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

<u>OUR MISSION</u>

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.

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It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches

MARK 4: 31-32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 16, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)		
	Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34		
5:00 PM	Mary Ann Donello Guynn		
	r/b husband, Ron		
Sunday,	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34		
	Stephen J. Paukovits		
	r/b Paukovits and Raykos families		
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart		
11:00 AM	Augustus Mondschein		
	r/b Loretta and family		
Monday,	Weekday		
	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42		
	Reverend William Seifert		
	r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild		
Tuesday,	Weekday		
June 18	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48		
	Daniel W. Eckel		
	r/b Wachholz Family		
	Saint Romuald, Abbot		
	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		
	Reverend Christopher S. Butera		
	r/b Lay Dominicans		
Thursday,			
June 20	Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15		
	Mr. and Mrs. Man Lee		
	r/b Gonella Family		
Friday,	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga		
	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23		
8:00 AM	Francisca Hassan		
	r/b Connie and Stacey Wieder		
Saturday,	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)		
June 22	Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41		
5:00 PM	Cimino Family		
	r/b Jean and Melina Nye		
Sunday,	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
June 23	Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41		
	Irene Meyers		
	r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family		
9:00 AM	Daniel David Kelly		
	r/b Deborah A. Kelly		
11:00 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart		



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

June 14 through June 20 for the repose of the soul of

Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos families

June 16, 2024

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 June 14 through June 20 for the repose of the soul of



Augustus Mondschein r/b Loretta and family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from June 14 through June 20 for the repose of the soul of



William J. DeNofa, Jr. *r/b* daughter, Vivian and family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from June 14 through June 20 for the repose of the soul of

Irene Meyers r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical +Roles*

6/22 -6/23	Lectors	Deacons/EMHCs	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Christina Gehringer	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Peter Vallance
7:00 AM	William Doncsecz	Deacon Lewis Ferris	
9:00 AM	Beth Skinner	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Daniel Holub
11:00 AM	Beth Beers	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Peter Vallance

HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY- June 16, 2024

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by Anna Jarvis and the idea of Mother's Day. Her father, William Jackson Smart, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was also a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself, after his wife Ellen died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. Thus, on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced: Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

- † Fathers are the first to help guide you through life with his love from your first steps to your last.
- *† Fathers are patient, kind, loving and forgiving.*
- **†** *A* father is the anchor upon which his children stand.
- *† Fathers are men who dared to place the world's hopes and dreams in their children.*
- *†* The value of a loving father has no price.
- *† When a father speaks, may his children hear the love in his voice above all else.*
- *†* **Fathers share wisdom with their children in the hopes** they spread it throughout the world.
- *† A father is half of you, so he knows you better than you might even know yourself. Rely on his wisdom in life.*
- *† Even the best fathers make mistakes and will ask for forgiveness.*
- *† A father's love is eternal and without end, even when they are not physically here on earth. A father's love is forever.*
- *† The best parts of your father are the best parts of you. Never forget who your true Father is (God).*

St. Joseph was not Jesus's biological father. Like St. Joseph men can be step father's or a mentor to someone who needs a father figure in their life. Never turn your back on anyone who is searching for guidance, hope and love and is struggling to understand what the word FATHER means. Strive to be like St. Joseph and trust in Our Lord to insure your role as a Father and Dad.

From all of us here at Sacred Heart Parish we wish all Fathers a BLESSED AND HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!



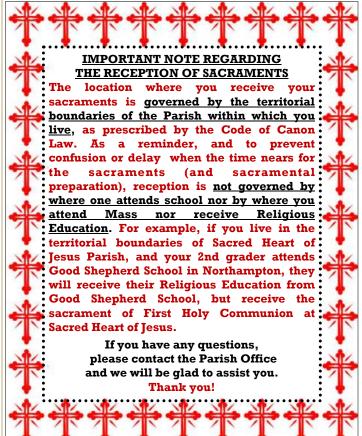
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ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

