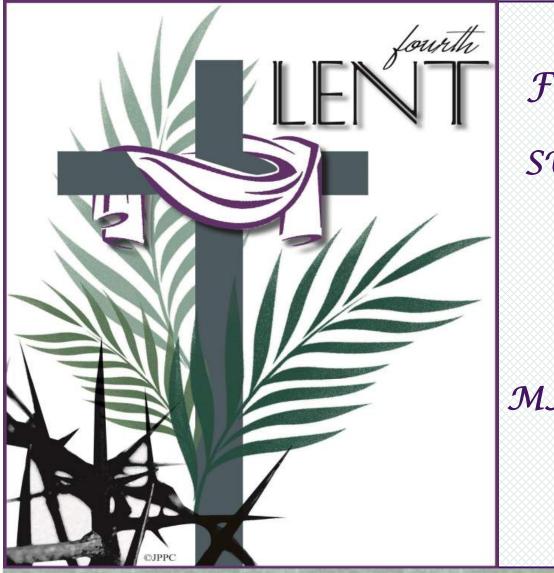
## SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

## 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.



FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF
LENT
MARCH 10,
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, 4th Sunday of Lent (anticipated)

March 9 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

or 1 Sm 16-1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9-1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent

March 10 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

or 1 Sm 16-1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/

Jn 9:1-41 or 9-1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits Family

9:00 AM Jim Lilly

r/b wife

11:00 AM Paul R. Barracato

r/b Barracato Family

Monday, Lenten Weekday

March 11 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

8:00 AM Anita Harris

r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

March 12 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM James M. Kohler (2nd anniversary of death)

r/b mother, Pat

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

March 13 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:00 AM William Koons

r/b Tim and MaryKay Duckworth

Thursday, Lenten Weekday

March 14 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

8:00 AM James Henderson

r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly

Friday, Lenten Weekday

March 15 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 AM Loretta Bober

r/b Quartararo Family

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 5th Sunday of Lent (anticipated)

March 16 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:6-11/Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27,33b-45

5:00 PM Jacob, Cecilia and John Dornbach

r/b Ron and Lucy and family

Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent

March 17 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:6-11/Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27,33b-45

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Connie Wheary

r/b Beth and Harvey Beers

11:00 AM John and Sylvia Flamisch

r/b daughter, Rosanne

## **POPE BENEDICT XVI**

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." Pope Benedict XVI

## **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 March 8 through March 14 for the repose of the souls of



Jean and Paul R. Barracato r/b Barracato Family

## SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from March 8 through March 14 for the repose of the soul of



Paul R. Barracato r/b Barracato Family

## THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from March 8 through March 14 for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

## Liturgical Roles

3/16 -3/17
5:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

# <u>Lectors</u> Frank Molchan William Doncsecz Beth Beers Tom Weber

## Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris

## <u>Altar Servers</u>

John Vallance

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Peter Vallance



#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

March 8 through March 14

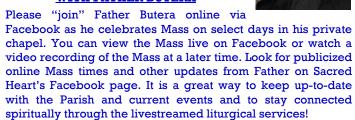
for the repose of the soul of

Paul R. Barracato r/b Barracato Family

## ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

Join us for Mass!

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® pagel



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

## **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

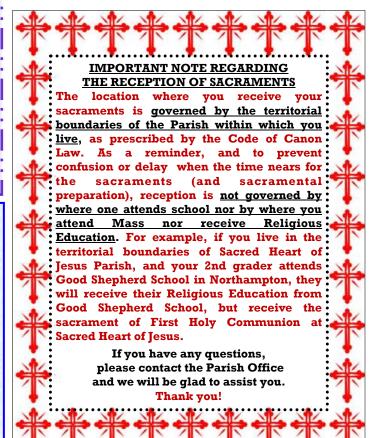
Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:30PM
During Thursday Adoration
of the most Blessed Sacrament, 7:00-8:00PM
Monday through Friday mornings,
7:30 – 7:50AM
Lent Confessions with multiple priests
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm

## **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.



GERTRUDE HAWK
EASTER CANDY
DELIVERY

CANDY ORDER
PICK-UP!

