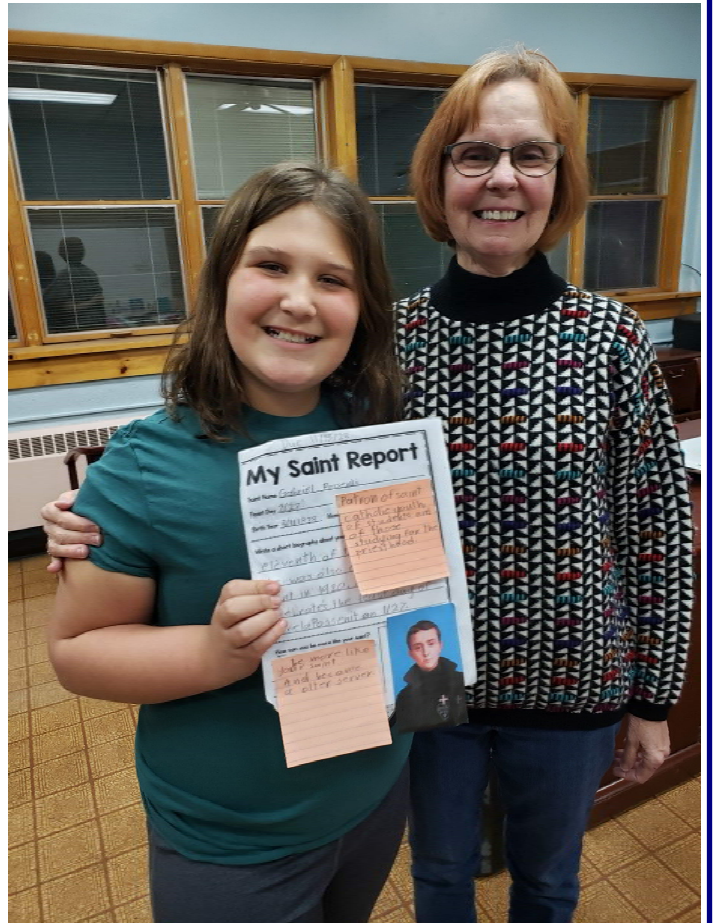
The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN ACTION
AT SACRED HEART OF JESUS
PARISH!

The second graders in Mrs. Carol Derhammer's Religious Education classroom were busy earlier this fall learning all about the Saints.

Pictured to the right is one of the students, Gabriella, with catechist, Mrs. Derhammer, showing her saint report on Saint Gabriel.

The second graders presented their Saint Reports in class and everyone learned more about how the Saints lived and dedicated their lives to God. Great job everyone!



HELP NEEDED WITH
UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH
THIS WEEKEND!

Christmas Decorations
 will be taken down and stored.

Sunday afternoon, January 7th,
beginning at 12:30 pm.

The more volunteers,
 the less time it will take.

Your help will be most welcome! Thank you!



PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th
IN OBSERVANCE
OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

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

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.





-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 – Monthly Planning Meeting**
7:00pm Burkhart Building and Zoom

We continue with our Brotherhood's Core Principles: This week we feature FRATERNITY. The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

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.



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 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!

CONSIDER DONATING BLOOD

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER



Help save a life by donating blood!

The center is always in dire need for blood donations. Please consider giving blood at one of their local donation centers. What a wonderful way to start the New Year by give someone a life saving gift.

Please go to <https://www.giveapint.org>

**Miller-Keystone Blood Center
for locations and more information.**

Thank You!



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Feast Day—January 8th)

At Jesus' baptism **God the Father** spoke from heaven, God the Son was baptized, and God the **Holy Spirit** descended on Jesus like a dove.

Jesus was sinless; he did not need cleansing. No, the act of baptism was part of Christ's mission in coming to earth. Like previous priests of God — Moses, Nehemiah, and Daniel — Jesus was confessing sin on behalf of the people of the world. Likewise, he was endorsing John's ministry of baptism. Jesus' baptism was unique. It was different from the "baptism of repentance" that John had been performing. It was not a "Christian baptism" as we experience today. Christ's baptism was a step of obedience at the beginning of his public ministry to identify himself with John's message of repentance and the revival movement it had begun. John had devoted his life to preparing for the arrival of Jesus. He had focused all of his energy on this moment. His heart was set on obedience. Yet, the very first thing Jesus asked him to do, John resisted.

John resisted because he felt unqualified, unworthy to do what Jesus had asked. **Do you feel inadequate to fulfill your mission from God?** John felt unworthy even to unfasten the shoes of Jesus, yet Jesus said John was the greatest of all prophets (*Luke 7:28*). **How many times do we hear the word of God and question the message sent to us? Don't let your feelings of inadequacy hold you back from listening to God's words and your appointed mission.**

Your Stewardship Report - December 24		
First Collection	\$8,461	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 24</i>
Christmas	\$16,520	
Other Collections	\$909	
Other	\$38	
Total Collections	\$25,928	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - January 14



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Heat

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER
NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday, 13th 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!

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



John Clark
r/b O'Reilly Family

Joseph D'Ambrosio
r/b Hillhouse Family

Maddelena DiOdoardo
r/b Mario and Rosalie Marcozzi

Virginia Forest
r/b Anthony Ulecka and Nicole Adams

Elfriede Kardos
r/b Elfriede Kardos

Zachary Richard
r/b Marcia and Chris Tallarico

Anne Schweitzer
r/b Barbara and Stephen Raykos

Anna Marie Yagerhofer
r/b Anna Yost

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Watch out! The pro-abortion media is frantically searching for the odd occurrence of a woman from a predominately pro-life state who "needs" an abortion and is being denied one. There recently have been two cases that they have promoted in all of their media outlets.

Without getting into the medical aspects, which in both cases are debatable, their goal is to emotionally manipulate the public into backing their pro-death agenda. Always keep in mind that they are not giving us the whole story, and their goal is to propagandize the abortion issue. Do not be fooled that they care one bit about the woman they are subjecting to this sort of publicity.

No woman is going to be harmed because she can't get an abortion on demand. The medical profession in our country will do what is medically necessary. First rule of a physician? "Do no harm."

-- 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 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.

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.

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 scan the QR code below or visit our website: [Giving | Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown \(allentowndiocese.org\)](http://Giving | Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown (allentowndiocese.org) to begin) to begin.

NEW YEAR 2024

The best way we can be examples of Christ is to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit in our lives. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot claim to know God. Therefore, our actions should be evident in the holy spirit's presence in our lives. Cultivate these fruits by allowing them to increase in your life. For example, get into the longest line at the grocery store to develop patience. To develop kindness, go up to someone you may not like, and say hello or ask how they are doing but do this with kindness in your heart. To develop joy, seek to praise the Lord in difficult situations. As you learn to cultivate the fruits of the spirit more regularly, people will see a change in you. The process won't be easy, but nothing in life worth doing ever is. You may not see a reward here on earth, but the reward you're creating in heaven will be eternal. Pray and ask God for ways to cultivate these fruits every day in your life. Start the year 2024 with God in your heart.

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 at 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

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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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>

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 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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 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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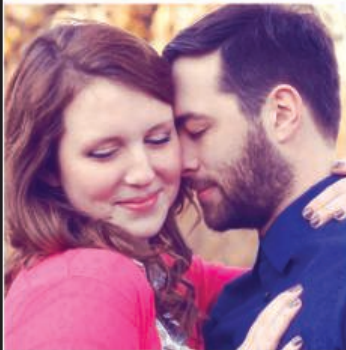
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