

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.

Blessed are
those who
have not seen
and have

believed

JOHN 20:29

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 7, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sunday of Divine Mercy (anticipated)
April 6 Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, Sunday of Divine Mercy
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

Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord
April 8 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 8:00 AM Lisa Knedler
r/b Anthony Ulecka and Nicole Adams

Tuesday, Easter Weekday
April 9 Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 8:00 AM Laurie Breland
r/b Joe and Lorraine Alich

Wednesday, Easter Weekday
April 10 Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 8:00 AM Donna Lesko
r/b James Lesko

Thursday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop
April 11 Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 8:00 AM Joseph LePage
r/b Denise LePage

Friday, Easter Weekday
April 12 Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Third 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, Third 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

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 5 through April 11
 for the repose of the soul of



Anna Marth
r/b Gaspar Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 April 5 through April 11
 for the repose of the soul of



Constance Wheary
r/b Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 April 5 through April 11
 for the repose of the soul of



Janet Matsko
*r/b Kathy Smiley and
 Mike and Karen Shimko*



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 April 5 through April 11
 for the repose of the soul of

Janet Matsko
r/b Kathy Smiley

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>4/13 -4/14 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors William Doncsecz Alfred Krantz Beth Skinner Tom Weber</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers John Vallance -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Feast Day—April 8th

(transferred from March 25 in 2024 due to Holy Week)

This feast day is the announcement to Mary from the angel Gabriel telling her that God chose her to be the vessel for the coming of Jesus.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Lk 1:26-38)

We tend to associate this story with Christmas, but it is a lesson we should follow all year long. Mary accepted God's will even if it meant that it would ruin her reputation and create gossip within her community. She was frightened and even questioned the Angel Gabriel, but she never stepped backward from God's words. She courageously stepped forward into God's plan with true faith and trust. Are we like Our Blessed Mary or do we step backwards from God's vision that He has for us?

Most glorious and ever-virgin Mary, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to you to announce the coming of God within your virginal womb, you inquired with humility how this could be. The Archangel spoke further, and you assented to this Divine Mystery with all your heart. Please pray for me, that I may always consent to the will of God in my life so that your Divine Son may also be conceived in my soul to continue His saving work of redemption. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen



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>

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!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart of Jesus' Friday evening Stations of the Cross were well attended again this Lenten season.

In addition to our Deacons leading Stations of the Cross, Father Butera had our Sacristans alternate weeks and lead Stations.

Rocco Amato, Sacristan, led Stations for the first time on Friday, March 22. Rocco is pictured here with Altar Servers, John Vallance and Danie Holub.

Thank you to everyone for your service and dedication to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish!

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!

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.



**NEXT GENERATION DIOCESE
DISCIPLE MAKER INITIATIVE!**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the DMI Survey! The survey officially closed on April 2nd. Our Parish had a total of 163 surveys completed online or on paper by our parishioners. This represents about 38% of our average weekly Mass attendance number.

The participation rate goal from the Catholic Leadership Institute for parishes is 15-20%, so we exceeded that target by twofold!

Results from the survey will be tabulated by the Catholic Leadership Institute over the next several weeks and will be communicated/shared with you when we receive them.

We can expect an objective assessment of our community landscape, parishioner needs and dynamics and a snapshot of parishioners' faith journey and demographics. We will use this data to plan a path to grow over a 2-3 year timeframe.

Stay tuned!



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

- † The first **Highway Cleanup** in conjunction with PennDOT is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20**. We will meet in the Lower Church Parking Lot at 7:15 am and proceed to the cleanup site (Newburg Rd. from Township Line Rd. to Georgetown Rd.) Attire for the cleanup is long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and closed toe shoes that might get muddy. We will provide work gloves.
- † With **16 volunteers**, teams of 2 people would be responsible to clean .2 miles of the road both east and westbound; we average 3/4 hour for cleanup completion. After we’re finished, we’ll all proceed to the Church’s Scout Room for fellowship and of course, Coffee and Donuts. All Brother Knights and **PARISHIONERS** are welcome at this community event. Please contact Bob Wilkin at nancinator@aol.com to let us know you’ll be able to come and assist.

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.



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!

