

*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.*



We have come  
to believe.

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*TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
*AUGUST 25, 2024*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**August 24** **Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69**  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 25** **Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69**  
 7:00 AM Louise "Gigi" Kahler  
*r/b Pat and George Gasper*  
 9:00 AM Anna Millisits  
*r/b daughters*  
 11:00 AM Josephine and Stephen Polzer  
*r/b Patty and Mike Peapos*

**Monday, Weekday**  
**August 26** **2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22**  
 8:00 AM Christopher Macsisak  
*r/b Brett and Amber Angle*

**Tuesday, Saint Monica**  
**August 27** **2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26**  
 8:00 AM Kathy and Rich Schleppy  
*r/b Schleppy Family*

**Wednesday, Saint Augustine, Bishop**  
**August 28** **2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32**  
 8:00 AM Eleanor F. Barracato  
*r/b Barracato Family*

**Thursday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**  
**August 29** **1 Cor 1:1-9/Mk 6:17-29**  
 8:00 AM Louis Zenz  
*r/b Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary*

**Friday, Weekday**  
**August 30** **1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13**  
 8:00 AM Reverend Christopher S. Butera  
*r/b Lay Dominicans*

**Saturday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**August 31** **Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**  
 5:00 PM Father Jacob Post (anniversary of death)

**Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 1** **Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**  
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 9:00 AM Eugene and Ann Bettinger  
*r/b Bill and Marie Wilde*  
 11:00 AM Anita Harris  
*r/b Sacred Heart Women's Guild*

**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 23 through August 29  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Eleanor Barracato**  
*r/b Barracato Family*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE**

is burning from  
 August 23 through August 29  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Anna Millisits**  
*r/b daughter*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 August 23 through August 29  
 for the repose of the souls of

**Kathy and Rich Schleppy**  
*r/b Kohler Family*



**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 August 23 through August 29  
 for the repose of the souls of



**Josephine and Stephen Polzer**  
*r/b Patty and Mike Peapos*

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## Liturgical Roles\*

**8/31 -9/1**

5:00 PM  
7:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

**Lectors**

William Donczek  
Bill Wilde  
Beth Skinner  
Frank Molchan

**Deacons/EMHCs**

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

**Altar Servers**

Peter Vallance  
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Daniel Holub  
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There will be  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
on Thursday, August 29th  
8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church  
Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm



**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>

**BANNS OF ORDINATION**

Mr. Thomas J. Weber, III, a member of Sacred Heart, Bath, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown.

Mr. Thomas J. Weber, III will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**2024 SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
CONFIRMATION PARENT'S MEETING**

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Sacred Heart Church Auditorium, 6:00 PM

Parents of children receiving Confirmation at Sacred Heart this Fall are asked to attend a parent meeting with Fr. Butera and Director of Religious Education, Mr. Tom Weber.



We are pleased to offer  
prayers and congratulations to

**Frank J. Hesch, III**

and

**Alfonsina Rondon Castano**

who have been joined together in the  
bonds of Holy Matrimony on  
Saturday, August 17th.

**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!**



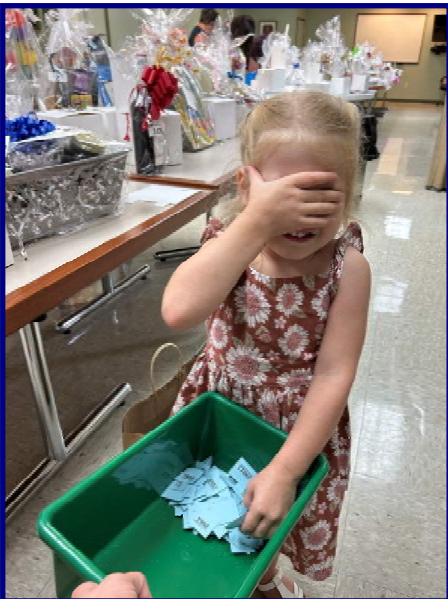
**2024 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC PHOTOS**