March 18th thru

March 22nd

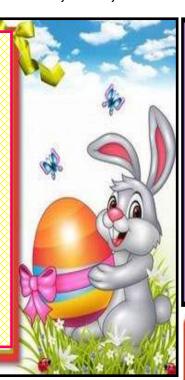
Lower level

parish office.

Burkhart Building

Enter at (blue doors).

Pick up time: 8 AM-3:30 PM





BAKE SALE
NEXT WEEKEND!
Women's Guild



Saturday, March 16th and
Sunday, March 17th
in the ramp area before and after
all Masses. Thank you to all who
bake and those who support the
Women's Guild!



## 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 purchasing 12" frozen Matey's pizzas!

Pick-up on each of the remaining

2 Fridays in Lent
or all at one time!
Four varieties available
plus Gluten Free

March 15th and 22nd

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

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.)

Matey's pizzas are <u>also available for sale</u> <u>at the parish offices Monday through</u> <u>Friday</u> during normal office hours.









SACRED HEART PARISH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, March 17th

7:00 AM—11:00 AM



## **UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

Monday, March 11 – Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom Sunday, March 17 – KofC Breakfast

A brief description of the final two INTO THE BREACH videos available at kofc.org/intothebreach.

- † Evangelization: All Christians are called to be witnesses of their faith to others. To share the faith a man must know the faith. Ryan Young shares how his Eucharistic-centered camp for teenagers allows for an encounter with Christ.
- † The Cornerstone: Christ is the only sure foundation of a man's life. We are to know, love and serve God, so we can be with him forever. Actor Clarence Gilyard Jr. shares his testimony of straying from God's plan and how God led him to enter the Catholic Church.

Did You Know: For more information on the Knights Yankee Stadium baseball game trip on Thursday, August 22, please contact Brother Bud Schuster at 610 390-8429 or bud328@msn.com.

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.







## NEXT GENERATION DIOCESE INITIATIVE!

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey!

This important survey is essential in helping Sacred Heart of Jesus assess our greatest strengths and opportunities—so that our parish can thrive! If you are a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future—as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ.

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.

## **ORDER OF MALTA**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.

## Allentown Area



The Knights and Dames of The Sovereign Order of Malta will be hosting a Lenten Holy Hour with adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday.** 

March 10th at 4:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

The Order's Chaplain, Fr. Butera, will be offering a reflection during the Holy Hour.

The Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher have been invited to join the Order on this day in fraternal prayer.

The Allentown Area of The Order of Malta has invited all Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish to also join us for this time of prayer and reflection and invites any Sacred Heart Parishioner to become an Auxiliary Member of the Order of Malta that pays no dues.



## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, March 14th

8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

## 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.

Your Stewardship Report - February 25			
First Collection	\$7,168	Other collections -	
Other Collections	\$720	from envelopes dated	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$36</u>	other than	
		February 25	
Total Collections	\$7,924		
		Other - donations,	
Rice Bowl	\$1,694	candles, etc.	
		,	

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - March 17



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> Second None

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



<u>Jakob Alles, Sr.</u> r/b Elfriede Kardos

Anna Marie Yagerhofer
r/b Delores Knauss



# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Reverend John J. L. Little of the Diocese of Allentown

## RICE BOWL—LENT IS HERE!

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the



world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe, with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like ours. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

#### **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Please remove all flowers and other decorations from the cemetery prior to Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday). Any



items remaining after this date will be discarded. Please note that according to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, no planting of bushes, trees, or shrubs is allowed. Also, digging up the grass is prohibited.

#### **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**

"Safer than penicillin." So say the pro-abortionists promoting the chemical "abortion pill" mifepristone.

