

*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.*



*EASTER SUNDAY*  
*MARCH 31, 2024*

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**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
**April 1** **Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15**

9:00 AM Jacqueline Landis  
*r/b Jim and Eileen Glancy*

**Tuesday, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**April 2** **Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18**

8:00 AM Louise Gigi Kahler  
*r/b Gerry Urich and Barbara Sanchez*

**Wednesday, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
**April 3** **Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35**

8:00 AM William Minich  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*

**Thursday, Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
**April 4** **Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48**

8:00 AM Anna Marth  
*r/b Gaspar Family*

**Friday, Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
**April 5** **Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14**

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

**Saturday, Divine Mercy Sunday (anticipated)**  
**April 6** **Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31**

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 7** **Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31**

7:00 AM John and Mary Kovalovsky  
*r/b Kovalovsky Family*

9:00 AM Peggy Dunbar  
*r/b John Dunbar*

11:00 AM Andrew and Margaret Nederostek  
*r/b Stephen and Christine Nederostek*

**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 29 through April 4  
 for the repose of the soul of



**James M. Kohler**  
*r/b Kohler Family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 March 29 through April 4  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Constance Wheary**  
*r/b Family*

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 March 29 through April 4  
 for the repose of the souls of



**Deceased members of the Haldaman Family**  
*r/b Cyndy Radcliffe*



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 March 29 through April 4  
 for the repose of the soul of

**Stephen J. Paukovits**  
*r/b Paukovits and Raykos families*



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>4/6 -4/7</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> Joan West Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Beth Beers Tim Geiger</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> John Vallance -- -- Daniel Holub</p>
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**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



Join us for *Mass!*  
Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!



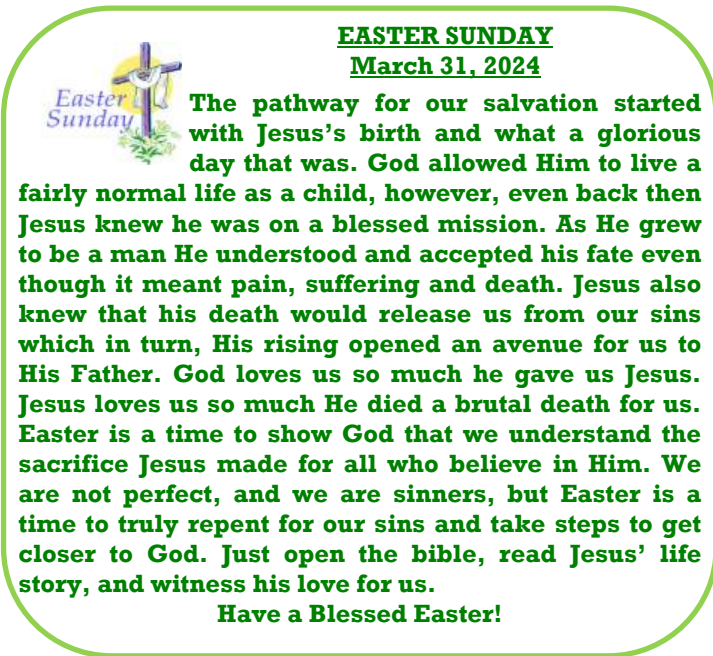
**ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA**

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>)