*This week we highlight some of our VOLUNTEERS  
who make it all possible!*

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! to all of our  
dedicated Volunteers!*









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

**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**Monday, August 26 – Monthly Planning Meeting—7:00pm Church Auditorium  
(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION) & Zoom**

**Monday, September 9 – Monthly Membership Meeting  
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom**

**Sunday, September 15 – KofC Breakfast  
7:00am to 11:00am Church Auditorium**

**Wednesday, September 18 – Brother Knights Volunteer at Iron Pigs  
5:00pm-9:30pm Coca Cola Park**

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**Over the next 6 weeks we'll explore, "Habits of Highly Effective Fathers"  
Here is the first way to give your family the greatest gift:**

† **Pray:** It's not enough to believe in God; you need to know God. It's all about love. Do you want the Lord to hear you when you turn to him? If so, give him at least another 10 to 15 minutes of daily prayer. It will fuel your ability to protect, to help, to forgive and to love your family. Your children are watching and learning from you. Several minutes of nightly prayer with your smaller children will carry "seeds of faith" into their adult lives. Don't underestimate its value, and consider the abundant harvest you could reap if you found more time for family prayer. Make it a priority to attend weekly Mass and regular Confession together. Form these strong family bonds in the faith and no crises will tear them apart.

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**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](http://www.KofC14464.org) or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Robert Quartararo at [paladinuslucis@live.com](mailto:paladinuslucis@live.com).**

**CLOTHING SHED**

**USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF -  
OPEN 24-7**

**Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot  
Proceeds go 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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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS— BREAKFAST**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Come and join us in September for the  
KNIGHT'S BREAKFAST!**

**All you have to do is come down to the church auditorium and enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes, eggs, tasty omelets, baked goods and much more.**

**Pass the word along that Sacred Heart Parish's  
Heavenly Breakfast is BACK!!!**

**Bring your family, friends and your appetite!**

**Watch for more information in the  
upcoming bulletins.**

***ALL ARE WELCOME!! \*\*See You There\*\****





**Your Stewardship Report - August 11**

First Collection	\$6,866	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>August 11</b></i>
Other Collections	\$428	
Other	\$37	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$7,331</b>	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH****Next Week's Collections - September 1****First**  
Sunday Collection**Second**  
Parish Improvement**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION****August 17 - 18, 2024**

Thank you for the generous contribution for the special collection to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. As a parish, we collected **\$708.00** as part of a larger fundraising endeavor to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal that will begin in 2024. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**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](http://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**

**Irony?** Article headline in Morning Call; "EPA bans use of weed killer harmful to fetuses." The Environmental Protection Agency has suspended the use of a certain herbicide that is linked to certain risks for unborn babies. The irony of course is that according to recent polls a majority of Americans are against restrictions on elective abortions. The last time I checked abortion had a "link" to killing the "fetus," never mind causing "low birth weight," impaired brain development, decreased IQ and impaired motor skills later in life. My guess would be that 0% of people would be against banning this particular herbicide for those non-life-threatening medical issues to an unborn baby, while the majority has no problem with aborting that same infant. Makes no sense. Once again showing that opinions on abortion are motivated by emotions, not science.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

**SAINT MONICA—Feast Day, August 27th****SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP—Feast Day, August 28th**

*Almost everyone knows the story of St. Augustine. How heartbreaking it must have been for his mother to witness her son participating in ungodly ways but she never gave up on him that one day he would abandon his tumultuous lifestyle and find peace and redemption in the light of Our Lord.*

