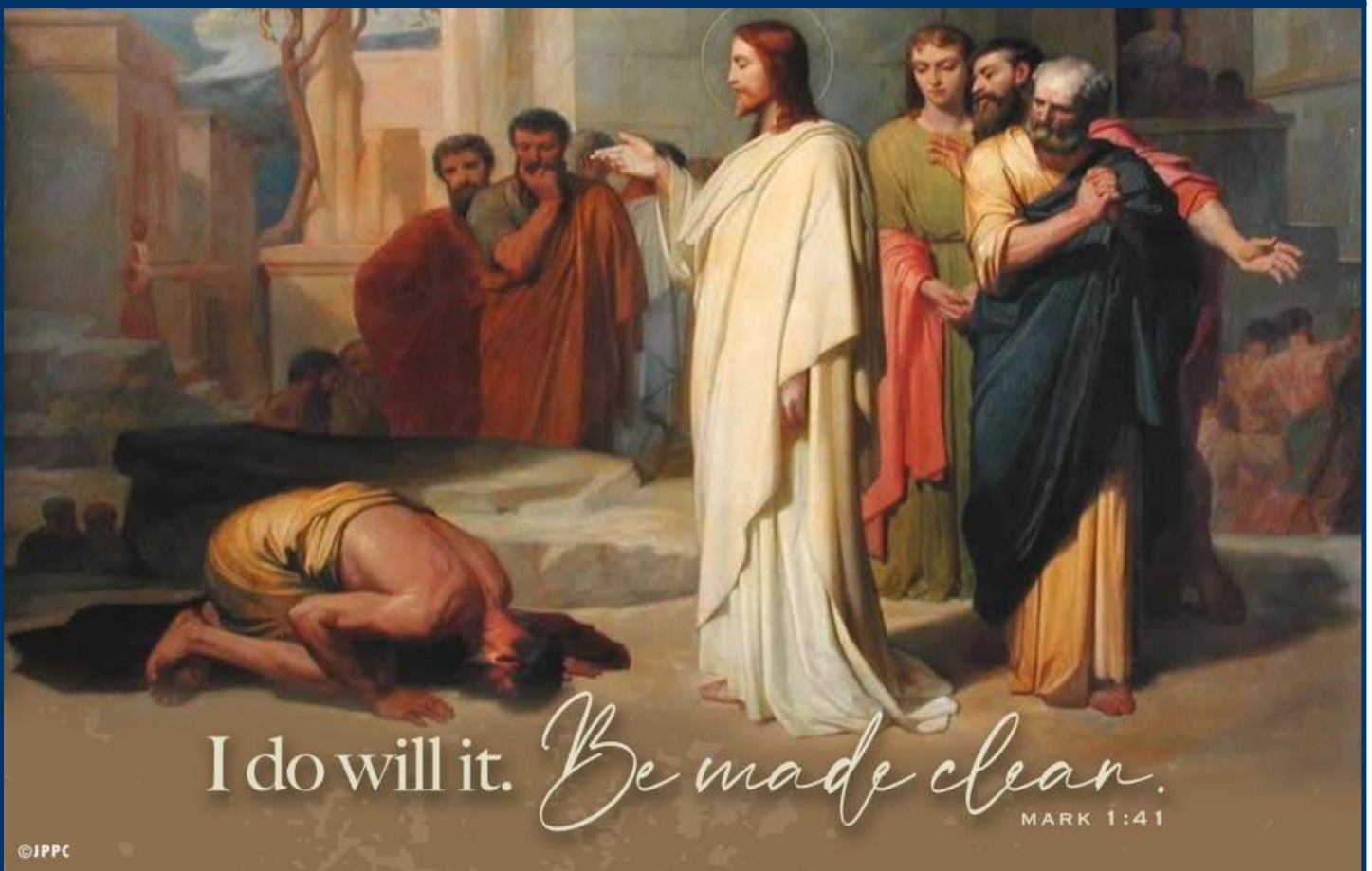


*SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH*  
*117 Washington Street*  
*Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524*

*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.*



*SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*FEBRUARY 11, 2024*

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:** Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - **Direct Telephone:** (800) 791-9209  
**DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION:** Pamela J Russo- **Telephone:** (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204  
**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE:** **Telephone:** 1-800-276-4562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**February 10** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11/  
 1 Mk 1:40-45

