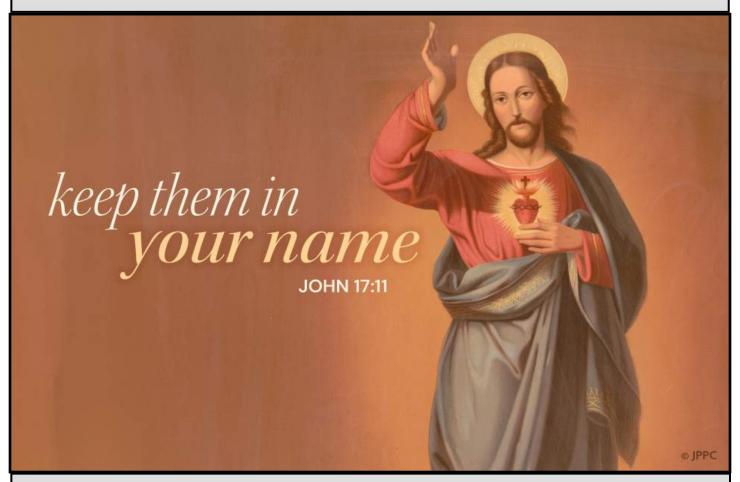
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 12, 2024

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct</u> 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, 7th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

May 11 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1Jn 4:11-16/

Jn 17:11b-19

5:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonella (living)

r/b Gonella Family

Sunday, 7th Sunday of Easter

May 12 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1Jn 4:11-16/

In 17:11b-19

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Deceased brothers and sisters

r/b Ruth Nafus

11:00 AM Stephen Milisits

r/b daughters

Monday, Our Lady of Fatima

May 13 Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

8:00 AM Carmen Shimko

r/b husband, Mike and family

Tuesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle

May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

8:00 AM James Hafner (living)

r/b Joe and Zondra Hafner

Wednesday, Saint Isidore

May 15 Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

8:00 AM John Peapos

r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Thursday, Easter Weekday

May 16 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

8:00 AM Paul R. Barracato

r/b Barracato Family

Friday, Easter Weekday

May 17 Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

8:00 AM Mary L. Brekosky

r/b Chris and Marcia Tallarico

Saturday, Pentecost Sunday (anticipated)

May 18 Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:8a,16-20b or Ez 37:1-14

or J1 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

5:00 PM Lilian Wolf

r/b Family

Sunday, Pentecost Sunday

May 19 Acts 2:11/1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-

25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

7:00 AM Gergely and Paula Schmalzl

r/b Paul and Margit Haldaman

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Ken Heckman

r/b wife, Rosanne and sons

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 May 10 through May 16 for the repose of the soul of



Betty DeNofa r/b daughter, Vivian and family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from May 10 through May 16 for the repose of the soul of



Paul R. Barracato r/b Barracato Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
May 10 through May 16
for the repose of the soul of



John Peapos

r/b Mike and Patty



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

May 10 through May 16

for the repose of the soul of

Carmen Shimko

r/b husband, Mike and family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

5/18 -5/19 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

Lectors Joan West Bill Wilde Beth Beers Christina Gehringer

<u>Deacons/EMHCs</u> Deacon Lewis Ferris

Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Edward Saukulak
Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Edward Saukulak

Altar Servers

John Vallance

- -

Peter Vallance



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Earl Smith, father
of Cerenna Smith
of Sacred Heart Parish



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!



https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath



There will be EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

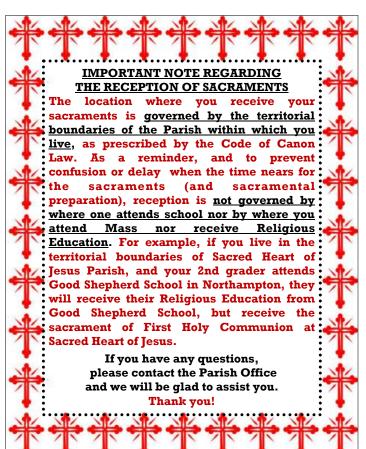
on Thursday, May 16th 8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



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.







Summer fun is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13

(Tricky Tray and Yard Sale Friday, Saturday AND Sunday, July 14)

There will be <u>LIVE BANDS</u>, 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!!!!



PICNIC STAND CHAIR PERSONS NEEDED

We are in need of a Picnic Stand Chair person for the <u>Soda and Water stand</u>. This is an important and fun stand to run!

Responsibilities include ordering and picking up the soda and water prior to picnic, organizing volunteers to ensure coverage at your stand, and generally having fun! You will need to be available for set-up Thursday evening and to ensure the stand is ready and stocked for both nights of the picnic. Please contact Beth Beers at 484-547-9449 or the Parish Office if interested or with any questions.