The statistics say otherwise, but even if it were so, penicillin is at least treating a disease.

On the other hand, being pregnant is not a disease. If you saw the movie "Unplanned," they showed the effects of using the abortion pill on the pregnant woman. It was unpleasant. Not to mention the effects on the baby.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

## BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING



SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

March 9th & 23rd, April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th

We will be studying the letter to the Hebrews, and then will start a study of "The Revelation to Saint John." We use Dr. Scott Hahn's "Ignatius Catholic Study Bible RSV" as our guide. Our meetings are casual, and your participation is strictly voluntary. Our goal is to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God, apply it to our lives, and grow in relationship to one another, while having fun at the same time.

Any questions, email Deacon Lew Ferris at: Iferris\_2000@yahoo.com . All are welcome!

## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT-March 10th, 2024

Lent invites believers to journey towards Easter with a renewed sense of faith, prayer, and sacrifice. Drawing from the wisdom of the saints, who exemplify lives of holiness and devotion, we can find inspiration and guidance for our Lenten journey. Here are some quotes from various saints to uplift and guide you through this sacred season.

- "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving." (St. Augustine of Hippo)
- "Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism for what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers." — (St. John Chrysostom)
- "Lent is a time of grace, a time for conversion, a time to come home to God." (St. Maximilian Kolbe)
- "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." (St. Catherine of Siena)
- "The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden 'thirst' for communion with God." - (Saint John Paul II)
- "If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men." - (St. Clare of Assisi)
- "Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart." - (St. Charles Borromeo)
- "Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, and suffering are but the kiss of Jesus a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you." - (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

We are far from being Saints, but God expects us to strive toward holiness everyday. Let Lent be a starting point!

## LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

will be OPEN-March 17th

April 7th & 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

#### **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 March 12th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday, March 8th 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!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS MARCH 10TH TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD **ONE HOUR!!** 

REMINDER - SPRING AHEAD



WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "EASTER" OR ALL YEAR-ROUND!

GREAT FOR BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, RTHDAYS, 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.

more info: Please email sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391.

## HOLIDAY BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Due to Easter please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to <u>bulletin@sacredheartbath.org</u> as far as in advance prior to the publication

of the bulletin. We will do our best to add your article to the upcoming bulletins.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH



## ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP



## WHY LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE: GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER

- · Learn WHY you need an estate plan (any size) and how to put it into action.
- Receive FREE "Personal and Legal Information Organizer" and learn what information goes in it and how to keep it up to date.
- · Learn WHY sharing your end of life wishes is important.
- · Learn HOW endowments provide forever support for your favorite Catholic causes.



ATTORNEY BETH DOBIS BEERS

Attorney Beers has been practicing general civil law for over 30 years in Pennsylvania, with an emphasis on estate planning, estate administration, real estate and tax law. Beth and her family are members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

## Join Ils MARCH 12 AT 9 AM OR 6 PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Burkhart Building, Fr. Post Room
210 East Northampton Street, Bath

RSVP: 610-837-7874 OR SCAN HERE



# COUNTRY COTTAGE NUT ROLL SALE SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY OF BATH FIREFIGHTERS

Questions?: Call MaryAnn Lilly at 610-837-7908



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



## **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.

## SAINT MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR

Saint Theresa Church
Hellertown, PA
Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 PM

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 Reverend Brendon Laroche, parochial administrator of St. Ursula Parish, Fountain Hill.

Immediately after the Holy Hour, a meeting and book discussion will take place in the parish hall.

All are warmly welcome to attend, and no registration is necessary. For more information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gma

#### **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 at 7:00 pm Dates: 3/14, 3/21

## 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.

## **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
Director of Accounts: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz
Outreach & Advancement Office: Ms. Karen Shimko

**Director of Religious Education**: Mr. Thomas Weber 610-837-7841 or dre@sacredheartbath.org

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### **RCIA Coordinators:**

Chris and Marcia Tallarico
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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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