

*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.*



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*FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*  
*MARCH 17, 2024*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 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*
- Monday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop**  
**March 18** **Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Jn 8:1-11**  
 8:00 AM Gregory Ulecka  
*r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka*
- Tuesday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**March 19** **2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**  
 8:00 AM Ronald Landsiedel  
*r/b Natalie and Cathryn*
- Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**  
**March 20** **Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42**  
 8:00 AM Janice Evans  
*r/b Jim and Eileen Glancy*
- Thursday, Lenten Weekday**  
**March 21** **Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59**  
 8:00 AM Unborn Family Members of the Kovacs Family  
*r/b Family*
- Friday, Lenten Weekday**  
**March 22** **Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42**  
 8:00 AM Adeline Lyons  
*r/b DeVirgilio Family*  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, Palm Sunday (anticipated)**  
**March 23** **Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39**  
 5:00 PM Caroline Peapos  
*r/b Mike and Patty Peapos*
- Sunday, Palm Sunday**  
**March 24** **Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39**  
 7:00 AM Stephen J. Gasper  
*r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family*  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 11:00 AM Martin Yany  
*r/b Ron and Lucy Silfies*

**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 15 through March 21  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Marise Ann Chiverella**  
*r/b Anita Danko Harris (late) and family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE**

is burning from  
 March 15 through March 21  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Jim Lilly**  
*r/b wife*

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 March 15 through March 21  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Marise Ann Chiverella**  
*r/b Anita Danko Harris (late) and family*

Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promises to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>3/23 - 3/24</b>                  5:00 PM                  7:00 AM                  9:00 AM                  11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b>                  Christina Gehringer                  Tim Geiger                  Frank Molchan                  Deb Hayes</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b>                  Deacon Lewis Ferris                  Deacon Lewis Ferris                  Deacon Edward Saukulak                  Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b>                  Peter Vallance                  --                  Daniel Holub                  John Vallance</p>
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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**  
 is burning from  
 March 15 through March 21  
 for the repose of the soul of  
**Constance Wheary**  
*r/b Family*



**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>

**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

**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.

**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!**



**HOLY WEEK EASTER SCHEDULE**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays in Lent, 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

(multiple priests available)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:30 – 7:30 pm

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7am, 9am, and 11am

There will be a procession

with the palms at the

Vigil 5:00 pm Mass

Palms will be blessed and

distributed at all Masses

**TENEBRAE**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 8:00 pm

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Adoration of the

Most Blessed Sacrament

until 12 midnight

Bring a non-perishable food item

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, March 29, 2024

Stations of the Cross – 12:00 noon

Solemn Good Friday Liturgy – 3:00 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Blessing of the Easter Baskets - 12:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 31, 2024

7am, 9am, and 11am



**NEXT GENERATION DIOCESE INITIATIVE!**

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

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey in order to strengthen Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and better prepare us for the future! We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help Sacred Heart thrive!

*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](http://sacredheartbath.org). Please contact the parish office with any questions.



**We are pleased to offer prayers and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brent Castelletti who have been joined together in the bonds of Holy Matrimony.**

**WELCOME**

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

**Charles and Catherine Hopper**

We hope they will feel at home in our parish!



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursday, March 21st**

**8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church**

**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**



**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**TODAY – KofC Breakfast**

**7:00am – 11:00am Church Auditorium**

**Friday, March 22 – FINAL Lenten Friday Fish Dinner**

**4:30pm – 7:00pm Church Auditorium**

**Monday, March 25 – Monthly Planning Meeting**

**7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom**

**Monday, April 8 – Monthly Membership Meeting**

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

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**A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” (Jn12:26)** Next to Our Lady, what greater model of faithful service to Jesus do we have than St. Joseph, the Lord's own adopted father? In humble obedience to God, Joseph protected Mary and Jesus under the most difficult of circumstances. Although he says not a word in Scripture, the silent Joseph speaks volumes through his faithful actions. He is a model of manhood and discipleship for all Knights today.

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**A challenge from our Supreme Chaplain – This month, in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, I challenge you to pray a novena or another prayerful devotion to this great saint.**

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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  
FINAL LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNER**  
**Come and join us on Friday, March 22nd**

Volunteers are needed 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!

