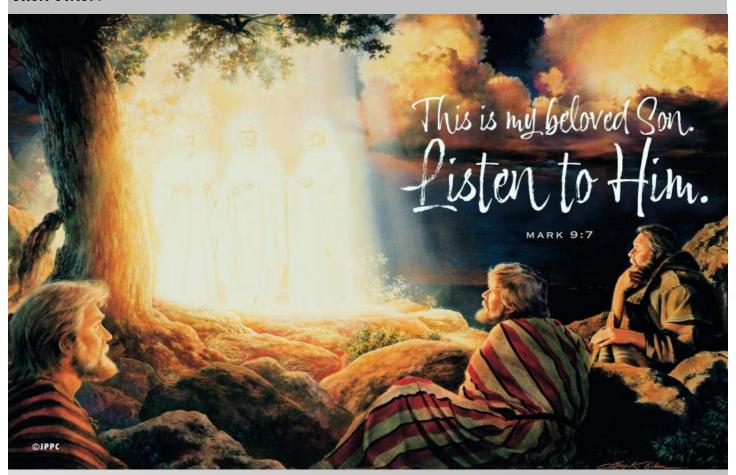
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

OUR MISSION

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a defined community of the Roman Catholic Church which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the fullness of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught by the authentic teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church.

We profess unity in belief, worship, and morals with our Holy Father and our Bishop. We seek to provide the fullness of life in the Church through the Sacred Liturgy, prayer, education, religious formation, outreach, and service to our neighbors and each other.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct</u> 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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Ann Marie Scholl

r/b sister, Doris

Monday, Lenten Weekday

February 26 Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

8:00 AM Agnes Blasko

r/b Klardie Family

Tuesday, Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot

February 27 Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Ann Marie Scholl

r/b sister, Doris

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

February 28 Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

8:00 AM Debbie Shimko

r/b Shimko Family

Thursday, Lenten Weekday

February 29 Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

8:00 AM Paul Pichler

r/b daughter and family

Friday, Lenten Weekday

March 1 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43,

45-46

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 3rd Sunday of Lent (anticipated)

March 2 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/

1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

5:00 PM Deceased members of the McManus Family

r/b Natalie and Cathryn

Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/

1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

7:00 AM Catherine and Stephen Gasper

r/b Pat and George Gasper

9:00 AM Kathleen (Glancy) Klug

r/b Beth and Harvey Beers

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

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 23 through February 29 for the repose of the soul of



Adeline Lyons r/b Barracato Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from February 23 through February 29 for the repose of the soul of



Debbie Shimko r/b Shimko Family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

February 23 through February 29

for the repose of the soul of

Adeline Lyons

r/b Barracato Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from February 23 through February 29 for the repose of the soul of



Richard Zenz r/b Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical + Roles

<u>3/2 –3/3</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	Deacons/EMHCs	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	TBD	Deacon Edward Saukulak	TBD
7:00 AM	TBD	Deacon Lewis Ferris	
9:00 AM	TBD	Deacon Edward Saukulak	TBD
11:00 AM	TBD	Deacon Lewis Ferris	TBD

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

EUCHARISTIC 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent began 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

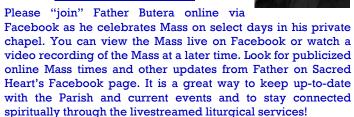
Thursday, February 29th

8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA



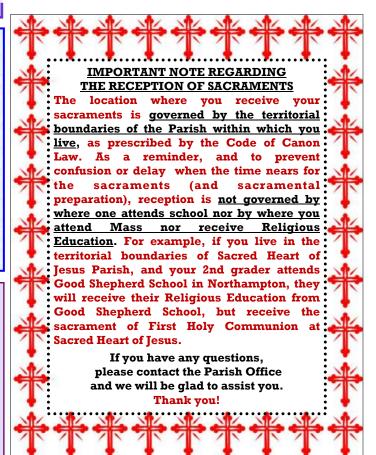
Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:

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





SAVE THE DATE! 2024 SACRED HEART PICNIC!

