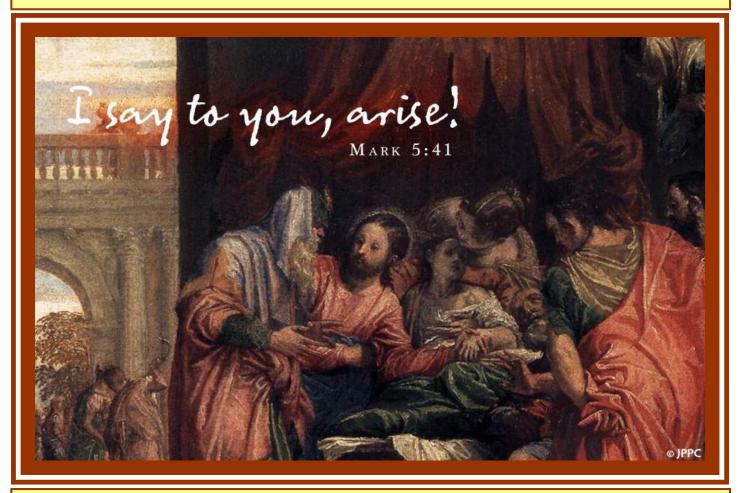
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

#### 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.



# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 30, 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, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

June 29 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

 $7:00 \; AM \; Justin Shellhammer$ 

r/b Pat and George Gasper

9:00 AM Antonia Klepeis

r/b Marty and Louise Klepeis

11:00 AM Laurie Meriwether (living)

(in honor of 80th birthday)

r/b Houston

Monday, Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

July 1 Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

8:00 AM Dave and Donajean (living) Eckel

r/b Shaffer Family

Tuesday, Weekday

July 2 Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

8:00 AM Paul Horvath

r/b Dolores Palmer

Wednesday, Saint Thomas, Apostle

July 3 Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

8:00 AM Catherine Zenz

r/b Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary

Thursday, Weekday

July 4 Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

9:00 AM Catherine Zenz (anniversary of death)

r/b Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary

Friday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

July 5 Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Saturday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 6 Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mt 6:1-6a

 $5{:}00\ PM\ Mr.$  and Mrs. Gasper

r/b John M. Gasper

Sunday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7 Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mt 6:1-6a

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Emily Sampson

r/b Mick and Ginny Olivi

11:00 AM Helen Archer McNulty

r/b daughter, Deborah A. Kelly

#### 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 28 through July 4 for the repose of the soul of



Connie Wheary r/b Family

#### SAINT IOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
June 28 through July 4
for the repose of the souls of



Helen and Joseph Stevko, Sr. r/b Pat Kohler



#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
June 28 through July 4
for the repose of the souls of

Bruno and Ursula Wachholz r/b Wachholz Family

#### THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from June 28 through July 4 for the repose of the soul of



Elizabeth Renkievicz r/b husband, Anthony and mother, Rose

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

# Liturgical Roles

7/6-7/7	
5:00 PM	
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	
11:00 AM	

#### Lectors William Doncsecz Bill Wilde **Beth Beers** Tim Geiger

#### Deacons/EMHCs

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

#### **Altar Servers**

Daniel Holub

#### **JULY 4TH**

#### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

by Katharine Lee Bates

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!

Americal Americal May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!

> O beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

Do you know the full lyrics of this song? This balled was written about our freedom, patriotic love for America and our faith. Did you realize how many times God is mentioned? Remember the words of this brilliant and poetic song when confronting someone who does not want to equate faith in God and America. Remind them that the United States was built on the belief of Our Lord and protected by the heroic men and women fighting for our freedoms. This wonderful melody says it all...