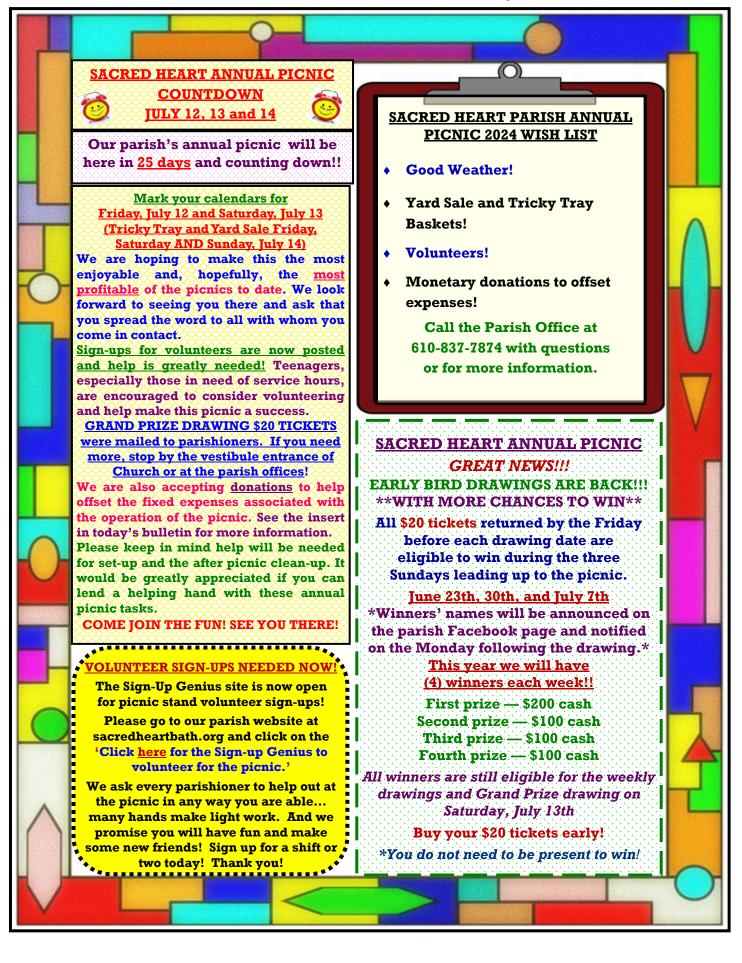


Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates Mass on select days in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for publicized online Mass times and other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. 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) <u>Twitter</u>: follow @sacredheartbath (https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath) <u>Periscope</u>: follow @sacredheartbath (https://www.pscp.tv/sacredheartbath/follow) Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available: <u>https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath</u>



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SACRED HEART PICNIC YARD SALE

Our Annual Picnic yard sale is in need of donations! We are accepting all unused or lightly used household items.

STARTING ON MONDAY, JUNE 10TH FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS JULY 10TH

Due to other activity in the Church, there will be <u>NO</u> yard sale drop-offs on <u>Monday, July 1st</u> in the afternoon nor in the evening.

PLEASE NOTE - WE <u>DO NOT ACCEPT</u> VHS TAPES, TELEVISIONS, COMPUTERS, COMPUTER TOWERS, MONITORS, PRINTERS

WE DO ACCEPT- NEW CLOTHING WITH TAGS ATTACHED

Drop-off your items to the "Scout Room" (enter through Church parking lot south side door by the Rosary Garden down to Church basement) <u>Mondays</u>: 12:30 pm—2:30 pm and 6-8 pm* <u>Wednesdays</u>: 12:30 pm—2:30 pm and 6-8 pm* <u>Fridays</u>: 11:00 am—1:30 pm and 6-8 pm* *for evening drop-offs, please <u>enter the parking lot</u> <u>from Wabash Street</u>

<u>Please contact Mary at 484-821-6637</u> for any questions or to make arrangements for drop-off times outside of posted hours.

PICNIC TRICKY TRAY

We are looking for basket donations, gift cards, individual items or even the good old "green stuff." We are trying to put a grand prize together with monetary donations. Baskets and other items may be dropped off to the lower level parish office in the Burkhart Building (blue doors) between

8 am and 3 pm, Monday-Friday. Please write your name on the baskets. Any questions, or need any ideas, please call the parish office 610-837-7874.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

PICNIC STAND CHAIR PERSONS NEEDED

We are in need of help for our <u>Picnic</u> <u>Parking</u>. Parking at the picnic is one of the most important aspects of the weekend because it provides safety to all our patrons—those driving and parking in the picnic field, as well as pedestrians, especially during peak times.