Friday, July 12th
AND
Saturday, July 13th

Mark your calendar! Be ready to volunteer!



MATEYS PIZZA FUNDRAISER Make dinner easy any day of the week by purchasing12" 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: 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.



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!



SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for our upcoming fundraisers. Help is needed on Fridays for our Pizza and Pasta 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!



-UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, February 26 - Monthly Planning Meeting 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

Friday, March 8 - Lenten Friday Fish Dinner from 4:30pm - 7:00pm, Church Auditorium Monday, March 11 - Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

Highlights of 2 more **INTO THE BREACH** videos which seek to answer the question of what it means to be a man in today's world:

- † Life: Human life is sacred. Men have a responsibility to protect society's most vulnerable. Men's participation in the pro-life movement is vital. John Morales shares his story of regret, healing, and hope as a testimony to the importance of life.
- Prayer: Prayer must be a priority in the life of a man. Eucharistic adoration, reading scripture and saying the rosary are central to prayer. Robert Sweeney tells his story of the power of prayer on the battlefield in Vietnam and life in general.

Spring is in the air?? Yep, the Knights have 2 Baseball events planned. Friday, June 21, our Night at The Iron Pigs and Thursday, August 22, our trip to Yankee Stadium for a day game vs. the Cleveland Guardians. Watch the Bulletin for further information and to reserve your spot.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with

millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofCl4464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.







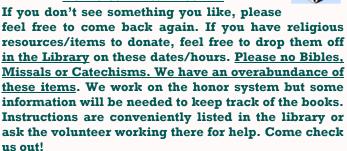
OSRICE BOWL During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors.

Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

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

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY will be OPEN—March 3rd & 17th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM



If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Donna Tanczos, OP at <u>DLtanczos@aol.com</u> or 610-349-7734



BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

Bible Study will be held:

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 Iferris 2000@yahoo.com.



<u>PARTICIPATION IN NEXT GENERATION</u> <u>DIOCESE INITIATIVE!</u>

The first step in helping Sacred Heart of Jesus assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey today!

Share your perspective now to help strengthen Sacred Heart of Jesus and better prepare us for the future—as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship!

For the DMI survey link for our parish, please visit:

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b3y9p5

You can also access the link by visiting our website home page at sacredheartbath.org.

Please contact the parish office with any questions.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT TRANSFORMATION OF JESUS

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

(Mark 9:2-3)

Prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus taught His disciples that He would have to suffer and die and that they must also follow in His footsteps. So Jesus revealed to them a taste of His unimaginable glory. And that image most certainly stayed with them and helped them every time they were tempted to get discouraged or despair over the holy demands our Lord placed upon them.

He will reveal to us through prayer a sense of Who He is, especially when we make the radical choice to follow Him without reserve. And through this, you will receive the gift of faith which will help when things in life get difficult.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus as He is now fully radiating His glory in Heaven through His transformation. Even after Peter, James and John saw and heard God's glory through Jesus, they still did not understand fully. In the end, everyone who believed and followed Jesus to His death and resurrection found their salvation.

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?" Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29)

How blessed were Peter, James and John to be chosen to witness the truth about Our Lord. During Lent read the Gospels of Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36 and experience with the disciples the transformation of Jesus. Are you a true believer?

Your Stewardship Report - February 11				
First Collection	\$7,310	Other collections -		
Other Collections	\$1,040	from envelopes dated		
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$41</u>	other than		
		February 11		
Total Collections	\$8,391	•		
		Other - donations,		
		candles, etc.		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - March 3



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Parish Improvement

"SPECIAL COLLECTION" CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL THANK YOU!!