> God Bless America the Beautiful!! HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, July 4th in observance of **Independence Day** 



WITH FATHER BUTERA

# **ONLINE MASS**



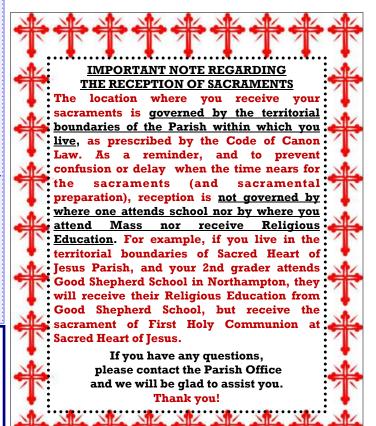
Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates Mass on select days in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for publicized online Mass times and other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. 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



### SACRED HEART ANNUAL PICNIC COUNTDOWN **JULY 12, 13 and 14**



Our parish's annual picnic will be here in 12 days and counting down!!

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 (Tricky Tray and Yard Sale Friday, <u>Saturday AND Sunday, July 14)</u>

We are hoping to make this the most enjoyable and, hopefully, the most profitable of the picnics to date. We look forward to seeing you there and ask that you spread the word to all with whom you come in contact.

Sign-ups for volunteers are now posted and help is greatly needed! Teenagers, especially those in need of service hours, are encouraged to consider volunteering and help make this picnic a success.

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$20 TICKETS

It's not too late to return your ticket stubs! If you need more tickets, stop by the vestibule entrance of the Church or at the parish offices!

We are also accepting donations to help offset the fixed expenses associated with the operation of the picnic.

Please keep in mind help will be needed for set-up and the after picnic take down clean-up. See below for details on HOW to sign-up.

COME JOIN THE FUN! SEE YOU THERE!

The Sign-Up Genius site is now open for picnic stand volunteer sign-ups! Please go to our parish website at sacredheartbath.org and click on the 'Volunteers-click here' Or sign-up on the posted sheets in the vestibule THIS WEEKEND!

We ask every parishioner to help out at the picnic in any way you are able... many hands make light work. And we promise you will have fun and make some new friends! Sign up for a shift or two today! Thank you!

#### SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC 2024 WISH LIST

- **Volunteers!**
- Yard Sale donations and Tricky **Tray Baskets!**
- Help with set-up on Tuesday, July 9 and take down on Sunday, July 14.
- Monetary donations to offset expenses!

Call the Parish Office at 610-837-7874 with questions or for more information.



#### **WOODEN TABLES AND SAWHORSES AVAILABLE**

Looking for a pair of used sawhorses and/or a wood makeshift table top?

Thanks to a VERY generous

donor, we have upgraded the tables we use at the picnic from makeshift wooden tables to new plastic ones, with foldable legs. The old tables served the picnic very well over the years, but were cumbersome to store and heavy to move for set-up and take-down. The new tables will be more comfortable to sit at and more versatile for other uses.

We plan to get rid of the old sawhorses and table tops for a small fee/donation. The table tops are 3 sections of wood attached together to form a 3 ft x 10 ft top. The table tops and sawhorses will be available <u>after</u> the picnic.

If you have questions, please contact Karen at the office—610-837-6391.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

#### 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 enter the parking lot
from Wabash Street

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

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

# PICNIC STAND HELP NEEDED

We are in need of help for our Picnic Parking. 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 assisting with traffic flow and directions. Volunteers are needed both nights of the picnic! Please contact the Parish Office if any questions or go to the Sign-up Genius site and volunteer to help!

We are also in need of a chair person to coordinate the Volunteer Sign-ups. 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.

## PICNIC TRICKY TRAY

We are looking for basket
donations, gift cards, individual
items or even the good old
"green stuff" for a grand prize basket!
See insert in today's bulletin for great
BASKET IDEAS! 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

TRICKY TRAY BASKETS
NEEDED

call the parish office 610-837-7874.



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.