# Breakfast

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST  
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 2024**  
**7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**  
(In the church Auditorium)

What better way to enjoy St. Patrick's Day than a delicious breakfast by the Knights of Columbus?

Treat yourself, your family, and friends to this heavenly feast of eggs and omelets to order, bacon/sausage/ham, pancakes/waffles, French toast, home fries, and many more delectable items. Monthly specials: Potato Pancakes and Irish Coffee (adults).

No cooking, no clean-up, just come and enjoy great food and conversation!



**FEBRUARY 2024**  
**SACRED HEART**  
**MEMORIAL FUND**  
**DONATIONS**

**In Memory of Benedetta Mirabito**

Robert and Cheryl Adams  
 Joe Catalfamo and Family  
 Piero and Lisa DiOdoardo  
 Vincent, Carla and Dino Fantozzi  
 Fulton Bank, N.A., Bethlehem, PA  
 Janice Hoffmaster  
 Elda Hunsberger  
 Robin Knudtson  
 Fredric and Pam Linhart  
 Ron and Cathy Madison  
 Mary Manucci  
 Don Ray and Family  
 Linda Savarese  
 Carol Yarsevich

**In Memory of John Mirro**

Donald and Trudy Bealer  
 John and Margaret Heist

**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.**



**SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—Feast Day March 19th**

**Beloved Father:** Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. Tender and loving father Joseph taught Jesus how to walk, holding Him by the hand. Jesus saw the tenderness of God in Joseph, the Just Man. In Joseph, Jesus saw a man of faith who knew how to view life with hope because, in the midst of the storm, God remains steadfast at the helm of the course of life.

**Obedient Father:** God's plan was revealed to Joseph through dreams. He always responded promptly: at the moment of the Annunciation of the Lord and when Herod wanted to kill the Child. Joseph was guided by God and he obeyed. Jesus witnessed and learned submission and obedience to God from Joseph and Mary.

**Accepting Father:** Joseph is presented as someone who is respectful and sensitive, capable of placing Mary's dignity and life above everything else, even above his own reputation. Joseph accepts, certain that everything is guided by God's providence. He understood that life reveals itself according to the degree to which God's plan is accepted, to the degree to which we reconcile ourselves to God's plan.

**Working Father:** Work, understood as participating in God's own work, is what Joseph carried out in his own life and what he taught Jesus. Work is important to bring to birth a new "normal", in which no one is excluded. St. Joseph's work recalls that Jesus, the Son of God-made-Man did not disdain manual labor and the importance of how work contributes to the world around Him.

**Father in the Shadows:** As a father, Joseph introduced the Son of God to life's experiences and realities: not holding Him back, not confining Him, not possessing Him, but fostering His capacity of making choices, His freedom, eventually letting Him leave home. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom: Joseph's joy is the gift of himself. He made himself obsolete. At a certain point, he stayed in the background so that his Son could emerge.

**This 5th week of Lent is a great time to decide what kind of father you are and strive to be. St. Joseph was the human father that was obedient to God, rooted with love and forgiveness like a grain of wheat cultivated by Our Lord. Deepen your faith by striving to be like St. Joseph who God blessed to be the guardian for Jesus.**

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

<b>Your Stewardship Report - March 3</b>		
First Collection	\$8,061	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>March 3</b></i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,683	
Easter Flowers	\$1,656	
Other Collections	\$290	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$41</u>	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$11,731</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

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


**Next Week's Collections - March 24**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Rice Bowl

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



**Horst Dreb and  
Alexander Kardos**

*r/b Elfriede Kardos*

**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!

CRS RICE BOWL

**RICE BOWL—LENT IS HERE!**  
**RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS NEXT WEEK**

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in others whose lives are very different from our own. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

**Return your filled Rice Bowls to the ramp entrance vestibule next weekend, March 23rd and 24th. Place in the marked collection box. Thank you for your generosity!**

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Bishop Schlerf just sent out a letter recommending that we give a homily reminding our parishioners that the Catholic Church is very supportive to those who have had, or participated in some way in getting an abortion. We have a ministry, "Project Rachel" that is dedicated precisely for that reason.

Also, remember God's boundless mercy and if you or someone you know have participated in some way in an abortion, bring it to the sacrament of confession. No sin is too big for God to forgive. St. Paul called himself the greatest of all sinners. And for good reason. He participated in the murder of the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen. And we call him "Saint" Paul.

