

*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.*



*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*  
*FEBRUARY 18, 2024*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 1st 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, 1st 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*

**Monday, Lenten Weekday**  
**February 19** **Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46**  
 9:00 AM Bishop Thomas Welsh (anniversary of death)

**Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**  
**February 20** **Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15**  
 8:00 AM Ann Richards  
*r/b Christa Georgeson*

**Wednesday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop**  
**February 21** **Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32**  
 8:00 AM Andy Donello  
*r/b Steve and Colette Mitch*

**Thursday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**  
**February 22** **1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19**  
 8:00 AM Virginia Forest  
*r/b Sandy Gaspar*

**Friday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop**  
**February 23** **Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26**  
 8:00 AM Thomas Gillich  
*r/b MaryJane and Ken Pietrzak*  
 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, 2nd Sunday of Lent (anticipated)**  
**February 24** **Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/  
 Mk 9:2-10**  
 5:00 PM Marianna Quartararo  
*r/b Dale and Dolla Schrey*

**Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25** **Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/  
 Mk 9:2-10**  
 7:00 AM Ronald Matyas  
*r/b Vivian and family*  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 11:00 AM AnnMarie Scholl  
*r/b sister, Doris*

**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 16 through February 22  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Franco Pappagallo**  
*r/b DeVirgilio Family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 February 16 through February 22  
 for the repose of the soul of



**David J. Eckel**  
*r/b Wachholz Family*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, February 22th**  
**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**  
**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 February 16 through February 22  
 for the repose of the soul of

**Eleanor F. Barracato**  
*r/b Barracato Family*



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>2/24 - 2/25</b>                  5:00 PM                  7:00 AM                  9:00 AM                  11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b>                  Joan West                  Alfred Krantz                  Beth Skinner                  Tom Weber</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b>                  Deacon Lewis Ferris                  Deacon Edward Saukulak                  Deacon Lewis Ferris                  Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b>                  Peter Vallance                  --                  Daniel Holub                  John Vallance</p>
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**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**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 [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.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 DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS NOW OPEN!**

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. 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.

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. We invite you to take the DMI survey today! Your input will help strengthen our parish and help prepare for the future.

The **10–15-minute survey can be accessed through a custom link available on Sacred Heart's website homepage at [sacredheartbath.org](http://sacredheartbath.org).** All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will also be sending **the survey link to parishioners via email.** If you have not provided the office your email in the past or if it has changed, please let us know at [office@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:office@sacredheartbath.org).

**Paper surveys are also available** for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick one up at the Parish Office during office hours. Or call the office at 610-837-7874 to request a survey be mailed to you.

**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.**

**SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please consider volunteering for our upcoming fundraisers. **Help is needed on Fridays starting February 16th for our Pizza and Past Lenten Dinner, Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner and sale of Matey's Pizza.**

Just call the parish offices for times and days that are needed.

This is a great way to meet parishioners, have fun and help support Sacred Heart Parish. A fundraising event allows a group of wonderful people to come together to support a particular event or sale. Our parish benefits in many ways due to the generosity of volunteers and patrons of these events! Thank you!

**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!!**

**\$10.00 each or increase your chances and buy 3 calendars for \$25.00!!**

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. Extra calendars are available in parish offices.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
(4) JANUARY WINNERS!**

**They won from \$50 to \$80!!**

**YOU CAN BE NEXT... GOOD LUCK!**



**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

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





**SACRED HEART WOMEN'S GUILD**  
**PASTIE SALE**

**We are offering beef, beef no onion, chicken, sausage, veggie, and spinach.**

**All pasties are 12 ounces**  
**Cost: \$8.00 each**

**Orders are due by March 6th.**  
**Delivery date is March 20th.**

**Orders can be picked up in the**  
**Burkhart building (rear entrance)**  
**3:00pm until 5:00pm**

**Pasties can be ordered by calling**  
**Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369 or**  
**Cyndy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986.**



**-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- Friday, February 23 – Lenten Friday Fish Dinner**  
4:30pm – 7:00pm, Church Auditorium
- Monday, February 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting**  
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom
- Monday, March 11 – Monthly Membership Meeting**  
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting 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:

- † **Fatherhood:** The presence and involvement of a loving father is critical in the development of a child. True fatherhood models itself on God the Father. Former MLB player Mike Sweeney shares how the faith of a man should shape his role as a father.
- † **Family:** There is a “battle for the very soul of the family.” Men's service of their families requires sacrifice. Greg and Julie Alexander explain how discovering the true nature of marriage transformed their relationship and their family.