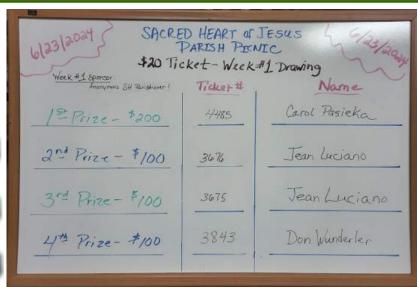
All donations can be dropped off at the Cake and Coffee stand each evening of the picnic.

> 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!





#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our first 4 winners of the Early Bird \$20 Picnic ticket drawing—Carol Pasieka, Jean Luciano (2) and Don Wunderler! And yes, if you purchased more than one ticket, it is possible to win more than once in the same drawing!

Have you returned your tickets yet? There will be 2 more early bird weekly drawings—on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 30</u> and <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 7</u>. Get your tickets now!

All tickets are eligible for future drawings, including the Grand Prize drawing on Saturday, July 13 at the picnic at 10:00 pm where 10 winners will be selected and over \$9,000 in total prizes will be given away!

#### SACRED HEART ANNUAL PICNIC

#### **GREAT NEWS!!!**

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS ARE BACK!!!

\*\*WITH MORE CHANCES TO WIN\*\*

All \$20 tickets returned by the Friday before each drawing date are eligible to win in the Early Bird drawings!

There are 2 left before the picnic:

#### June 30th, and July 7th

\*Winners' names will be announced on the parish Facebook page and notified on the Monday following the drawing.\*

This year we will have (4) winners each week!!

First prize — \$200 cash Second prize — \$100 cash Third prize — \$100 cash Fourth prize — \$100 cash

All winners are still eligible for the weekly drawings and Grand Prize drawing on Saturday, July 13th

Buy your \$20 tickets early!

\*You do not need to be present to win!

# SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC ANGELS FOR CLAMS

Angels for Clams, Oysters or Shrimp
We are looking for "Angels,"
individuals who are willing to purchase any remaining
clams, oysters or shrimp to please call Rick Gower at
484-695-2546 or e-mail rcg@fritch.com to be put on our
"Angels" list. We needed to use this Angel's list last year.

Clam Stand - The Clam stand is in need of donations of BUTTER.

Anyone interested in donating butter please call Rick Gower @ 484-695-2546. Thank you!

#### <u>SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM</u>

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "GRADUATIONS"

BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS,

ANNIVERSARIES OR BABY SHOWERS.

#### \*\*\*GREAT IDEA FOR A TRICKY TRAY BASKET \*\*\*

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



#### OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391.



Your Stewardship Report - June 16			
First Collection Other Collections Other		Other collections - from envelopes dated other than	
Total Collections	\$7,629	<u>June 16</u>	
		Other - donations, candles, etc.	

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION—June 30, 2024 PETER'S PENCE

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy not our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



There will be

#### **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

on Thursday, July 4th
due to the
Independence Day Holiday.

# OPENING OF THE 2025 MASS BOOK

We will begin scheduling Masses for 2025 on Wednesday, August 7th in the Burkhart Building beginning at 8:30 AM until noon.

Four Masses scheduled at Sacred Heart will be the limit per family again this year.

#### 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.

# PRAYER TO SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE Feast Day—July 3rd

O Glorious Saint Thomas, your grief for Jesus was such that it would not let you believe he had risen unless you actually saw him and touched his wounds. But your love for Jesus was equally great and it led you to give up your life for him. Pray for us that we may grieve for our sins which were the cause of Christ's sufferings. Help us to spend ourselves in his service and so earn the title of "blessed" which Jesus applied to those who would believe in him without seeing him. Amen.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - July 7



First
Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Parish Improvement

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

 $\Rightarrow$  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 "Support our Parish..." button on the home page.
- 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 old; "when does life began debate" will not go away. The pro-aborts need to justify their decision to take the life of their children by contrived arguments based on emotions. If the question of when life begins is in the context of biology, then it seems pretty clear that life begins at conception. It only gets murky when the debate takes place in relationship to the permissive abortion issue.