**-- Deacon Lewis Ferris**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 24th**

Next weekend, we begin our solemn celebration of Holy Week by remembering Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed at the Vigil Mass and available after all Masses. The blessed palm we receive is a sacramental—a symbol of our Catholic faith. Let it also be a constant reminder of the Redeemer and King who is our Lord and Savior.



Palm Sunday

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

**SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM**  
**March 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: [lferris\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

**GERTRUDE HAWK**  
**EASTER CANDY**  
**DELIVERY**  
**CANDY ORDER**  
**PICK-UP!**  
March 18th-March 22nd  
**Lower level**  
**parish office.**  
**Burkhart Building**  
**Enter at (blue doors).**  
**Pick up time:**  
**8 AM-3:30 PM**  
**Monday-Friday**



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

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  
**March 22nd**  
**Last Friday before Holy Week!**  
 Four varieties available  
 plus Gluten Free

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 also available for sale  
at the parish offices Monday through  
Friday during normal office hours.



**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

**Delivery date is March 20th.**

Orders can be picked up in the Burkhart building (rear entrance) 3:00pm until 5:00pm  
 Any questions please call Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369 or Cyndy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986.





**SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP**  
**Feast Day March 17th**

St. Patrick may be the patron of Ireland, but he was actually born in Britain, in the late 4th century AD. Surprisingly, he was not raised with a strong emphasis on religion. Education was not particularly stressed during his childhood either.

He arrived in Ireland as a slave. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was seized from his family's home by a group of Irish pirates, who took him to Ireland where the teenage Patrick was enslaved for six years. He worked as a shepherd for some of this period.

St. Patrick's mission in Ireland was twofold. He was to minister to the Christians who already existed in Ireland, as well as to convert the Irish who were not yet believers. Cleverly, he used traditional rituals to bridge the gap between widely held pagan beliefs and Christianity, such as using bonfires to celebrate Easter, and creating the Celtic cross, which incorporated pagan symbols, to make it seem more appealing to venerate.

According to his own writing in the Confession of St. Patrick, it was this period in his life where he really discovered his faith, and his belief in God. He spent hours praying and eventually converted fully to Christianity. After six years of captivity, St. Patrick heard a voice telling him his ship was ready to take him home: he travelled 200 miles to the nearest port and managed to persuade a captain to let him stow away onboard his ship.

He was traditionally associated with the color blue. Today we associate St. Patrick – and Ireland – with the color green, he was originally depicted wearing blue robes. The particular shade (known today as azure blue) was originally named St. Patrick's blue. Technically today, this shade remains Ireland's official heraldic color. The association with green came as a form of rebellion: as discontent with English rule grew, it was seen as a sign of dissent and rebellion to wear a green shamrock rather than the ordained blue. **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!**

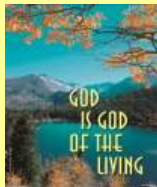


**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 23rd from 8 am to 12 pm (noon)** in the Father Post Room of the **Burkhart Building.**

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN PUBLICATION**

Due to Easter please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) 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.



**ST. MONICA MINISTRY RETREAT**

Peace Retreat House  
 484 Pump House Rd., Weatherly, PA  
**April 19—April 21**

Would you like to bring the St. Monica Ministry to your parish? Are you interested in starting a chapter but need a spiritual jump start? Do you want to hear from parish leaders who are active in the ministry? If so, the St. Monica Ministry Weekend Retreat is for you!

**For more information email Celeste Behe at [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com).  
 Deadline March 31st.**

**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.



**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](mailto:DLtanczos@aol.com) or 610-349-7734.



**COUNTRY COTTAGE**

**NUT ROLL SALE**

**SPONSORED BY**

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**FIREFIIGHTERS**

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

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



**MOTHER—DAUGHTER TEA**

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall  
 1046 W. Cedar Street  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
**April 28th from 1-4 pm**

Mothers, together with their daughters ages 9 to 13, are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of femininity.

The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style.

Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included.

Register here: [allentowndiocese.flock](http://allentowndiocese.flock) by April 7th. For more information contact Kristin Osenbach at [kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org)

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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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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