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 11** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11/  
 1 Mk 1:40-45

7:00 AM Anne Schweitzer  
*r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies*

9:00 AM Kathleen Klug  
*r/b Jean Pulli and Gordon Cumberland*

11:00 AM Petko Family Members  
*r/b Stan and Diane Petko*

**Monday, Weekday**  
**February 12** Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13  
 8:00 AM Bruno Wachholz  
*r/b Wachholz Family*

**Tuesday, Weekday**  
**February 13** Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21  
 8:00 AM Raymond Friend  
*r/b Jeannette and family*

**Wednesday, Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14** JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 8:00 AM Zachary Richard  
*r/b Debbie and Frank Molchan*  
 12:00 Noon Liturgy Service (with ashes)  
 6:00 PM Joseph Rothmeyer  
*r/b Deb Hayes*

**Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
**February 15** Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
 8:00 AM Anthony Liberto  
*r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family*

**Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
**February 16** Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
 8:00 AM George Pulli  
*r/b wife, Jean and sons*

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, First Sunday of Lent (anticipated)**  
**February 17** Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
 5:00 PM Albert Cascasan  
*r/b Christine and Stephen Nederostek*

**Sunday, First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18** Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 9:00 AM Zachary Richard  
*r/b Sacred Heart Ushers*  
 11:00 AM Maddalena DiOdoardo  
*r/b Carol and Glenn Derhammer*

**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  
 February 9 through February 15  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Graziana Bellifemine**  
*r/b DeVirgilio Family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 February 9 through February 15  
 for the repose of the soul of



**James R. Perota**  
*r/b Barracato Family*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 February 9 through February 15  
 for the repose of the souls of  
**Charles and Mary Manning**  
*r/b Betty Kondikoff*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, February 15th**  
**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**  
**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<u>2/17 - 2/18</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Deacons/EMHCs</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 PM	Deb Hayes	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--
7:00 AM	Lisa Wilde Barnhorst	TBD	--
9:00 AM	Beth Beers	Tom Weber	--
11:00 AM	Joan West	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**Wednesday, February 14**

8:00AM and 6:00PM  
12:00 NOON Liturgy Service with Ashes

**DEVOTIONS DURING LENT**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursdays during Lent from 8:30AM  
(after daily Mass) through 9:00PM

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:30PM  
During Thursday Adoration  
of the most Blessed Sacrament, 7:00-8:00PM  
Monday through Friday mornings,  
7:30 – 7:50AM  
Lent Confessions with multiple priests  
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 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>

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. During this holy season, we're encouraged to repent of our sinfulness, to seek the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to grow closer to him through prayer and fasting. What is happening in our lives is mirrored in the Church: music is subdued, alleluia is not said or sung, and the use of flowers is not permitted. Many of you kindly arrange for flowers in memory of your loved ones. We will welcome that loving gesture after Easter.

**RICE BOWL—LENT IS COMING!**

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.



Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Church ramp entrance vestibule.

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice.

Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) to learn more.

**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent confusion or delay when the time nears for the sacraments (and sacramental preparation), reception is **not governed by where one attends school nor by where you attend Mass nor receive Religious Education.** For example, if you live in the territorial boundaries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and your 2nd grader attends Good Shepherd School in Northampton, they will receive their Religious Education from Good Shepherd School, but receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you.  
**Thank you!**



**THE CHURCH'S LAWS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

The **Eucharistic fast** is a fast of one hour all throughout the year before Holy Communion.

**Abstinence** requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on ***all Fridays of the year*** in honor of the Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday.

- \* On the Fridays outside of Lent the U.S. Bishops Conference obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the US to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. They must do some penitential/charitable practice on these Fridays.
- \* On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent, abstinence from meat is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.
- \* Meat is considered to be the flesh of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as dairy products.

**Fasting** is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- \* The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal.
- \* The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Eating between meals breaks the fast.