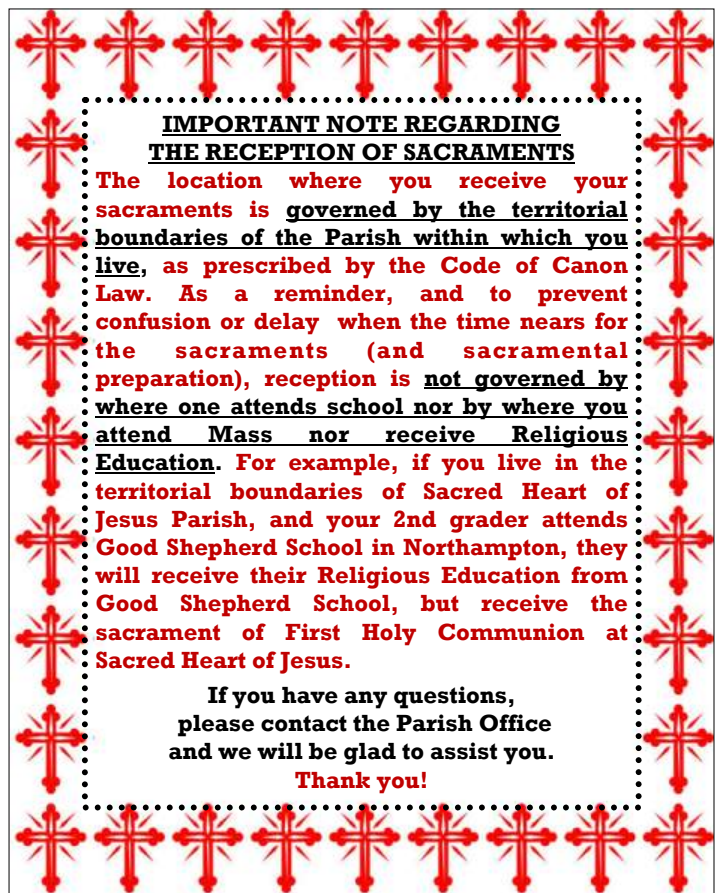
Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

<https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath>



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**March 31, 2024**

The pathway for our salvation started with Jesus’s birth and what a glorious day that was. God allowed Him to live a fairly normal life as a child, however, even back then Jesus knew he was on a blessed mission. As He grew to be a man He understood and accepted his fate even though it meant pain, suffering and death. Jesus also knew that his death would release us from our sins which in turn, His rising opened an avenue for us to His Father. God loves us so much he gave us Jesus. Jesus loves us so much He died a brutal death for us. Easter is a time to show God that we understand the sacrifice Jesus made for all who believe in Him. We are not perfect, and we are sinners, but Easter is a time to truly repent for our sins and take steps to get closer to God. Just open the bible, read Jesus’ life story, and witness his love for us.  
**Have a Blessed 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!**

**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.

**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be **Monday, April 1st at 7:00 PM** in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building. All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities.

**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](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com) . All are welcome!

**SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS****Consider Contributing Your Time and Talents!**

We are gearing up for our parish's single largest Fundraiser....our Annual Picnic! We are always looking for new ways to solicit businesses and individuals for donations, especially those beyond our already generous parishioner base. If you have time, talent or ideas, please share with the Picnic Committee. Call the parish office to find out more or to offer your help!

Becoming involved in the Picnic planning is a great way to meet parishioners, have fun and help support Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you!

**NEXT GENERATION DIOCESE  
DISCIPLE MAKER INITIATIVE!**

*Thank you to everyone who has already taken the DMI Survey! As of March 22nd, 145 surveys have been completed online or on paper by our parishioners. This represents about 34% of our average weekly Mass attendance number.*

If you have not completed the survey yet, good news—the deadline to respond has been extended until April 2nd! 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](http://sacredheartbath.org). Please contact the parish office with any questions.



**START THE NEW DAY  
WITH PEACE AND HEALING  
THROUGH THE  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we, as sinners, can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" (John 20:21-23).*

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.



**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- 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

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Please join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion on Saturday April 13. The pilgrimage begins with a Mass at 8:00am at Notre Dame Church, Bethlehem and continues with the Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God’s instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God’s everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God’s gift of life with joy.

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**Did You Know:** A Prayer Intention of our Holy Father, “We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.”

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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  
FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE**

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 144 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on March 13, bringing our year-to-date total to 2,792 pounds. This was the 10th donation for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Our next donation will be made to the St Vincent DePaul Food Bank. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Please check the “Best By” date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a “Best By” date earlier than 2023.

**APRIL FOOL’S FUN FACTS - April 1st**

- ◆ In 1957, the BBC perpetrated the "Spaghetti Tree Hoax," during which the U.K. network broadcast images of Swiss women casually "picking" spaghetti from trees and bushes during their annual harvest.
- ◆ In 1996, Taco Bell declared they'd bought Philadelphia's iconic Liberty Bell and had grand plans to rebrand it as the Taco Liberty Bell.
- ◆ In 1998, Burger King decided to toy with reality. They unleashed an ad for the "Left-Handed Whopper," and guess what? Confused customers flooded in, actually asking for this imaginary sandwich.

**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!!!**



**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, there were fourteen revelations recorded 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 Good Friday, March 29** after Stations of the Cross at noon, continues privately on 3/30 and 3/31, in community after weekday Mass **Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5**, and ends privately on April 6, 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!