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**A Prayer Intention of our Holy Father - “We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.”**  
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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 FRIDAY FISH DINNERS**  
Beginning Friday, February 23rd  
and continuing March 8 and 22

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Lenten fish dinners. If you can lend a hand, please contact the parish office at 610-837-7874.

**FRIDAY LENTEN FISH DINNERS!**  
**(EAT-IN OR TAKE OUT)**  
**FEATURING:**  
 Tomato Soup, Battered and Baked Fish, Mac And Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Tater Barrels, Steamed Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Rolls and Butter, and Beverages

**\$13.00 for Adults**  
**\$5.00 for children 6-12 and Under 6 Free**

From 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church Auditorium. Complete your evening with Stations of the Cross following at 7:00 pm.

Please be sure to bring a canned good which will benefit the Food Banks we support!

**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 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)**  
**Please call the parish offices if you would like to volunteer to sell pizzas on Fridays during Lent.**

**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

Mailing Address  
POST OFFICE BOX F  
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA  
18105-1538

14 February 2024

*Ash Wednesday*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred seasons of our faith, none is more rigorous than the Holy Season of Lent. During this time, the Church urges us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In my Lenten Letter this year, I would like to reflect with you on the practice of *fasting*. Already by the second century, fasting was integrated into the lifestyle of Christians. Fasting is not merely an ancient ritual but a timeless discipline that deepens our spiritual relationship with God.

In this act of self-denial, we emulate Christ's sacrifice and cultivate virtues such as humility and temperance. Fasting redirects our focus from worldly desires to the eternal truths of our faith, fostering a spirit of prayer, holiness, and charity.

In the New Testament, Jesus fasts forty days and nights in the desert, modeling for us the forty-day period of Lent. When Jesus' disciples were disappointed because they could not cast out a certain evil spirit, He told them that "only prayer and fasting can cast this kind out, nothing else can." (Mark 9:29).

Because the very life and teaching of Our Lord exemplify the practice of fasting, we can conclude that a spirit of denial is integral to the life of a Christian and the overcoming of the Evil One. Saint Athanasius wrote, "Devils take great delight in fullness and drunkenness, and bodily comfort. Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels."

When we fast, we deny ourselves legitimate things so that we can master our cravings instead of being driven by them. The spiritual purpose of fasting should not be linked to the desire — which can be commendable for health reasons — to lose weight. Spiritually, fasting is linked to a desire for penance which in turn focuses our attention more clearly on prayer and the overcoming of sin.

Fasting is also a path of solidarity with the less fortunate, which leads to the Lenten practice of almsgiving/good works. It is a reminder of the hunger for justice in our world, especially in our time of disrespect for human life, of growing marginalization between people, and of multi-national conflicts. Let us, then, courageously approach the discipline of fasting with sincerity, seeking spiritual renewal and a closer union with the suffering Christ.

During this Lenten season, may we embrace fasting not as a burden, but as a transformative spiritual journey. By willingly surrendering certain comforts, we can open our hearts to God's grace and allow His love to fill the void left by material indulgence.

May God's grace guide us through this Holy Season of fasting, leading us to a richer, more profound experience of His love and mercy as we "banquet with Angels" in preparation for a joyous Easter.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert

Bishop of Allentown

<b>Your Stewardship Report - February 4</b>		
First Collection	\$10,710	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than February 4</i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,699	
Other Collections	\$1,276	
Other	\$71	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$13,756</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

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

**Next Week's Collections - February 25**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Rice Bowl

**"SPECIAL COLLECTION"**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

**THIS SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH**

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. 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**



**Katarina Alles**  
*r/b Elfriede Kardos*

**Andrew Donello**  
*r/b Maria, Steve and Katie Kresge*

**Zachary Richard**  
*r/b George and Judy Burke*

**Anna Marie Yagerhofer**  
*r/b Frank and Carol Steier*

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**


The Morning Call had a front-page article on abortion in Pennsylvania recently. The main part of the article was if abortions should be covered by Medicaid. Medicaid is the program that covers those who are poor with no medical insurance. Basically, the abortions will be paid for by you and me, the tax payers. There is no regard that some of us consider abortion murder, and therefore, highly unethical and immoral. We will pay our fair share anyway.

Make no mistake about the goal of the pro-aborts is to have no restrictions or limits on abortion up until the time of birth. Planned Parenthood, the biggest abortion providers in the country had this to say in the article: "the first step toward ending discriminatory access to care (note the euphemism for abortion), and we remain committed to removing every barrier to abortion." He actually uses the word abortion at the end of his statement. Might cost him his job.

Planned Parenthood has always been in favor of aborting inner-city babies, what Margaret Sanger the founder of PP called the "inferior races."

