## 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.



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 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, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 20 Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

5:00 PM Martha Quiroz

r/b Christine and Stephen Nederostek

Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21 Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

7:00 AM Helen Dlugos Dixon

r/b Pat and George Gasper

9:00 AM Martin Yany, Jr.

r/b Dale and Dolla Schrey

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, Saint Mary Magdalene

July 22 Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8:00 AM Ricardo Garcia r/b Hoff Family

Tuesday, Saint Bridget, Religious

July 23 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

8:00 AM Sandra Santo

r/b Rosemary Flood

Wednesday, Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

July 24 Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

8:00 AM James King

r/b Dormarunno Family

Thursday, Saint James, Apostle

July 25 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

8:00 AM Donald Solomon

r/b Edward and Janice Kosciolek

Friday, Saints Joachim and Anne

July 26 Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ter 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

8:00 AM Walter Ewert

r/b Family

Saturday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

July 27 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

7:00 AM Ryan Yeager

r/b Eric Le

9:00 AM Virginia Forest

r/b Anne LaBar

11:00 AM David Prentice

r/b Tim and Paula Prentice

#### 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 July 19 through July 25 for the repose of the soul of



Bridget M. Molnar r/b Barracato Family

#### **SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from July 19 through July 25 for the repose of the soul of



Jason Dorner
r/b Schleppy Family



#### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

for the week of

July 19 through July 25

Sam Vlasics (recovery from surgery)

r/b Family



#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
July 19 through July 25
for the repose of the souls of

Bridget and John Molnar

r/b Barracato Family

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

### Liturgical +Roles

| 7/27 -7/28<br>5:00 PM |
|-----------------------|
| 7:00 AM<br>9:00 AM    |
| 11:00 AM              |

#### Lectors Beth Beers Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Christina Gehringer Frank Molchan

#### Deacons/EMHCs

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

#### **Altar Servers**

Daniel Holub Peter Vallance

#### 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.

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

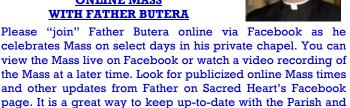
Fall Classes begin on Monday, September 9. For those interested in assisting by being a catechist or aid, please prayerfully consider giving your time to help foster the faith to the children of our parish. For more information, please contact Tom Weber at dre@sacredheartbath.org.

## **ONLINE MASS**

Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® pagel

livestreamed liturgical services!

Join us for Mass!



Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:

current events and to stay connected spiritually through the

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 PARISH **BIBLE STUDY (Summer Break)**

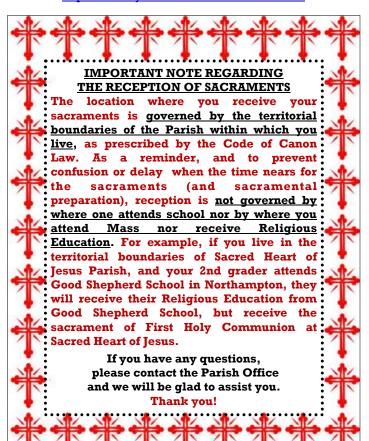
We are taking a summer break from the Scripture study and, God willing, will reconvene our study on September 28th. We were able to complete all of St. Paul's epistles and St. John's Book of Revelations during the past sessions.

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

#### SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE Feast Day - July 26th

In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith! \*\*Pope Francis\*\*



## **SACRED HEART PICNIC 2024**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!**

### **GRAND PRIZE \$20 TICKET WINNERS**

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize  | \$5,000 | Clare Fleck     |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize  | \$1,500 | Pina Ronca      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize  | \$1,000 | Julie Check     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | Linda Savarese  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | Darlene Klepeis |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | Gary Reese      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | Barbara Kocher  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | Earl Shive      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | \$250   | John Abramowsky |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Prize | \$250   | John Abramowsky |

### **EARLY BIRD \$20 TICKET WINNERS:**

| <u>WEEK 1</u> | <u>WEEK 2</u>            | <u>WEEK 3</u> Gary Assetto  Miguel Pallares |  |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| Carol Pasieka | <b>Vincent Barracato</b> |   |  |
| Jean Luciano  | Marie Fiorini            |   |  |
| Jean Luciano  | Mike Long                | Nancy Hebert                                |  |
| Don Wunderler | Julie Raybuck            | Julie Raybuck                               |  |



#### **PICNIC NOTES...**

#### TRICKY TRAY

#### **BASKET WINNERS**

If you are one of the lucky winners from our Tricky Tray basket auction and have not yet picked up your basket, please come to the lower level Parish Office (blue doors)

in the Burkhart Building between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday-Friday.