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



**BULLETIN PUBLICATION**  
 Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.

<u>Your Stewardship Report - March 17</u>		
First Collection	\$8,543	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>March 17</b></i>
Other Collections	\$777	
<u>Other</u>	\$39	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$9,359</b>	<i><u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.</i>


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

**Next Week's Collections - April 7**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Parish Improvement



**RICE BOWL**

**LAST REMINDER TO RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS!**

**Please return your filled Rice Bowls to the Church ramp entrance vestibule and place in the marked collection box. Alternatively, you may drop it off at the Parish Office during office hours.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**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!



**EASTER MESSAGE**

Always remember Our Blessed Mary is there when we are in need of a mother's warm and comforting embrace. St. Joseph is there when we need to be humble and trusting. Our beloved Jesus is there when we need strength and understanding. God is there when we need unconditional love and forgiveness. This Holy Family will be there for us and always know that we may be lost but we are never alone. All of us here at Sacred Heart Parish wish you and your family a Blessed Easter.

**GOD BLESS  
AND  
HAPPY EASTER!!!!**

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**


The big controversy these days is all about IVF (In vitro Fertilization). Layman's term; conceiving a child outside of the womb. It is an \$8 billion dollar industry across our country and leads to "manufacturing" 100,000 children a year. Always follow the money trail in these types of issues.

The Catholic Church strongly advocates against IVF. For starters, it divorces procreation from the unitive love between parents. The motivating issue is an emotional empathy for the infertile couples who want children. As much as we can feel sorry for these couples, having children is a blessing from God, it is not a right. The IVF industry plays on these emotions by charging exorbitant prices, even though most health insurances do not cover the cost.

The moral issues connected with IVF are numerous and complicated. Some of the more obvious ones are: women are impregnated not by a husband but by a technician with a pipette. In addition, excess embryos are created, with some implanted, some deep frozen and others destroyed. If all implanted embryos take, one or more are often selectively aborted.

Welcome aboard folks: we are living in the dystopian novel of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World."

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**THURSDAY, April 4th**

**8:00 am—9:00 pm in Church**

**Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**

**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](mailto: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](http://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!**





**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SPRING MUSICAL**

**Bethlehem Catholic's halls are alive with**  
**"The Sound of Music!"**

**Please come to enjoy our Spring musical running**  
**April 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 7pm and April 7 at 3pm**  
**in the Bethlehem Catholic High School auditorium.**  
**Tickets are available at the door or in advance at**  
**[bit.ly/becatheater](http://bit.ly/becatheater).**  
**"We hope to see you there."**



**ST. MONICA MINISTRY RETREAT**

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

The St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese is sponsoring a retreat for the families and friends of fallen-away Catholic.

Speaking will be:

- **Dr. Michael Behe**, Professor of Biological Sciences at Lehigh University, on "Science as the Handmaid of Faith: How Nature Points Insistently to God"
- **Deacon Chris May**, Assistant Director of "Courage" of the Allentown Diocese, on "Male and Female He Created Them"
- **Rev. Adam Sedar**, pastor, St. Nicholas Parish, Walnutport, on "The Fire and the Hearth: Why We Need to Be Both Spiritual and Religious"
- **PLUS** "Irish Music Night" with **Rev. Alexander Brown**

Friday Holy Hour ~ Saturday and Sunday Masses ~  
Wine & Cheese Mixer ~ Rosary Walk **AND**  
how-to sessions with St. Monica Ministry leaders.

All-inclusive cost for the weekend is \$200  
Saturday-only attendance is \$50.

**Please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)**  
**before April 7**

**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**  
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**For more information contact Kristin Osenbach at**  
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**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR**  
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**Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, PA**  
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**GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS**

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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.

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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

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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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

**COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:** Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

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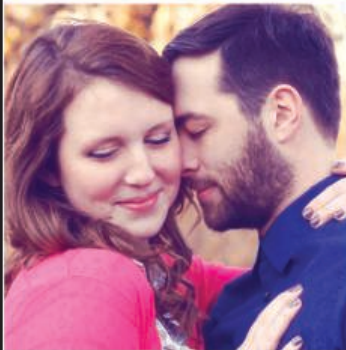
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