**WELCOME**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus  
would like to extend a warm  
welcome to the  
following new parishioners:**

**Donald Marano  
Anthony Deo  
James and Regina Costello**

**We hope they will feel at  
home in our parish!**

**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 **February 13th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. **Volunteers are needed on Friday, February 9th 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!**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Monday, February 19th**  
**in observance of  
Presidents' Day**

**MARCH LOTTERY CALENDARS**  
**LUCK OF THE IRISH - WIN UP TO \$500**

***Take a chance on our March Lottery Calendar to win from \$50 to \$500!!***

**If you are feeling lucky for St. Patrick's Day just fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before February 29th. \$10 each or 3 calendars for \$25! Extra calendars are available in parish offices. A fun way to help support our parish!**

**GOOD LUCK!!!!!!**



**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- Monday, February 12 – Monthly Membership Meeting  
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom
- Sunday, February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Exemplification  
Ceremony at 12:30pm Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
- Friday, February 23 – Lenten Friday Fish Dinner  
4:30pm – 7:00pm, Church Auditorium
- Monday, February 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting  
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

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We continue with brief synopses of **INTO THE BREACH** videos which seek to answer the question of what it means to be a man in today's world:

- † **Brotherhood**- Man was not meant to “go it alone” but to be in communion with others. It is important to build closer relationships with other men. Master Sergeant Sompaul Vorapanich shares lessons on the importance of Brotherhood.
- † **Leadership**-Men must become leaders through developing their character. True leadership seeks greatness and brings out greatness in others. Robert Yates discusses his service in the Air Force and highlights the importance of being a leader.

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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  
LENTEN FISH DINNER  
“FULL MENU BUFFET”**  
**February 23rd, March 8th  
and March 22nd**  
**4:30 pm to 7:00 pm**  
**Church Auditorium**  
**We are in need of:**

- ⇒ Volunteers to help at the dinners
- ⇒ Donations of baked goods (drop-off after noon on day of dinners.)

Contact the parish office for more information!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!**

**MATEYS PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

**Make dinner easy any day of the week by purchasing 12” frozen Matey’s pizzas!**

**Pick-up weekly on the 6 Fridays in Lent or all at one time!**

**Four varieties available plus Gluten Free.**

**Friday Pick-Ups: February 16th & 23rd and March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.**

**Pick-up in the church auditorium from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and immediately following Stations of the Cross.**

**For your convenience, pre-orders will be accepted. Simply pick up and fill out a pizza order form and return with payment to the Parish Offices or collection basket.**

**(Pizzas do not need to be pre-ordered)**

**It is a great way to support Sacred Heart Parish!**



**JANUARY 2024**  
**SACRED HEART**  
**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**DONATIONS**

**In Memory of Anita Harris**

Rusty Amato  
 Jeffrey and Rosemary Bader  
 Matt Crystal  
 Aunt Alice Danko and Family  
 Marion Dolecki  
 Paul and Deb Hayes  
 Nancy Heckler  
 Katherine L. Heller  
 Huth Insurance  
 Bruce and Hollis Kent  
 John and MaryAnn Kozak  
 Lower Nazareth Township  
 Robert and Janis Mease  
 Linda Michael  
 Kenneth Nickels and Linda Schultz  
 Donna L. Paulson  
 Pete and Mary Lu Peppel  
 Alison Rothrock  
 Mary Ellen Sheaman  
 Tom and Mary Toczek  
 Edward and Jill Wandler

**In Memory of Louise "Gigi" Kahler**

American Legion Auxiliary  
 Rick and Regina Gower and Family  
 Jayne L. Serino

**SACRED HEART MEMORIAL FUND**

Please consider remembering your loved one in the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund. A donation to the Memorial Fund assists the mission of the parish and benefits the person remembered through the fruits of Holy Mass offered every First Friday.

**Memorial Fund Remembrance Cards are available in the Parish Office.**



**SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**PARTICIPATION IN NEXT GENERATION**  
**DIOCESE INITIATIVE!**

As a reminder, the Diocese of Allentown is embarking on an initiative that will invigorate the Church for the future. It has partnered with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), a lay apostolate headquartered just outside of Philadelphia that inspires Catholic leaders to revitalize the Church for a Christ-filled and joy-filled future through a close accompaniment. The Diocese has started implementing CLI's Next Generation Diocese initiative, which will offer support for our Bishop, our priests, and our 78 parishes.

**We are ready at Sacred Heart of Jesus to kick-off this process.** The very first step involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in!

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith

**The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from February 14th through March 27th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link once the survey period begins.

**Paper surveys will also be available** for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

**Thank you** for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Please contact the parish office with any questions.