We are also in need of a chair person to coordinate the <u>Volunteer Sign-ups</u>. If you have strong organizational skills and a good network with other parishioners and/or school aged kids in need of service hours, you are perfect for the job! Please contact the Parish Office if interested or with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

SHC ANNUAL PICNIC 2024

IS COMING SOON!

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Sunday, May 12 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

Monday, May 13 – Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom Monday, May 20 – Monthly Planning Meeting 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

† Jesus keeps his promises to us. He does not leave us orphans. He appeared to the disciples several times after he rose from the dead. He gave us the Eucharist, his real presence, to nourish us until the end of time. He said he would return at his Second Coming. And there's another way he did not leave us orphans: He gave us his own mother to be ours. Let us turn to the Blessed Mother often with our needs and prayers of intercession.

A monthly challenge of our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: During this month of May, I challenge you to draw closer to Our Lady by offering one decade of the rosary each day for her motherly aid and help.

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofCl4464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL TRIP TO YANKEE STADIUM
Thursday, August 22, 2024

The 2024 Baseball Season has begun, and the Knights celebrate this rite of Spring with the announcement of their Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium.

The game against the Yankees vs Cleveland Guardians has a 1:05 pm start.

The tickets are located in Section 234 on the Second Deck, which in case of rain, is under cover.

Our Easton Coach bus departs from Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 am, with a direct return immediately following the game.

Cost per person is \$117.00

which includes the bus, ticket to the game and refreshments provided by our Council.

Tickets are already being sold to prior attendees, so book your seat soon!

Reservations are available by contacting Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-8429.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 237 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on May 2, bringing our year-to-date total to 3,267 pounds. This was the 12th 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.



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BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES TO BENEFIT PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE (PHL)

On Mother's Day weekend, <u>May 11-12, 2024</u>, after all masses, Sacred Heart will hold our <u>ANNUAL FLOWER SALE</u> to support Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Red Roses will be available for purchase (\$2 each) in the ramp vestibule and at the Washington Street exits of the Church.

PHL, in its dedication to protect and defend human life, to defend motherhood and fatherhood and seniors and disabled persons, seeks to educate the public about RIGHT TO LIFE issues and strongly advocate for them with our elected representatives. This flower sale represents their ONLY fundraiser for the year. These beautiful flowers are an expression of love and gratitude for the devotion of all our moms.

May all Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish moms have a blessed and joyful day, as together we celebrate God's great gift of human life.



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 May 14 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on Friday. May 10 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!



MONTH OF MAY

HOLY BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In this month we honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Lay Dominicans will lead the rosary before all Masses in May.



SACRED HEART PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD "LIVING ROSARY"

Monday, May 13th at 6:00PM

The Women's Guild will be hosting a
Living Rosary for the women of our parish and
sodalities from four other parishes in the
church followed by a social / dinner in the
auditorium. All women of the parish are
invited to join us in honoring
Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

If you have any questions, please contact Colette Mitch or the Parish Office.





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 Lewis Ferris at: Iferris_2000@yahoo.com

All are welcome!

Your Stewardship Report - April 28		
First Collection	\$7,005	Other collections - from envelopes dated
Mother's Day Remembrances	\$1,838	other than
Other Collections Other	\$680 \$42	April 28
		Other - donations,
Total Collections	\$9,565	Other - donations, candles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - May 19



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> <u>Second</u> Cemetery

MOTHER'S DAY-Sunday, May 12th

Pope St. John Paul II: "Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

St. Teresa of Calcutta: "That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"

Our Lady of Guadalupe, to St. Juan Diego: "Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

St. Gianna Beretta Molla: "Look at the mothers who truly love their children: how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy, and strong."

The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen: "Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood. She brings God to man by preparing the flesh in which the soul will be implanted; she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator....she is nature's constant challenge to death, the bearer of cosmic plentitude, the herald of eternal realities, God's great cooperator."

Mary has a unique place in the Catholic faith. She is the Mother of God, born without sin, yet still one of us. Her willingness to say "yes" to God's calling is one which we try to emulate in our lives every day. Mary demonstrates the important role a mother plays in their child's life, even if that child is the Son of God. We see her gentle guidance in Jesus' formative years, and it was through Mary's prompting that Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Through Mary's "yes" to God we are also reminded of the importance of answering our own vocations. Although it is often difficult to find our place in this world, the example of the Blessed Mother reminds us that saying "yes" is the greatest choice we can make.