If you need to make arrangements for pick-up outside of these hours, please contact the office at 610-837-6391. Thank you and congratulations on your winnings!



SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC ANGELS FOR CLAMS



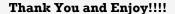
We are looking for "Angels," individuals who are willing to purchase any remaining items from the Clam stand.

We have Clam Chowder (frozen) remaining and it is available to anyone for purchase while supplies last.

The cost for the Clam Chowder is \$7.00 per quart and/or \$25.00 for a gallon.

> Please call or text Rick Gower at 484-695-2546 or







#### SACRED HEART PICNIC WRAP-UP

The 2024 Sacred Heart picnic was a great success and . we couldn't have done it without you! The weather was fair, the food was amazing, the bands were great and fun was had by all!

As we finish clean-up activities this week, we also begin planning for next year's picnic, including assessing areas for improvement and evaluating ideas/suggestions. If you have any feedback from this year's picnic or ideas to share, please provide to the Parish Office or a Picnic Stand Chairperson.

PHOTOS WANTED: If you have pictures from the Picnic that you'd like to share, please send to office@sacredheartbath.org. Pictures of volunteers, the bands, the stands, people having fun at the picnic, etc. are all wanted. We plan to publish pictures in future bulletins and would love to share yours!

On days like this, it's easy to believe in angels. As kind-hearted and dedicated volunteers, you've shown a great example to all of us, and we want you to know; just how appreciated all of you are.

#### **DEDICATED HEARTS**

Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find. It takes a special person to be so generous and kind. To care to be a volunteer is a quality all too rare. Yet you give of your time and talents, for all in need to share. So thank you for being a volunteer, we're privileged to have you here. We want to let you know that Sacred Heart appreciates all you do, not just today, but the whole year through.

Many Thanks to all the people who made this year's Sacred Heart Picnic a parish and community event. Church picnics are meant to gather people for fun and fellowship but it also helps support our parish. Two wonderful reasons for us to be thankful to all who help make this happen year after year.

Thank you for your attendance & participation, your volunteer time, your stewardship and your many donations! GOD BLESS!

#### SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "GRADUATIONS" BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES OR BABY SHOWERS?

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, Shop Rite, Redner's

#### OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

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



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

Monday, July 22 – Monthly Planning Meeting
7:00pm – Burkhart Building & Zoom

Thursday, August 8 – Brother Knights Volunteer at the Iron Pigs
5:00pm – 9:30pm Coca Cola Park

Monday, August 12 – Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

Thursday, August 22 – Brother Knights Volunteer at the Iron Pigs
5:00pm – 9:30pm Coca Cola Park

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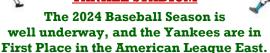
A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori - "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11) An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one's needs, worries and desires. If one wants to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. The reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney whose feast day is August 13. Fr. McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

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 Robert Quartararo at paladinuslucis@live.com.

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## 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.







## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of our <u>Sacred Heart parishioners</u>, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 182 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on July 9; this is our first donation for the Fraternal Year 2024-25. Our next donation will be made to the St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank in Allentown. 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; <u>THANK YOU</u> 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

#### Your Stewardship Report - July 7

First Collection
Parish Improvement
Other Collections
Other

Total Collections

\$8,109 Other collections - from envelopes dated

\$1,619 | from envelopes date \$212 | other than

\$55 July 7

\$10,055 Other - donations, candles, etc.

# Next Week's Collections - July 28 First



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Air Conditioning

## SPECIAL COLLECTION CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit at www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether(https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

### There will be

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

on Thursday, July 25th

12:00 pm noon\*—9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

(\*Please note the change in start time this week; thank you for understanding!)

