

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.

Palm Sunday



...the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road...

Matthew 21

PALM
SUNDAY
MARCH 24,
2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Monday of Holy Week
March 25 **Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11**
 8:00 AM Marianne (Mills) Snyder
r/b cousin, Rosanne

Tuesday, Tuesday of Holy Week
March 26 **Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38**
 8:00 AM John Chuss
r/b Chuss Family

Wednesday, Wednesday of Holy Week
March 27 **Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25**
 8:00 AM Betty DeNofa
r/b daughter, Vivian and family
 8:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Thursday, Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper
March 28 **Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15**
 7:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Friday, Friday of the Passion of the Lord
March 29 (Good Friday)
**Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
 Jn 18:1—19:42**
 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Saturday, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
March 30 **Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or
 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/
 Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/
 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28**
 12:00 PM Blessing of the Baskets
 8:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, Easter Sunday
March 31 **Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or
 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7**
 7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos families
 9:00 AM Howard H. Nafus
r/b wife, Ruth
 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
 March 22 through March 28
 for the repose of the soul of



Mariantonia DeVirgilio
r/b Barracato Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 March 22 through March 28
 for the repose of the soul of



Caroline Peapos
r/b Mike and Patty

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 March 22 through March 28
 for the repose of the soul of



Caroline Peapos
r/b Mike and Patty



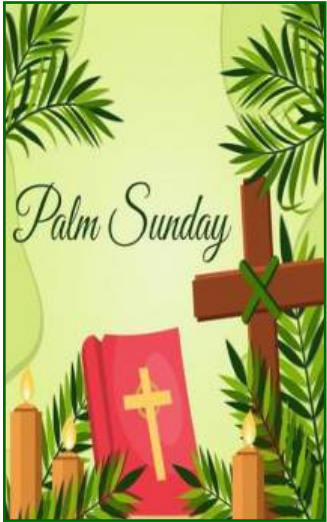
ADORATION

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th
From 8:30 PM—Midnight in Church

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>3/30 - 3/31 8:00 PM (Easter Vigil) 7:00 AM (Easter Sunday) 9:00 AM (Easter Sunday) 11:00 AM (Easter Sunday)</p>	<p>Lectors Deb Hayes Bill Wilde Tim Geiger Christina Gehringer</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris/Deacon Edward Saukulak Alfred Krantz Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p>Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub John Vallance</p>
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PALM SUNDAY
March 24th
 Today 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.



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>




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF
Patricia M. Ferracane
 and
Sandra L. Santo
 both of Sacred Heart Parish

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES
 are burning from
 March 22 through March 28
 for all living and deceased members of



The Coppola Family



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.

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

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!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the DMI Survey! As of March 19th, 139 online surveys have been completed by our parishioners.

If you have not completed the survey, you have a few days left—the survey closes on Wednesday, March 27. Remember, 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. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

EASTER HOLY WEEK

On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At the Mass, a priest may wash the feet of up to twelve men/women. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died). We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming and were waiting for their Redeemer. Jesus open the gates of heaven and lifted the righteous souls to heaven. Jesus was the one who changed the past by paying the price for our sins on the Cross; He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle of these most Holyest three days will discover that it can change them forever. During these days as Christians, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and what He did for us. Let us bear the Cross so that we may be worthy of wearing the crown He wore. **Remember to keep Easter, Holy and Sacred.....**



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

HOLY WEEK

CONFESSION TIMES

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

From 7:30 AM—7:50 AM

Monday, March 25th

Tuesday, March 26th and

Wednesday, March 27th



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

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

Saturday, April 13 – God’s Precious Infants Prayer Pilgrimage

8:00am Mass at Notre Dame Church Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, April 20 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

7:30am Meet in Lower Church Parking Lot

Monday, April 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting, 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

A monthly challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to spend 10 additional minutes each Sunday before Mass preparing to receive the Eucharist and 10 minutes after Mass in thanksgiving for this gift.

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention:

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Thank you to the many guests and fellow Knights and their families who participated at the Friday Lenten Fish Dinners. Our Council appreciates the support!

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 or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

SAVE THE DATE!
SHC ANNUAL PICNIC 2024
IS COMING SOON!

Summer fun is just around the corner!
Mark your calendars for
Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13
(and select activities
on Sunday, July 14)

There will be LIVE BANDS,
food trucks, as well as some of
your favorite traditional foods on
Friday and Saturday!
Bring the kids to enjoy family
fun and games!

Just like last year, our popular
Yard Sale and Tricky Tray Basket
auction will also be held
picnic weekend.

Stay tuned for more details and
chances to volunteer in the
upcoming bulletins and online.
Can't wait to see all of you soon!
COME JOIN IN THE
SUMMER FUN!!!!

THANK YOU!

DEDICATED HEARTS

Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find. It takes a special person to be so generous and kind. To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all too rare. Yet you give of your time and talents, for all in need to share. So, thank you for being a volunteer, past and present. We are privileged to work with you. We want you to know how appreciated you are, not just today, but the whole year through.

