

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

OUR MISSION

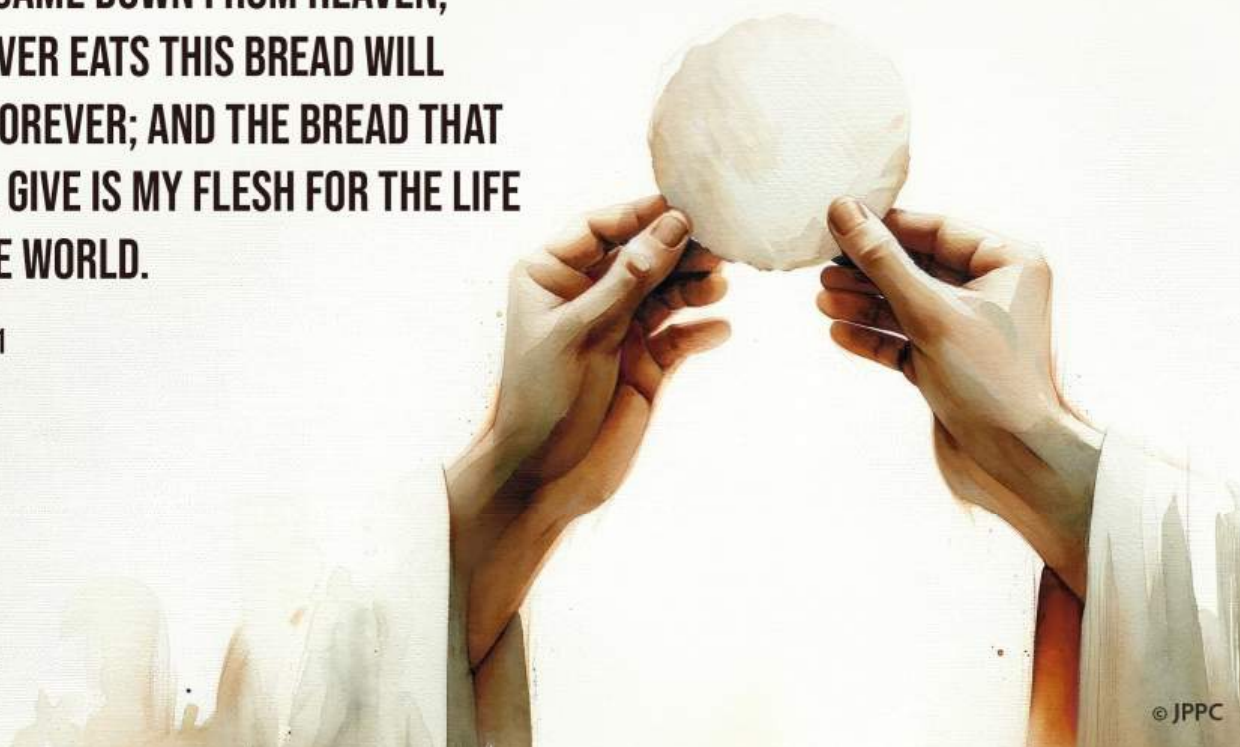
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a defined community of the Roman Catholic Church which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the fullness of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught by the authentic teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church.

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.

I AM THE LIVING BREAD

**THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL
LIVE FOREVER; AND THE BREAD THAT
I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE
OF THE WORLD.**

JOHN 6:51



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

August 10 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

5:00 PM Carl Evans

r/b Wife

Sunday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

7:00 AM Stephen J. Paukovits

r/b Paukovits and Raykos Families

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Stan and Diane Petko (60th wedding anniversary)

r/b Family

Monday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

August 12 Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27

8:00 AM Ronald Matyas

r/b Vivian and family

Tuesday, Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest

August 13 Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8:00 AM Benedetta Mirabito

r/b Rick and Regina Gower and family

Wednesday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest

August 14 Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

8:00 AM George R. Williams

r/b Anthony and Phyllis DeSapio and family

Wednesday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14 (anticipated)