As we have spent this weekend celebrating the mothers in our lives, let us also remember the special place that the Blessed Mother has in our faith. She can help us find and say yes to God's calling in our own lives. Pray the Hail Mary for all the mothers in the world so they can experience love, hope and forgiveness ...

From Sacred Heart Parish to ALL mothers, we wish you a Blessed Mother's Day.

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 <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. 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

The National Right to Life organization is recommending that if a pro-abortionist brings up the subject in a group that we use the following sentence: "I don't want to argue about this, but for the record, I disagree." I personally enjoy debating, not arguing, with pro-abortionist, but if you don't, then this is good advice for a number of reasons.

The pro-aborts like to think that every "educated," intelligent person is agreeing with their position. So, it is good for them as well as the on-lookers to see that at least one of the group does not agree. You are unlikely to convince the speaker about this subject, but most of the others probably do not have strong opinions on abortion and they are the ones you want to influence.

My experience tells me that around 20% of the population is strongly pro-life, and about 20% are strongly pro-abortion. That leaves 60% that needs to be influenced one way or the other. (Note: nothing scientific about my percentages). We should not pass up an opportunity to convince the 60% that killing babies before they are born is not a solution to any of the World's many problems. In fact, on a number of levels, it may prove to be the biggest problem of all.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS

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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. We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!







Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

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Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.

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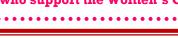




BAKE SALE - NEXT WEEKEND! Women's Guild Bake Sale Saturday, May 18th and

Sunday, May 19th in the ramp area before and after all Masses.

Thank you to all who bake and those who support the Women's Guild!





"Luisa Piccarreta and the Divine Will—Teachings of Jesus"

Two anonymous parishioner families wanted to donate a copy of this book to all parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus.

> Pick up your copy from the table in the ramp vestibule entrance.

> > Enjoy reading it!

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE—Feast Day May 14th

Matthias, whose name means "gift of God", was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was "a witness to Christ's Resurrection," according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension. While preaching the Gospel message, Matthias emphasized the importance of self-control.

Prayer: Saint Matthias, you heard Jesus calling you to follow Him from the very beginning of His public ministry. You responded with generosity, fulfilling the humble role of a disciple and missionary. When you were chosen as one of the Twelve and ordained a bishop, you fulfilled your shepherding duty of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Please pray for me, that I will listen to the voice of God and respond to His call generously all the days of my life. Saint Matthias, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen



LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY will be OPEN

May 19th, June 2nd and 16th 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.



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Announcement May 18th, 2024 at 9:15AM St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center

May is the Month of Mary. Using this time to teach your grandchildren about Mary and praying the Rosary is a great way to "Pass on the Faith." Monday May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady appeared to three young children and gave them the message of Fatima. You can teach your own grandchildren that Our Lady can use their help!

Join us for the next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association where we pray for our children and grandchildren and where we share with others our traditions and learn about theirs. We are currently reviewing chapters of the book Return to get a better understanding of how to bring our children and grandchildren back to the faith. Our meetings are always full of great stories and ideas on how to share the wealth of Our Faith. This is how we accomplish our mission as Grandparents. Remember, you do not have to be a member to come to the meetings.

ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY

Hanover Township will hold its Annual Armed Forces Day Program Saturday, May 18th starting at 11:00 a.m.

The program will be held at Armed Services Park, SR 512 and Hanoverville Road (across from CVS and Turkey Hill)

Speakers: John Kukitz, USA Army, Freddie Reed,
US Army Christopher Yarnell, USMC

The program will include speakers, a brass ensemble and military honors.

All are welcome.

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.



STRIDES FOR MOMS

5k Walk/Run June 8, 2024



Notre Dame High School, Easton, PA
To Support
Walking With Moms in Need

Our Lady's Helpers

To register online:

https://runsignup.com/stridesformoms
Or Register



Any questions: stridesformoms@gmail.com

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOLS ASSEMBLY #78 CELEBRATION DINNER

Incarnation of Our Lord Church
LaBuda Hall—617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, PA

Tickets are available for a Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 9TH</u>, <u>2024</u> following a special 2:00PM Mass



Tickets are \$10/person

Tickets can be purchased at our weekend

Masses or by contacting our rectory

at 610-866-3391.

ANYONE IS WELCOME!!



HOLY FAMILY SENIOR LIVING GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 20th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on

Friday, June 14th, 2024 at the Southmoore Golf Club at 8am.

To register go to www.holyfamilysl.org/golf.

For more information or questions please contact Michele Millikin at mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org or 610-871-5200 ext. 2282

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 <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> 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

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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