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday is today, April 7th

**Devotions will begin after the 11:00 am Mass with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
Please take advantage of Jesus' offering of this great grace of mercy!**

- † **After 11:00 am Mass—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
 - † **Hymn "O Salutaris Hostia"**
- † **12:30—The Rosary – The Glorious Mysteries**
- † **1:00—Message of Divine Mercy**
- † **1:15—Confession**
- † **2:00—A Reading from The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Lowalska**
- † **2:15—Blessing & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image**
- † **3:00—Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- † **Followed by Benediction**
 - † **Hymn "Tantum Ergo"**
 - † **Closing Hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"**



Your Stewardship Report - March 24		
First Collection	\$8,495	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than March 24</i>
Other Collections	\$870	
Other	\$46	
Total Collections	\$9,411	
Rice Bowl	\$1,951	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - April 14



First
Sunday Collection

Second
None



SAINT STANISLAUS, BISHOP
Feast Day—April 11th

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland and the unjust government. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. This boldness brought him into conflict with King Boleslaus, who was becoming notorious for his violent and depraved lifestyle. After a series of disputes over his scandalous behavior and other matters, Stanislaus found no success in his efforts to reform the king.

The bishop excommunicated the king – who responded with furious anger, sending henchmen to kill the bishop while he was offering Mass in the Chapel of St. Michael, located in a suburb of Kraków. But the soldiers all came out, saying they had been frightened by a light from heaven. Boleslaus then took matters into his own hands, ambushing St. Stanislaus and striking him down with a sword at the altar. St. Stanislaus was soon acclaimed as a martyr, while Boleslaus II was deposed and fled to Hungary.

There is little doubt that St. Stanislaus martyrdom confirmed Poland as a Christian country, strengthening its people throughout the years to become true witnesses to Christ no matter the cost.

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

"Vive la France!" means 'Long Live France' in English. However, the French government has just made it more difficult for any Frenchmen to be born, never mind living for very long. France, one of the most notable Catholic countries in the World at one point has just passed a "Constitutional freedom" for abortions.

The response to this "choice" was even worse, as the press reported that there was an "explosion of joy" at the announcement. In addition, at the same time that the pro-abort demonstrators were "screaming with delight", the Eiffel Tower itself was illuminated with hundreds of sparkling lights.

With a birth rate at 1.68 children per woman in 2023, if the decrease in birth rates continue, the French will eventually just disappear. I believe the population needs a birth rate of at least 2.1 to continue to just reproduce itself. By the way, the birth rate of the Muslim population in France is 2.9. Good for them. Only Christians seem to be bent on contracepting and aborting ourselves out of existence.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY, April 11th

8:00 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



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.



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!

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

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




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, 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.
 "We hope to see you there."

BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS
ANNUAL PATRIOTIC PROGRAM
 St. John's Lutheran Church
 206 E. Main Street, Bath, PA 18014



Please feel free to come to our rehearsals at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bath if you are interested in singing with the chorus for this wonderful presentation on June 9, 2024. Our program will feature music from the Civil War period.
Remaining Rehearsals on Sunday evenings
from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
Dates of rehearsals are
April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 19, 26; June 1, 8
For more information or questions, please contact
Sharon Shrantz at 610-837-1555.



ST. MONICA MINISTRY RETREAT
 Peace Retreat House
 484 Pump House Rd., Weatherly, PA
 Friday, April 19—Sunday, 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:


- **Rev. Pio Mandato, FMHJ**, "Padre Pio: Man of Living and Crucified Love" *Father will bless all present with the glove of stigmatic Padre Pio.*
- **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
before April 10


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!
Life-Giving Wounds Retreat, 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.



ALTAR SERVER MASS



Saturday, April 13th 2024, 11:00am
Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena,
Allentown, PA.



All youth altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes.
A reception for youth altar servers
and their families will be held after the Mass.



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.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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WELCOME

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone
 Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,
 Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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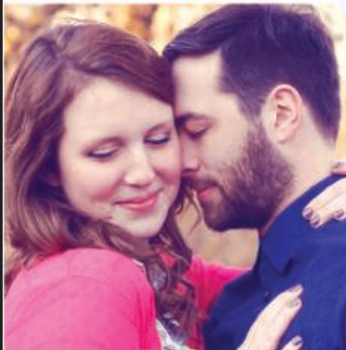
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