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28

7:00 PM John C. Volk

r/b wife, Rosemary

Thursday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

8:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

4:30 PM James D. Kohler (15th anniversary of death)

r/b wife, Pat

Friday, Saint Stephen of Hungary

August 16 Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12

8:00 AM Catherine M. Niedzwiecki

r/b Rick and Regina Gower and family

Saturday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

August 17 Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

5:00 PM Antoinette Kelly

r/b husband and family

Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18 Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

7:00 AM Kovalovsky and Donello Families

r/b Kovalovsky Family

9:00 AM Irene Meyers

r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
August 9 through August 15
for the repose of the soul of

Carl Evans
r/b Wife

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
August 9 through August 15
for the repose of the soul of



James D. Kohler
r/b Kohler Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
August 9 through August 15
for the repose of the soul of



Connie Wheary
r/b Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
August 9 through August 15
for the repose of the soul of



Stephen J. Paukovits
r/b Paukovits and Raykos Families

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles⁺

<u>8/17 -8/18</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Deacons/EMHCs</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 PM	Frank Molchan	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--
7:00 AM	Tim Geiger	Deacon Lewis Ferris	--
9:00 AM	Beth Beers	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--
11:00 AM	Christina Gehringer	Deacon Lewis Ferris	--



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
William Hillhouse, father-in-law of
Sharon Hillhouse
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!

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>

THOMAS WEBER CALLED TO DIACONATE

On July 28, 2024, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert called sixteen men from our Diocese to: Diaconate in the Permanent State; including our own,

Mr. Thomas Weber, III.

The Rite of Ordination will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown on Saturday, 14 September 2024.

Tom has been faithfully participating in the Diaconate training for over five years and we look forward to celebrating his ordination to the

Diaconate in September.

With the prayers of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Tom, may God Bless you.

PRAYER FOR DEACONS

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be Deacons; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and for ever. Amen.

**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING
THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

The location where you receive your sacraments is governed by the territorial boundaries of the Parish within which you live, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law. As a reminder, and to prevent confusion or delay when the time nears for the sacraments (and sacramental preparation), reception is not governed by where one attends school nor by where you attend Mass nor receive Religious Education. For example, if you live in the territorial boundaries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, and your 2nd grader attends Good Shepherd School in Northampton, they will receive their Religious Education from Good Shepherd School, but receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you.

Thank you!

3rd WEDDING BANNES

Frank J. Hesch, III

and

Alfonsina Rondon Castano



2024 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC PHOTOS

Our picnic was once again full of
FAMILY, FOOD, AND FUN!
This week's photos will focus on FOOD (AND DRINK)!





Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing pictures from our 2024 Parish Picnic.
If you have any photos you'd like to share, please email to
office@sacredheartbath.org.





**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

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

Monday, August 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting, 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

Our Council has a busy slate of activities this fall, noted is a partial list:

- † Volunteer Opportunity Coca Cola Park – August 22
- † KofC Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium – August 22
- † Baby Bottle Campaign for Cay Galgon Life House – Month of September
- † KofC Breakfast – September 15
- † Volunteer Opportunity Coca Cola Park – September 18
- † Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup – September 28
- † Sight & Sound Theater Trip to see “Daniel” - November 9

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention: “We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.”

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**ANNUAL TRIP TO
YANKEE STADIUM**



The 2024 Baseball Season is well underway, and the Yankees are in a close battle for First Place in the American League East. 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 **Sacred Heart parishioners**, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 163 pounds of non-perishable items to the St Vincent dePaul Food Bank on **July 31**; bringing our year-to-date total to **345 pounds**. This was our second donation for the Fraternal Year 2024-25; our next donation will be made to the Bath Area Food Bank in September. 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.

SACRED HEART PARISH—PICNIC LOST AND FOUND

The following items were found on the Picnic Grounds during picnic weekend:

- Cane with silver handle
- Multiple pairs of sunglasses
- Saturn car key
- Gray, hooded zip sweatshirt

If you think any of these items may be yours, please stop by or call the Parish Office at 610-837-7874.