## 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.



#### 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.

#### **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

Iowa has upheld its 6-week abortion limit. Good for them. The outcry from the pro-aborts was immediate. The women in Iowa have lost their "reproductive rights." One wonders if they stay up at night trying to create clever euphemisms for the word abortion. If they really think abortion is a politically winning issue, why not use the word?

There is also the presumed "danger" to the wellbeing of women because they will not be allowed to get an abortion past the sixth week. Total nonsense and an insult to the medical profession. The law even has exceptions for rape and incest if reported within a reasonable time period. The life of the mother is usually unnecessarily, (no doctor is going to let a woman die because of a pregnancy complication) included in the exceptions.

The main term that needs to be avoided is the "health" of the mother. Umm, do they use the term "mother"? Probably not, that would imply that she is carrying a human being in her womb. It's the exception of "health" that has led to legitimizing late term abortions since it could include, not only physical health, but also; mental, emotional, and financial health. Tricky territory.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris



## CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATE!

Congratulations to parishioner,

Victoria Elizabeth Botek, (pictured right), who graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School this year.

Victoria is the daughter of Francine Botek.

She will be attending Northampton

Community College this Fall to begin her studies in the mental health field!

Congratulations and Best of Luck,

Victoria!



## ARE YOU A 2024 GRADUATE? FINISHING 8<sup>TH</sup> 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!



## 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!

#### **DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday,



in the Father Post Room of the  $\,$  Burkhart Building.

For more information please go to
our Lay Dominican Fraternity facebook page at
St. Louis de Montfort - Lay Fraternities
of St. Dominic.

#### **CLOTHING SHED**

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7
Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot
Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the US and in third world countries.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES
OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU!

#### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

| Belts  | Blankets | Clothing | Drapes          | Purses |
|--------|----------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Sheets | Shoes    | Sneakers | Stuffed Animals |        |

#### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

| Fabric Scraps Household goods | Rags | Toys |
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#### **REVIVE: A RETURN TO JOY**

St. Francis Retreat House

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA

**August 9th to 11th** 

"Revive: A Return to Joy" will be the topic of the weekend retreat with Jeanne Hunt, humorous presenter, wants us to know that joy is ours for the asking.

#### Register by July 26 at

#### stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats/

Costs for on-site retreat include 6 meals, a private room with bath, and all materials. Visit our site for single, couple, commuter, and virtual participation costs.

#### 35TH ANNUAL MERCY GOLF CLASSIC



The 35th Annual Mercy Golf Classic is being held Monday, August 5, 2024, with a rain date of Monday, August 12, 2024 at our exciting new location, Northampton Country Club.

You can register and/or sponsor by visiting: <a href="https://birdease.com/2024MercySchoolForSpecialLearning">https://birdease.com/2024MercySchoolForSpecialLearning</a>
GolfClassic

If you have questions regarding the event please contact Allison Mallon at amallon@mercyschool.org.

If you have questions regarding sponsorship opportunities please contact Mark Napierkowski at <a href="mailto:mnapierkowski@mercyschool.org">mnapierkowski@mercyschool.org</a>



## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy).

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 <a href="https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org">www.HelpOurMarriage.org</a> or
call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



# BINGO BUFFET INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH



Lauda Social Hall (Church Basement)

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Doors will open at 5:15pm (after 4:15pm Mass) Bingo will start at approximately 6:15pm.

Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

The ticket includes 15 bingo games on cards, 2 Boards, a buffet supper, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Early Bird and Book Specials available for purchase.

Advance tickets are available at weekend Masses or by calling the rectory at 610-866-3391.

On Street Parking: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot

#### 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
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Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak
Director of Accounts: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kathleen Wachholz
Outreach & Advancement Office: Ms. Karen Shimko

**Director of Religious Education**: Mr. Thomas Weber 610-837-7841 or dre@sacredheartbath.org

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#### **RCIA Coordinators:**

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kshimko@sacredheartbath.org 610-837-6391
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.

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