

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.

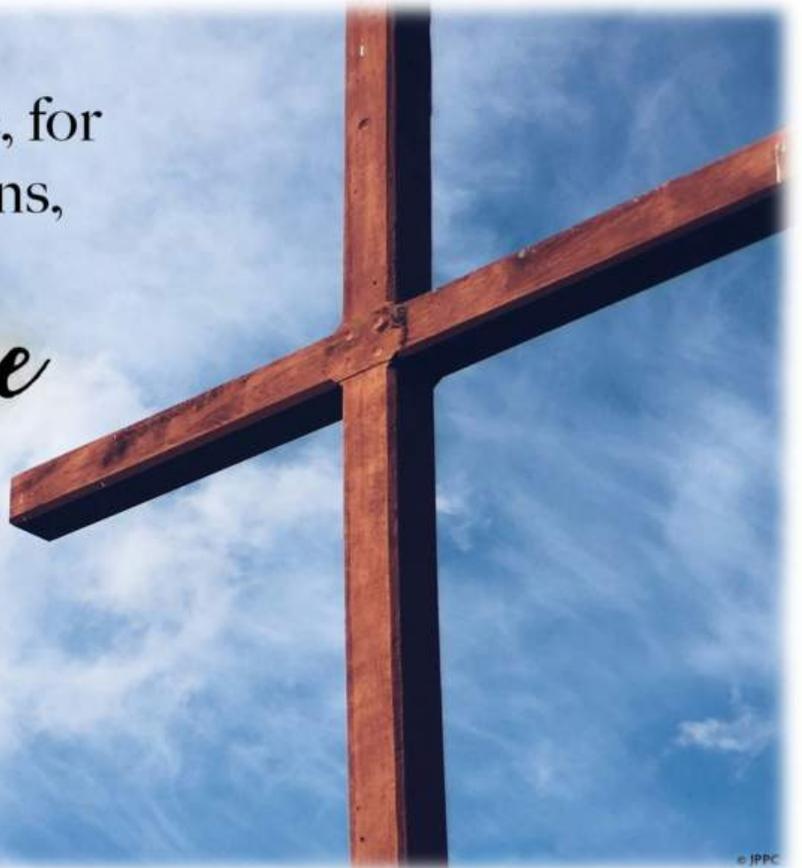
We profess unity in belief, worship, and morals with our Holy Father and our Bishop. We seek to provide the fullness of life in the Church through the Sacred Liturgy, prayer, education, religious formation, outreach, and service to our neighbors and each other.

and that repentance, for
the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached

in his name

to all the nations

LUKE 24:47



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209
DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204
CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 3rd Sunday of Easter (anticipated)**
April 13 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
 5:00 PM Ed Gaspar
r/b Gaspar Family
- Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Easter**
April 14 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Edward Cherry, Jr.
r/b mother and family
 11:00 AM Anna Steier
r/b granddaughter Marion
- Monday, Easter Weekday**
April 15 Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera
r/b Lay Dominican
- Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
April 16 Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 8:00 AM Anna Mae and Joseph Rothmeyer
r/b Deb Hayes
- Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
April 17 Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 8:00 AM Lucy Ippolito
r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly
- Thursday, Easter Weekday**
April 18 Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 8:00 AM Raymond Bettinger
r/b Bill and Marie Wilde
- Friday, Easter Weekday**
April 19 Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
 8:00 AM Benedetta Mirabito
r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly
- Saturday, 4th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)**
April 20 Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 5:00 PM Antoinette Kelly
r/b Husband and Family
- Sunday, 4th Sunday of Easter**
April 21 Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 7:00 AM Catharine Lauber
r/b Anne LaBar
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Evans and Lecoskey Families
r/b Evans Family

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 7:00-8:00 pm
Monday through Friday mornings
 7:30 – 7:50 am
 Anytime upon reasonable request



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from
 April 12 through April 18
 for the repose of the soul of



Donna Lesko
r/b James Lesko

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 April 12 through April 18
 for



Kylie Schneider (living)
r/b Shimko Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 April 12 through April 18
 for the repose of the souls of



Carl and Irene Amore
r/b Mike Shimko



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 April 12 through April 18
 for

Franco and Sophia Prasanna (living)
in honor of their
20th Wedding Anniversary

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>4/20 - 4/21 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Beth Beers Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Frank Molchan Deb Hayes</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub John Vallance</p>
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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>

SEEING IS BELIEVING?