Your Stewardship Report - July 28

First Collection	\$6,720	<i>Other collections -</i>
Air Conditioning	\$1,537	<i>from envelopes dated</i>
Other Collections	\$564	<i>other than</i>
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$36</u>	<u>July 28</u>
Total Collections	\$8,857	<i>Other - donations,</i>
		<i>candles, etc.</i>

SPECIAL COLLECTION
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
August 17 - 18, 2024

Next week there will be a special collection to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. His Excellency Bishop Alfred A. Schlert has authorized a special collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Allentown. This collection will be part of a larger fundraising endeavor that will be to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal that will begin in 2024. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast Day—August 15th

The word "assumption" is rooted in the Latin verb *assumere*, which means "to take to oneself." The doctrine of Mary's Assumption teaches that Jesus took his mother to Himself in Heaven at the end of her life, just as Enoch had been taken up body and soul to Heaven at the end of their lives (*Genesis 5:24*).

In discussing Mary's Assumption, the Catholic Church teaches that Mary's body was glorified immediately at the end of her earthly life. Mary's saintly life started when she herself was conceived and God chose her to bring Jesus into this world so that he could be our salvation. God granted Mary a pure life to bestow the joy of being Jesus' mother, He then gave her a pure death. Thus, unlike other mortal beings who must wait until the end of the world for our bodily resurrection, Mary, as Jesus's mother, was given the divine gift of being taken body and soul to Heaven upon her death.

Importantly, the Assumption of Mary is unlike the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven by His own power. In contrast, Mary is believed to have been taken up into Heaven by God.



NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
on Thursday, August 15th
due to Assumption Holy Day.
Next Eucharistic Adoration on
Thursday, August 22nd.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - August 18**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

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 "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

Where have all of the babies gone? Not that long ago I used to do a baptism every first Sunday of the Month, and often had more than one baby to baptize. The pastor did a baptism on the third Sunday of the Month. These days I do a committal graveside service on average of twice a Month, and very infrequently have a baptism.

Things have changed. Things always change. We are an aging parish, that exists in an aging country, that exists in an aging World. So, what should our pro-life vision look like? Maybe we should concentrate more on the euthanasia issues versus abortion. The predominant "culture of death" (JPII term) seems very much in favor of euthanizing our aging population.

The media, TV and movies, take it for granted that what they would call "mercy killing" is a very positive advancement. The culture of death people, like to use euphemisms, so the term "euthanasia" is illegal in all states, however, "assisted suicide" is legal in 9 states in addition to Washington D.C. Very confusing. The results are the same no matter what label they want to give it, and it is clearly against God's will and the clear teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

**INTERESTED IN SERVING
IN A MINISTRY
AT SACRED HEART?**

Have you ever thought about serving as a **Lector** at Sacred Heart?

What about being an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?**

Both of these roles are a very important part of the Mass and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service.

We will be setting up training sessions for both of these Ministries sometime in **September**.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about these opportunities, please call

Kathleen at the Parish Office
at 610-837-7874.

Thank you for your consideration!



**ARE YOU A 2024 GRADUATE
FROM 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!



BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send an email to

bulletin@sacredheartbath.org
by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.



**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

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 **August 13th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, August 9th 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!**

SEPTEMBER

\$\$ LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$

BIGGER CASH WINNERS

CHANCES UP TO (\$500.00)

Opportunity To Be A Winner

\$10.00 each or Buy 3 for \$25.00

Take a chance to win from

\$50 up to \$500 on our

September Lottery Calendar!

If you are feeling lucky, fill out the return portion with a check or cash to the parish offices, collection basket or by mail before **August 31st**. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. This is a fun way to help support our parish.

Guess What? We had (4) winners in the May lottery calendar with wins totaling \$355.00.

Congratulations to our lucky participants !!!!

\$\$ YOU CAN BE THE NEXT WINNER \$\$

GOOD LUCK!!