<b>Your Stewardship Report - January 28</b>		
First Collection	\$6,093	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>January 28</b></i>
Other Collections	\$1,050	
<u>Other</u>	\$41	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$7,184</b>	
<b>Catholic Relief</b>	<b>\$1,386</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

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

**Next Week's Collections - February 18**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Catholic Home Missions

**“SPECIAL COLLECTION”**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**  
**NEXT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**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!

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



**Clothilde Alles**  
*r/b Elfriede Kardos*

**Maddalena DiOdoardo**  
*r/b O'Reilly Family*

**Andrew Donello**  
*r/b Georgette and Charles Donello*

**Virginia Forest**  
*r/b Stan and Diane Petko*


**Anna Marie Yagerhofer**  
*r/b Judy Blasko*

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Scary stuff going on in Canada. Canada has had legal assisted suicide, (they call it MAiD, Medical Assistant in Dying, sounds better than murder) for a number of years. The original law only applied to Canadians with a serious disease with no chance of recovery. Not that that is a good thing as it is still immoral to kill someone innocent, regardless of their state of health. However, these laws always put people on a slippery slope.

Their latest plunge into hell is a proposal to allow those with mental health issues to be helped in their dying process by the medical profession. These people were excluded in the original legislature. The possibilities of doing away with people who do not have the mental capacity to make such a decision are endless. Breaking God's laws, such as "thou shalt not murder" never has a happy ending. Who will be next?

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
**THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF**  
**Margaret (Maggie) Impeciati**  
**of Sacred Heart Parish**

**GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER**  
**DELICIOUS EASTER CANDY**  
**DON'T FORGET TO PLACE**  
**YOUR ORDERS!!!**

**SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**"GERTRUDE HAWK"**  
**EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER**

Order forms and catalogs are available in the Church vestibule or the parish offices or you can order online by clicking the link from our parish website.

Paper orders must be in by Monday, February 12th!  
Online orders shipped to your home are due by March 17th.

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Parish.

Drop off your order to the parish offices or put in collection basket.

Any questions, please call Karen at 610-837-6391



**SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

**WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "EASTER" OR ALL YEAR-ROUND!**  
**GREAT FOR HOLIDAY GIVING OR 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 all of the gift cards that we have on hand and those we can order for you.

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!!!



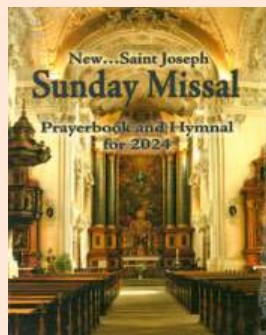
**BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!**  
**Women's Guild Bake Sale**

Saturday, February 10 & Sunday, February 11 in the ramp area before and after all Masses. Thank you to all who bake and those who support the Women's Guild!



**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 200 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!



**BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL**  
**BURKHART BUILDING**

**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**

***Bible Study will be: February 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](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com).**

**LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY**

***will be OPEN***

***February 18th and March 3rd & 17th***

***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**

**ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 14TH**

In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in Heaven.

**2024 LENTEN EMBER DAYS**

**Wednesday, February 21st**

**Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th**

**Celebrate Lenten Ember Days for the Season as a sign of reparation and healing for the Church. Ember Days are quarterly observances with 3 days set aside to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are 12 Ember Days in all.**

Holy Mother church provides many opportunities to refresh and renew. The Lenten Ember Days blend with the season of Lent, providing reminders to continue and persevere in the spirit of conversion and penance. The fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

The Church no longer regularly ordains priests during the Quarterly Ember Days, but traditionally this is a special time, particularly Ember Saturday, to pray for priests and for seminarians.

**SAINT THERESA CHURCH, HELLERTOWN**

**St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope**

***Will take place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown.***

***Beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 13.***

Rev. Stephan Isaac, Parochial Vicar at St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, will lead us in prayer for our fallen-away loved ones.

All are warmly invited, and no registration is required. A St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will take place in the parish hall immediately following the Holy Hour.

All are welcome to attend the meeting; it is not necessary for one to have read the book beforehand.

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

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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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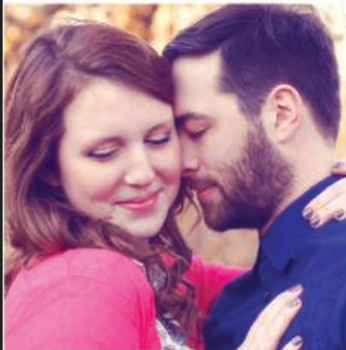
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