There are things in life that you need to see to believe. Like seeing the size of whales in the ocean. You cannot imagine the proportions of such an enormous animal existing on earth or the wonderous pyramids built when there were no electric power tools, cranes, or huge equipment available. Someone can tell us how immense and majestic whales and the pyramids are, but you need to see them for yourself to honestly believe how truly incredible nature and man's abilities are. We don't doubt these amazing things exist but (seeing is believing) so we hop on a plane to witness them for ourselves.

Think about the disciples when Jesus died and came to them after His resurrection. They questioned His rising from his death. All of them knew Jesus existed but when Mary told these Holy men that He appeared to her after His death, the disciples did not believe her until Jesus revealed Himself to them. Even when they explained this miraculous event to Thomas, he was adamant that Jesus did not come to them from the tomb. Seeing is believing was Thomas's thinking, so what did Jesus do? Jesus came to Thomas and proved that there is life after death.

Thomas answered and said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:28-29)

Where do you fit into this? Do you think that maybe God exists, but you need proof that He really is with us? Do you feel that God does exist but still have that need to see to believe? Or do you genuinely believe without having to see Jesus and touch his side, hands, and feet? God understands that our nature is to be skeptical, that is why He gave us one proof—Jesus! Come to Our Lord without the need of (seeing is believing) and your world will change.

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!



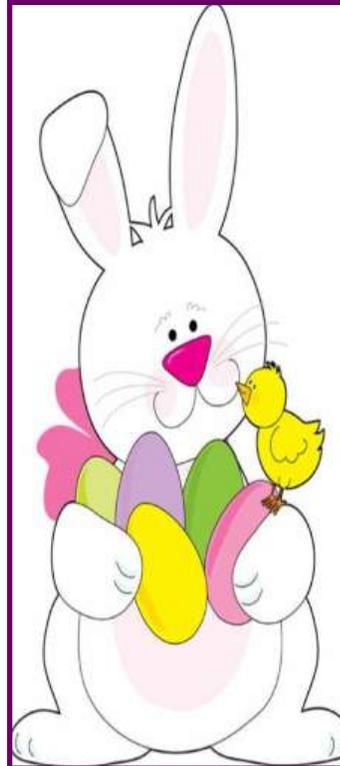
SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISER

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

Call the parish office at 610-837-7874 to find out more or to offer your help.

Thank you!



**GERTRUDE HAWK
EASTER CANDY
FUNDRAISER**

We would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy fundraiser.

Because of our wonderful parishioners we made approximately **32% profit** on the delicious Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy. That is a total profit of **\$478.56** which will go to help support Sacred Heart Parish.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS TASTY FUNDRAISER !!

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	Rags	Toys
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\$\$ MAY LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$

BIGGER CASH WINNERS

UP TO (\$500.00)

Opportunity To Be A Spring Winner

\$10.00 each or Buy 3 for \$25.00

Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500 on our May Lottery Calendar!

If you are feeling lucky, fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before April 30th. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. This is a fun way to help support our parish.



Guess What? We had a \$100.00 winner in our March lottery calendar.

Congratulations to this lucky participant !!!!

YOU CAN BE THE NEXT ONE TO WIN!!!!

NEW AND APPROVED AD TIMES ONLINE

Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

Email your name and address to communication@AllentownDiocese.org and we'll sign you up for a free email subscription and remove your name from the mailing list of the printed newspaper.



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Saturday, April 20 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup (CANCELED)

7:30am Meet in Lower Church Parking Lot

Monday, April 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting

7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

Sunday, May 5 – KofC Exemplification at 12:30pm Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Monday, May 13 – Membership Meeting

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

Please Note: Due to the closure of Main St./Newburg Rd. for construction, our Council's Highway Cleanup has been canceled. We will re-schedule once construction is completed.

Do you wish to become a Knight and join the Brothers in advancing Our Order's Mission - "Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community"? On Sunday May 5th at 12:30pm the Sacred Heart Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct an "exemplification" at which time you will receive the First, Second and Third Degrees; highlighting our values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

If you're interested in joining other men in fulfilling our roles as Catholic husbands, fathers and parishioners please contact Brother Ken Boyce at (610) 837-1702 or kenboyce1938@yahoo.com.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofC14464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at 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 240 pounds of non-perishable items to the St Vincent DePaul Food Bank on April 5, bringing our year-to-date total to 3,032 pounds. This was the 11th donation for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Our next donation will be made to the Bath Area 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.

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!!!!



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we kickoff the **2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** in our parish and throughout our Diocese. In 2024 the Appeal will provide support for evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, Catholic Charities and care for our retired and infirmed priests.

I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. Our parish has been asked to raise **\$36,948**. Lets strive for 100% participation from our parish. Together, I believe we can make our goal.