**SACRED HEART PARISH
ANGEL WALK MEMORIAL YARD SIGNS**

If you purchased an Angel Walk Memorial and would like the Yard Sign honoring your loved one, you may pick it up at our parish office during regular office hours—Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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 Park-
ing: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot**



DAILY MASSES WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

Monday, September 9th

Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am

Thursday, September 12th

Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am

Monday, September 16th

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City—6:00 pm

MATT MAHER CONCERT

Hosted by United Hearts Life Mission

September 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Notre Dame High School

United Hearts Life Mission is hosting a concert with nine-time Grammy nominee and three-time GMA Dove Award winner MATT MAHER. Matt's number one hits include "Lord, I Need You", and "Your Grace is Enough". All proceeds benefit the non-profit United Hearts Life Mission which provides life affirming OBGYN care to women in the Lehigh Valley.

Buy tickets at itickets.com/events/47.

MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF ST. MONICA

**Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate a Mass for the
Memorial of St. Monica at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August
27, St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown.**

**Please join us as we pray for the return to the Church of
our fallen-away loved ones. Mass will be followed by a
buffet dinner in Friendship Hall.**

Tickets for the dinner are \$7 per person.

R.S.V.P. at stmonicaministry27@gmail.com

**This special evening of prayer and fellowship is
being sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry.**



THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED MARY

Sunday, September 8 at 3pm.

Location: Assumption BVM Parish,

4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

**Father Keaton Eidle will offer a reflection and lead a
discussion on Marian apparitions around the world.
The lecture will be followed by a pizza reception in the
parish's Jubilee Center.**

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

<https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/173140>

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL
CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO**



**Local diocesan pilgrimages will take place in
September of 2024 at the**

National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.

The theme for the pilgrimages is: "My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus." The days will include Mass with Bishop Schlert, exciting keynote speakers, Adoration, Confession, interactive activities, and an outdoor Eucharistic Procession in the tranquil setting of The Centre for Padre Pio. Pilgrims are invited to experience the Presence of God through the intercession of Padre Pio at The Centre.

No registration is required.

**Email: pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org with
questions or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.**

- High School Pilgrimage, Thursday, September 19, 2024.
- Pilgrimage in English, Friday, September 20, 2024.
- Pilgrimage in Spanish, Saturday, September 28, 2024.
(Details forthcoming).



**MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART
ANNUAL GOLF BENEFIT**

**The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart annual Golf Benefit will be held on
September 13th, Whitetail Golf Club in Bath PA.**

The fee is \$120 and includes 18 holes of golf.



At the beginning of the tournament coffee, donuts, and soft pretzels will be provided. Lunch hot off the grill and refreshments will be served on the course. Immediately following the golf tournament, Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and a Steak Dinner will be held at the Holy Family Parish Center in Nazareth, PA. The benefit of the golf outing will help pay for the care of our MSC retired Priests and Brothers. Thanks to persons and organizations like yours, we were able to raise \$13,000 last year. We hope that you can help us in this year's effort.

Can't golf but want to support the retired MSC Priests and Brothers? Make a donation in any amount you choose. It is greatly appreciated. Any entry form can be obtained by going to www.misacor-usa.org and click on news and events. Email us at: msccvsec1@gmail.com.

For more information call Sacred Heart Villa (610) 282-1415 or Gene Keppel (610) 746-4237

PARISH INFORMATION**SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY**

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WELCOME

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

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

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

PARISH MEMORIALS

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

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone

Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

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

To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct**, visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line: Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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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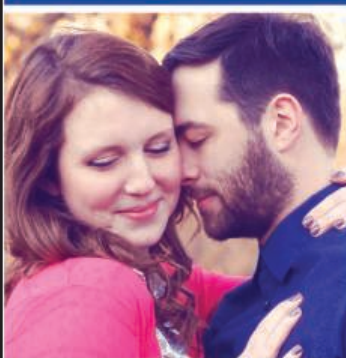
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