Responsibilities include soliciting volunteers and assisting with traffic flow and directions on 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.



SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC Cake and Coffee Stand Donations Requested

The Cake and Coffee stand is in need of your home baked goods for this year's picnic! This year the Coffee Stand will be using a Keurig coffee machine. Donations for K-cup pods would be greatly appreciated.

> All donations can be dropped off at the Cake and Coffee stand each evening of the picnic.

Friday-July 12 and Saturday-July 13

Please consider donating a tasty treat and a box of coffee K-cups.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY! Friday, June 21 – Council Outing – Iron Pigs Baseball Game 7:05pm Coca Cola Park; Fireworks Night Monday, June 24 – Monthly Planning Meeting 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom Monday, July 8 – Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

A monthly reflection from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:30-32) Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of "planting seeds." Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have a great influence.



situation. Talking with God means...praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times. Or asking God's help in all your decisions. Expressing sorrow and forgiveness when you have failed. May you thank God for the beauty that surrounds you in

these sunny and rainy summer days. Amen.

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

The 2024 Baseball Season has begun, and the Knights are pleased to announce their Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium.

> The game against the 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 9:00am, with a direct return immediately following the game.

<u>Cost per person is \$117.00</u> which includes the bus, ticket to the game and refreshments provided by our Council.

Tickets are already selling fast, so book your seat soon!

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

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To get started, visit: FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese

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Your Stewardship Report - June 2		ort - June 2	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
First Collection Parish Improvement Other Collections <u>Other</u> Total Collections	\$1,581 \$548	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than June 2 Other - donations, candles, etc.	Next Week's Collections - June 23 First Sunday Collection Second None
Confe	HARISTIC a Thursda am—9:00 ession: 7: PLEASE 1 EPOSE C Varie Far of Patty f Sacred 1 HE ALTAI k of a June 20 ory of eary ly AL VOTIVE base call on ndles burr We have l or visit th	E LAMPS candle at the shrine of a, at the Tabernacle or r visit the parish office a from Friday through open weeks available are office to schedule. A	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 I am pretty tough on the pro-abortionists in these articles, but our hope of course is for the conversion of them. One of the most outstanding stories was the dramatic conversion of one of the lead proabortionist, Dr. Bernard Nathanson. Dr. Nathanson was co-founder in 1969 of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (NARAL). He was also director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health (they used the euphemisms for abortion even back then in 1974). After his conversion to a pro-life stance, he wrote: "I am deeply troubled by my own increasing certainty that I had in fact presided over 60,000 deaths." He also
WILL ESTATE PLANN Making an estate plan i loved ones, and your cor you can outline impo decisions for the future, ultimately, act as a s placed in your care. Through our new parts start the new year by o	s an act of nmunity. I rtant fina provide fo teward of nership w completing	care for yourself, your By creating your plans, ncial and healthcare or your loved ones, and d everything God has ith FreeWill, you can y this important act of	wrote that he performed an abortion on a woman whom he had impregnated." Ten years after he switched from being an active pro- abortion enthusiast to an equally active pro-life advocate, Dr. Nathanson converted from a Jewish atheist (his own description) to a Roman Catholic. When asked why he converted to Catholicism, he stated that "no religion matches the special role for forgiveness that is afforded by the Catholic Church."
care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost.			For those of you who think your sins are too grievous to be forgiven, think again.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

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FALL ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Currently Open for Children in 1st- 8th Grade

Registration forms can be obtained from the parish website under "Parish Life" and

"Religious Education" or by emailing Mr. Thomas Weber at <u>dre@sacredheartbath.org</u>

Please complete and return all new and re-registration forms to

dre@sacredheartbath.org by August 5th. Registration form and check if returned by July <u>10th is \$85.00 per child</u>. Cost per child after July 10th is \$95.00.

Fall Classes begin on <u>Monday, September 9</u>.

For those interested in assisting by being a catechist or aid, please prayerfully consider giving your time to help foster the faith to the children of our parish. For more information, please contact Tom Weber at <u>dre@sacredheartbath.org</u>.