We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make a gift, please return your pledge form to the parish office, the weekend collection basket, or mail directly to the diocese, You may also visit the **Appeal's website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.**

With gratitude,

Fr. Butera



LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY
will be OPEN
April 21st, May 5th and 19th
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.

K9 OFFICER TRAINING AT SACRED HEART

Did you notice a lot of police vehicles at Sacred Heart on Thursday, April 4th? We are one of the sites that the Colonial Regional Police and other nearby units use for their K9 officer training! The officers and their dogs train every other week in different locations and appreciate being able to use our space (picnic field, school building and auditorium and Scout Room). They have been here multiple times and this location is one of their favorite places for training!

The officers are so appreciative of our hospitality and support. The fundraising we did for the K9 Kop Project through the sale of the 2024 calendars was also acknowledged by them the last time they were here. Next time you see them, feel free to say hello and welcome them to Sacred Heart!

PRAYER FOR THE DEDICATED POLICE OFFICERS

In a world where the thin line between order and chaos is navigated daily, police officers stand as guardians of justice and peace. Their unwavering commitment to the well-being of communities often exposes them to challenges that demand strength, courage, and divine guidance.

As we collectively lift our hearts in prayer for these men and women who safeguard our communities, may these spiritual invocations become a beacon of hope, a shield of protection, and a reminder that, even in the face of adversity, they are not alone. Through the grace of God and the unity of our prayers, may police officers find solace, courage, and fortitude to continue their noble mission of upholding justice and ensuring the safety of those they serve.

As members of the Catholic faith, we recognize the significance of prayer in seeking protection, guidance, and blessings for those who dedicate their lives to public service.

Dear Lord, we place the well-being of our police officers in Your hands.

Embrace them with Your love, guard them in moments of danger, and grant them the assurance of Your presence.

May they find peace knowing they are held in Your mighty hands. Amen

<u>Your Stewardship Report - March 31</u>		
First Collection	\$6,529	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than March 31</i>
Easter	\$16,074	
Holy Thursday	\$1,206	
Other Collections	\$720	
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$40</u>	
Total Collections	\$24,569	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>
Good Friday	\$1,159	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - April 21



First
Sunday Collection

Second
None

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

It is sad, if it is true, that when it comes to elections, the abortion issue is now in favor of the pro-abortionist. Do a majority of our citizens really consider abortion a necessary part of our society? It would seem so according to the polls. However, even though a couple of states had the abortion issue on their recent ballots where the pro-abortion question won, the wording of those ballots was questionable.

The question on the Ohio ballot read; "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions," The question is confusing and vague at best. The word abortion is not mentioned, and my guess would be that the average voter may not connect this question the way it is worded with permissive abortion.

However, even if was understood properly, no notion of what the majority believes changes the moral issue that abortion is murder (the taking of innocent human life.), and we must avoid any action that would lead to participating in it.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF**

**Phyllis Mirakovits
of Sacred Heart Parish**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY, April 18th

8:00 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

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.

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL

BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

April 20th, May 4th & 18th



We will start the 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!



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, ShopRite

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	Domino's	8%	\$10
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	Red Lobster	8%	\$25
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!



BULLETIN PUBLICATION

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



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

560 N. 6th Street, Bangor, PA 18013
Bus Trip to Sight and Sound "DANIEL"

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.



CASH BINGO

St. Elizabeth Parish Hall
435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA

Blue Star Mothers of the Lehigh Valley are sponsoring a Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 14

Doors open at 1 pm; Bingo begins at 2 pm.
\$25 per person in advance/\$30 at the door
15 Games + Specials

Food and Refreshments available for purchase.

Call Judy – at 610-428-0778 or Joan – at 610-349-7791.

Proceeds benefit active-duty military as well as local veterans.

ST. JOHN'S FLOWER POWER DANCE

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102
Saturday May 4, 2024

WE'RE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!!!!!!!



Oldies Dance

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open
Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30

Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



RUMMAGE SALE

Holy Family Parish Center
508 W. Center Street, Nazareth
Fri.-Sun., April 26, 27, 28. 8AM-2PM.
Large variety of items.
Something for everyone!

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024
Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown

The Bishop will confirm adults of our Diocese at this Mass. Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.

Please contact the parish office with any questions or to discuss registration details.



\$\$\$ CASH BINGO \$\$\$

Holy Family Parish Center,
508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

Sunday, April 21st
Doors open at Noon
First Game at 12:45 PM

\$20 Entry

15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle

Food available for purchase.
See you there!



PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY
 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625
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 Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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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 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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