For example, in China the age of a person is determined in part at the time of conception. So that there is an agreement when life begins. Of course, the government of China is atheistic/communist, so that since they believe humans are just a higher form of animals the concept of aborting them is not a big deal. As we know "man was born in the likeness and image of God, man and woman He created them." We are not just higher animals.

Ironically, China, after years of enforced 1-child and then 2-child limits on couples to prevent overpopulation is now in a crisis of not having enough people to perform basic functions. It seems that whenever we humans mess around with God's natural order the results are never good.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

Monday, July 8 - Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom Friday & Saturday, July 12/13 - Church Picnic Monday, July 22 - Monthly Planning Meeting 7:00pm - Burkhart Building & Zoom

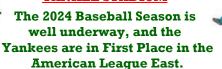
A monthly challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori. "He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her "Talitho koum," which means "Little girl I say to you arise!" (Gospel for June 30, Mk 5:40b-41) Jesus restores the young girl to life by his word and touch. He restores for us the life through the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of penance, with the words of absolution pronounced by his priest. We too can improve the lives of those in need around us, extending to them Christ's love through our own words and works of charity.

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention is: "We pray that migrants fleeing from war and hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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



Driven by this and the success of our prior trips to Yankee Stadium, the bus trip on Thursday, August 22 is a **SELLOUT**.

We have established a Wait List in the event that any of the ticket holders aren't able to attend. To place your name on the list, please contact Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-7429.

Just as a reminder, the game is against the Cleveland Guardians with a 1:05 pm start.

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

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

#### Cost per person is \$117.00

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



### **ARE YOU A 2024 GRADUATE?** FINISHING 8TH GRADE, **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!

**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 July 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, July 5th beginning at 9:00 am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Volunteers are needed on the Friday before distribution. Access is at the rear of the church. Thank you for your donations and for your help!



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 dre@sacredheartbath.org

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 10th is \$85.00 per child.

Cost per child after July 10th is \$95.00.

Fall Classes begin on Monday, September 9.

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 dre@sacredheartbath.org.

# RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy).

If you know anyone who could benefit from this program.

If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

# PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO MEXICO October 5 to 11, 2024

Pilgrimage Tour to Mexico with Father Phil Rodgers Including: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tepeyac Hill, Zocalo Plaza, Tlaxcala,

Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Teotihuacan, and more!

#### \$2,150 PP/DO

Please call Debbie at 570-622-1802, ext. 0, for more info.



We are taking a summer break from the Scripture study and, God willing, will reconvene our study on September 28th. We

were able to complete all of St. Paul's epistles and St. John's Book of Revelations during the past sessions.

Please pray about joining us in the Fall as we began a new session. In fact, we will be studying the Book of Genesis, where it all begins. I will also give a teaching on "What Catholics believe about the Bible" and a timeline from "Genesis to Revelation." We use Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, which has extensive notes as a guideline.

Contact me with any questions: lferris\_2000@yahoo.com
"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
St. Jerome

# NORTH BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP St. Anne Church Rectory 450 East Washington Street, Bethlehem

Introducing: The North Bethlehem Catholic Youth Group!
Calling all students in grades 8 through 12!
JOIN US for social time, fun activities,
and spiritual nourishment.

June 19, 6:30pm - 8:00pm; July 17, 6:30pm - 8:00pm;
August 21, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Interested?

Email: Father Alexander Brown at Abrown@allentowndiocese.



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO

A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.

Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (High School) Friday, September 20, 2024 (English) Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish)

Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email <a href="mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese">ahoffa@allentowndiocese</a> or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

# PILGRIMAGE OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years.

More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools.

Contact Father Hoffa directly at his diocesan email <a href="mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese">ahoffa@allentowndiocese</a> or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

#### 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:**

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Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
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**

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.

<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 <a href="https://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or by calling 800-276-1562.

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