ARE YOU A 2024 GRADUATE? <u>FINISHING 8TH GRADE,</u> HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE?

We would like to spotlight and recognize our parish's 2024 graduates. If any parishioner graduate would like to share their accomplishment in a future bulletin, please send a photo to office@sacredheartbath.org along with the graduate's name, school and future plans.

Congratulations and many blessings to all 2024 graduates as they complete an important milestone and move on to new adventures and opportunities!

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY NOW CLOSED

Unfortunately, the Dominican Library has been closed due to a lack of interest/patrons. We thank those parishioners who visited the library and especially those who helped get the library up and running!

Thank you to Fr. Butera for the opportunity given to our fraternity. If you borrowed a book and haven't returned it, please accept it as our gift to you! **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	l Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Fabric Scraps	Household	Rags	Toys
	goods		

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS ALL YEAR-ROUND! GREAT FOR GRADUATIONS, 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.

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, ShopRite OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of all gift cards sold.

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.



BULLETIN PUBLICATION

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

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY 122 Union St., Catasauqua

Annual Block Party Thursday, June 20th from 6:00 to 9:00 Friday, June 21st from 6:00 to 10:00 Saturday, June 22nd from 5:00 to 10:00

Come out and enjoy Children's Games, Bingo in the air-conditioned Parish Hall, Basket Raffles, and a Bake Sale. Your favorite foods will be available as well: Steak/Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ, Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes, Funnel-Cake, and more. Feel free to bring your own chair and find a spot in the grass lot to enjoy some great food, cold beer/soda, and music all three nights by

D.H. Productions, DJ's for All Occasions.

This is event is rain or shine. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or by email <u>kim.stmarys122@gmail.com</u>.



PASTA DINNER

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall 924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102 Saturday June 29, 2024 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (after 4:00 Mass)

Spaghetti, Penne Pasta, or Rigatoni Meatballs, Sauce (marinara and meat sauce), roll, salad, dessert, coffee/tea. BYOB

Only \$15.00

Tickets are available before and after Mass in the vestibule or you can call the Rectory at 610-432-0034.

No tickets will be sold after June 24th so buy your tickets early and enjoy a delicious dinner with family and fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CASH BINGO

Proceeds support Council 4282 charities and initiatives.



Sunday June 23, 2024 Holy Family Parish Center 508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

\$20 per person for all entrants 15 games with plenty of specials 50/50 Raffle

> Doors open at 12:00 PM First Game at 12:45 PM

FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

ST. ELIZABETH HUNGARY PARISH 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, Pa Vacation Bible School June 24—28, 2024!

ONLY A SHORT TIME AWAY!

Get ready to SPLASH into fun this June at: "SCUBA" where we will "THANK GOD" for His many gifts!

Welcome to the event that helps kids discover what it means to be thankful for everything, every day. SCUBA helps kids learn Scripture, team build, sing unforgettable Bible songs and enjoy tasty treats to name just a few!

> Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12 Noon each day.

Registration forms available at the parish office or on our parish website <u>www.sercc.org</u> or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208.

Cost is \$20 per child or \$35 for a family.

Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies. Volunteers welcome! 18 and older must have clearances.





QUO VADIS & FIAT DAYS RETREATS

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days (two separate retreats for young men and women) will be held on July 7-11, 2024 at Muhlenberg College!

All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend these

discernment retreats to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. The retreats will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship!

Sign up for Quo Vadis (young men's retreat) at allentowndiocese.org/quo-vadis.

Sign up for Fiat Days (young women's retreat) at allentowndiocese.org/fiat-days.

Questions contact Elena Lanzieri at elanzieri@allentowndiocese.org. Registration deadline is June 26th.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625 PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Rectory and Parish Office: Phone : 610-837-7874, Fax: 610-837-4570, Email: office@sacredheartbath.org Website: www.sacredheartbath.org Pastor: Rev. Christopher S. Butera Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak Director of Accounts: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz Outreach & Advancement Office: Ms. Karen Shimko

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shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

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

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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 **<u>RCIA</u>**. 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</u> <u>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.

<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u> 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 <u>www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</u> or by calling 800-276-1562.



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