**-- Deacon Lewis Ferris**

**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 April 2024 for all candle types. Call or visit the office to schedule. A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF LENT– February 18th**



- † When you fast, it mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning His public ministry. Fasting should be a personal sacrifice you give to Our Lord. Done with deep prayer and opening our lives to His word.
- † In Lent, fasting helps to deepen our connection with God, our awareness of Jesus’ sacrificial love, and to prepare our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery. Jesus’s birth, His crucifixion, and His divine rising.
- † During Lent, fasting presents the opportunity to demonstrate self-control, making it easier to resist temptations in other areas of life. God is there to strengthen us to turn away from sin and He is there to help heal our uncertainties so that we can return back to Him.
- † These Lenten weeks offers a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning, and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. When we open ourselves up to God, it opens the doors of our hearts to give kindness, charity, and hope to others as Jesus did.
- † In the end it helps Christ’s followers to remember the humility of Jesus and imitate Him as we are called to do. Like Christmas and Easter, Lent is not just one day out of the year. God smiles down on us when we practice the teachings of these magnificent Holy Days all year long.



**2024  
Sacred Heart  
Picnic!**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**and**

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**



**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 24th, from 8 am to 12 pm (noon) in the Father Post Room of the Burkhart Building.**

**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



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

**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
***Bible Study will be held: 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).



**SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM**  
**WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "EASTER"**  
**OR ALL YEAR-ROUND!**  
**GREAT FOR BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS,**  
**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS, OR**  
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 Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time  
 You Grocery Shop  
**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 Burkhardt 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.

**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.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT SERIES**

Join us for a Lenten retreat series, featuring speakers from our Diocese. The event series is as follows:

- † Mon, Feb 19 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Roseto, Topic "Healing" by Maggie Riggins
- † Mon, Feb 26 - St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven, Topic "Presence" by Lillian Fallon
- † Mon, March 4 - St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, Topic "Sacrifice" by Rob Johnson
- † Mon, March 11 - Ss. Peter and Paul, Lehighton, Topic "Meal" by Kristin Osenbach
- † Mon, March 18 - Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, Topic "Holy" by Fr. John Trigilio.

**Schedule of the night: 6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration, 7:30pm presentation, 8:00pm refreshments.**

**COUNTRY COTTAGE NUT ROLL SALE**  
**SPONSORED BY**  
**LADIES AUXILIARY OF BATH**  
**FIREFIIGHTERS**

NUT	POPPY SEED	PUMPKIN CHEESE
PRUNE	APRICOT	SEEDLESS RASPBERRY


**Price: \$17**  
**To order: Call MaryAnn Lilly at 610-837-7908**  
**Deadline for orders and payment**  
**Monday, March 4th**  
**Pick up: Saturday, March 23 at the**  
**Bath Fire Station**



**MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING**  
**830 S. Woodward Street,**  
**Allentown, PA 18103**

Mercy School For Special Learning is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Mercy is a school in the Diocese of Allentown that educates students ages 3 - 21 with special needs.

If you are interested in learning more about Mercy please call the office at 610-797-8242 or email Beth Gryns, Principal, at [bgryns@mercyschool.org](mailto:bgryns@mercyschool.org).



**MEN'S LENTEN MORNING RETREAT**  
**ST. JANE DE CHANTAL CHURCH**  
**4049 Hartley Ave., Easton, PA**  
**March 2nd at 9:00 AM**

The Allentown Diocese's Men's Commission invites the men in the Diocese to attend their Lenten morning retreat. This year, the theme is "Brothers In Prayer."

The retreat will feature Bishop Alfred Schlert, Father Alex Brown, and Father Keith Laskowski. The morning will include Mass, talks, and confession. Register at: [www.MenAliveInChrist.org/events](http://www.MenAliveInChrist.org/events)

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY**  
 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625  
**PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING**  
 Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Rectory and Parish Office:**  
 Phone : 610-837-7874, Fax: 610-837-4570,  
 Email: office@sacredheartbath.org  
 Website: www.sacredheartbath.org

**Pastor:** Rev. Christopher S. Butera  
**Deacons:** Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak  
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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  
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**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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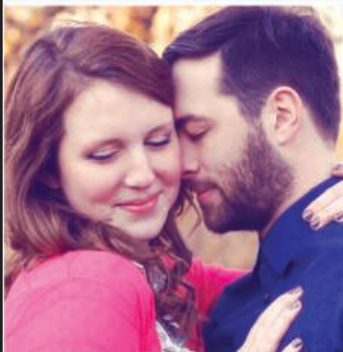
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