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,375 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collections—see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

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



Heinrich Alles
r/b Elfriede Kardos

Anna Marie Yagerhofer
r/b Flo and Dan Marchetto



PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

John Mirro

and

Donald Solomon,

both of Sacred Heart Parish

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

As I navigate this journey of grief, may Your light shine through the cracks in my broken heart, reminding me of Your eternal love and the promise of a reunion beyond this life. Help me to find comfort in the memories of my loved one and the knowledge that they are in Your loving care. Amen

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

- \Rightarrow Mail your envelopes to:
 - Sacred Heart Church 210 E. Northampton Street Bath, PA 18014
- ⇒ Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.
- Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

February is "black history" month. The proabortion industry however is trying to make sure that there will be a much bleaker "Black future" by aborting five times as many black babies as white babies. Keep in mind that the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger's goal was to eliminate what she called the "inferior races." Apparently, Adolph Hitler was a big fan of her book on eugenics.

I happened to run across an article of a past National Right to Life President, a black woman, named Dr. Mildred Jefferson. What a great read. She was, according to the article, an exceptional speaker and had a tremendous influence on many people in high places regarding their views on abortion, including President Ronald Reagan. She defended human life from conception to natural death in a very compelling way.

She was the first black woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School. I wonder why the geniuses in Hollywood haven't made a movie of her life. Don't wait for it, because she is the pro-aborts worse nightmare. You can look her up on Google.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE Feast Day—February 22

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say

that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16:13-19)

Peter's strength is tested as the days move forward to Jesus's resurrection but the Gospel will prove that St. Peter is the pillar and foundation that our faith was built on.

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

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

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 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.



BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email bulletin@sacredheartbath.org
by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.

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.

CLOTHING SHED

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7
Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot
All proceeds go 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	Dage	Tovs
rabiic scraps	goods	Rags	Toys

SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY OF BATH FIREFIGHTERS

Price: \$17
To order: Call MaryAnn Lilly at 610-837-7908

NUT	POPPY SEED	PUMPKIN CHEESE
PRUNE	APRICOT	SEEDLESS RASPBERRY



Deadline for orders and payment

<u>Monday, March 4th</u>

Pick up: Saturday, March 23 at
the Bath Fire Station



DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT SERIES



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

- 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.

WE ARE REMEMBERED 33RD ANNUAL EASTER MASS

The 33rd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Father Stanley Moczydlowski Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall.

"We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry.

Wednesday, March 20 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Times.

We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation.

"The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support."

To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052: Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount, Address, Phone number, Email, and Name(s) of the deceased.

> For questions, contact Mary Spieker, dirreled@sercc.org or 610-266-0695.



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 School, please call the office at 610-797-8242 or email Beth Grys, Principal, at bgrys@mercyschool.org.

COR JESU, ADORATION & MASS

Starting again this Lent, we will be hosting adoration, Mass, and confession, for young adults in the Diocese, every Thursday leading up to Holy Week.

This is a great opportunity to invest in your spiritual life as you prepare for Easter, as well as a chance to meet fellow young adults!

The evening will begin with Adoration and Confession at 7pm, followed by Benediction and Holy Mass at 8pm. Mass will include Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony. Adoration will include worship music to help lead us in prayer.

> St. Ursula, Fountain Hill, Bethlehem 7pm

Dates: 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

BEGINNER LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS

EIGHT WEEKS ON TUESDAYS February 27 - April 16 from 5:30-6:00 pm

Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA

Registration is required. Only \$20.00 for all 8 weeks.

Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 - dirreled@sercc.org. See our parish website: www.sercc.org

This 1/2 hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!



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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

560 N. 6th Street, Bangor, PA 18013 "DANIEL"

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Wednesday April 24, 2024 Cost is \$145.00 per person, includes lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord

If interested or for more information please contact Karen Barr at 484-894-5686.

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:

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Email: office@sacredheartbath.org
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Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak
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kshimko@sacredheartbath.org 610-837-6391
Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

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 <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

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