*Thank you to all who helped make our Lenten activities a great success. Big thanks to the Knights, Women’s Guild and volunteers who did a wonderful job with the KofC Fish Dinners, March Breakfast and our **NEW** Pizza and Pasta nights. Thank you to all who volunteered to sell Matey’s Pizzas during Lent and to our parishioners who participated in these delicious fundraisers. Not only is Sacred Heart Parish blessed with great volunteers and parishioners but also our parish staff. Thank you especially to Kathleen and Sharon for giving their time to help make Sacred Heart Parish a truly special hometown parish!*

God Bless and Thank You to all!

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded fourteen revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Please join the Lay Dominicans in preparation for Mercy Sunday Feast Day. **The Divine Mercy Novena starts on March 29** after Stations of the Cross at noon, continues privately on the 30th and 31st, in community after weekday Mass Monday April 1st through Friday April 5th, and ends privately on April 6th, day nine.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7th and celebration will begin after the 11:00 am Mass with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, 1:00 pm Confessions, Divine Mercy meditations, and concluding at 3:00 pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Look for the Divine Mercy Novena prayer pamphlets in the Church Vestibule. Please take advantage of Jesus' offering of this great grace of mercy!

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 **April 9th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, April 5th 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!



LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY

will be OPEN—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.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed at NOON on March 28th in observance of Holy Thursday, and CLOSED all day March 29th and April 1st in observance of Good Friday and Easter.

Parish Offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:00 am.



BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM 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 . All are welcome!

HOLIDAY BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Due to Easter please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to 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.



Your Stewardship Report - March 10		
First Collection	\$9,029	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than March 10</i>
Other Collections	\$1,436	
<u>Other</u>	\$38	
Total Collections	\$10,503	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,649	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
Next Week's Collections - March 31



First
 Sunday Collection
Second
 Easter

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday, March 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly, hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

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. 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

One of my daughters' close friends recently had a child with Downs Syndrome. We saw a picture of him on Facebook recently. Beautiful baby with a big smile on his face. I couldn't help but realize that he was lucky (or blessed) to be born to a couple who valued life regardless of its perceived "quality of life."

It is estimated that 60% to 90% of children diagnosed with Downs Syndrome are aborted in the U.S. compared to 18% of all pregnancies ending in abortion. The bottom line is: "All people with Downs syndrome are intrinsically and immeasurably valuable. In addition, people with Downs syndrome are happy with their lives and make their families and communities better off." And let me just add that they are made in the likeness and image of God, just like the rest of us.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

RICE BOWL UPDATE



RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS THIS WEEK!

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far. Your Lenten alms to the Rice Bowl collection changes lives globally and in our own community. Did you know that 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports work around the world and 25% of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more about what your donation provides.

Return your filled Rice Bowls to the ramp entrance vestibule this weekend, March 23rd and 24th. Place in the marked collection box.

Thank you for your generosity!

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM
GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's

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 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!
 For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to:
www.sacredheartbath.org**

Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Subway	4.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	McDonalds (NEW)	2%	\$10
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Burger King (NEW)	6%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Visa (No Activation Fees)	1.25%	\$25/\$50/\$100

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS! GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!

BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS,

OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!!

What a great gift to give for any occasions. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. Need a special gift card for a bridal registry? Just stop in and we can order that special gift card!

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!

RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED AND SEPARATED PARENTS

“Are you an adult child of divorce? Do you know someone who is?”

Registration is now open for the Life-Giving Wounds Retreat on April 12-14, 2024.

Life-Giving Wounds is a ministry for those who seek to understand how their parents' divorce impacted their own spiritual, mental, and emotional wholeness. The retreat is hosted at the Diocesan Center; local accommodations are available for those who might travel from out of town.

To register, go to Life-Giving Wounds Retreat - Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

For more information, please feel free to contact Melissa Maleski at MMaleski@hbgdiocese.org, 717-657-4804 ext. 331. Or visit the Life-Giving Wounds website: lifegivingwounds.org.

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.
Deadline March 31st.**

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOMESCHOOLING COMMUNITY

**Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, PA
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

All homeschooling families are invited to an end of the year Mass of Thanksgiving for the Homeschooling Community with Bishop Schlert.

Mass will feature a special blessing for those graduating High School. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the lower level.

**Registration required by May 5.
Register here: allentowndiocese.flock
Questions? Contact Kristin Osenbach,
kosenbach@allentowndio**

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.



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please remove all flowers and other decorations from the cemetery before **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.

CLOTHING SHED

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7

Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot

Proceeds 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 goods	Rags	Toys
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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 by April 7th.
For more information contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org**

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

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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,
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To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct**, visit 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.

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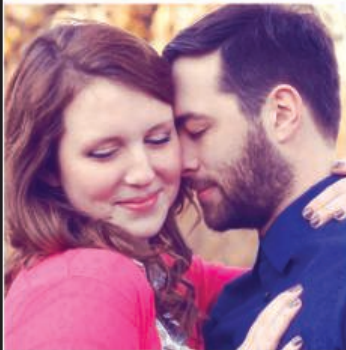
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