*Do you happen to know someone who may be struggling like St. Augustine, someone who has turned away from God and is spiritually lost? It can be an addiction they are battling, struggling mentally, making unhealthy choices or just giving up on believing in a higher power. It is up to us as Christians to be patient and compassionate to all who are stumbling through life. This is not an easy task to do when faced with someone you love going down the path of pain, sorrow and distress, but there is hope. Read the story about the faith Monica had in the transformation of her son St. Augustine. She devoted her life in prayer for a new awakening in her son's heart and for his life to be filled with the Holy Spirit which would lead him to God. The story of St. Augustine is about his conversion to Our Lord but also the strength of prayer. Monica never wavered in asking God to intercede to save the soul of St. Augustine. Do not minimize the awesome power of asking God to help your loved ones, someone you know, or even yourself who may be in an unhealthy situation and in need of His guidance.*

*Remember, God is our Father who is waiting to reach out His hand to rectify and comfort someone who is in need of His grace and understanding. Anyone's heart can be converted like St. Augustine, but it starts with a simple prayer for Our Father's holy embrace to be wrapped around all who have fallen away and that they will stand long enough to embody this miraculous moment with God. St. Augustine stood long enough to accept that embrace, but it was started by his mother asking God to open His arms to her son.*

**Never underestimate God's love**  
**and the Power of Prayer!**

**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.**

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
BIBLE STUDY**

The Sacred Heart Scripture study will resume on **Saturday Sept. 28th**. In the Burkhardt Building (smaller room) from 10AM to 11:30AM.

We use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible with extensive footnotes by Dr. Scott Hahn. We will be studying the Book of Genesis. There will also be a short teaching on "What Catholics believe about the Bible."

We meet every other Saturday with the following dates booked:

**Sept. 28th; Oct. 12th and 26th; Nov. 9th. and 23rd**

Come join us! Please email Deacon Ferris with any questions: **lferris\_2000@yahoo.com**

**ARE YOU A 2024 GRADUATE  
FROM 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!



**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

Womens' Guild meeting will be on **August 26th at 7:00 PM** in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhardt Building. Women of the Parish are invited to join this organization to help us continue our many endeavors within the Sacred Heart Parish.

**POST PICNIC DONATIONS**

Have you ever wondered what happens to all our Picnic Yard Sale items that are remaining after the Picnic is over?

For the past four years, we have donated the yard sale items remaining after the Picnic to several charitable organizations, including Goodwill, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Mary's Shelter in Reading. We have also given items to some neighboring parishes for their yard sales. And items we think we could sell, we store for next year! This year, we took **6 pick-up truck loads** of books, toys, and household items to the **Goodwill** donation center in Bethlehem Township. As you can imagine, even after the picnic there is a lot of work that goes into the post-picnic activities to give these donations to those who may need them!

What about any leftover food and beverages? As you may know, many of our stands offer for sale to parishioners leftover frozen food, i.e. clam chowder, pierogies, etc. We also donate food items to shelters. This year, **all leftover soda and bread/buns** from our food stand were donated to the **Allentown Rescue Mission**.

**\$\$\$ SEPTEMBER LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$\$**

**BIGGER CASH WINNERS**

**UP TO (\$500.00)!!!!**

**Increased Opportunity to be a WINNER through our Buy 3 for \$25.00 Promotion!**

**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 our May lottery calendar with wins totaling \$355.00.**

**Congratulations to our lucky participants !!!!**

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

**GOOD LUCK!!**



**SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH HALL**

435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall  
Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

**10 WEEKS ON TUESDAYS**

**Tuesday nights (6:15 – 7:00 PM)**

September 3 to November 12 (No class on Sept. 17)

Only \$30.00 for entire 10 weeks

45 minutes of aerobic exercise

Registration deadline—September 1st

Call or e-mail for more information:

Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).

See our website at: [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org).

*Please bring bottled water and towel, if needed.*

**SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH HALL**

435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall

Beginners Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

**8 WEEKS ON TUESDAYS**

**Tuesday nights (5:30 pm—6:00 PM)**

September 3 to October 29 (No class on Sept. 17)

Only \$20.00 for entire 8 weeks

30 minutes of aerobic exercise

Registration deadline—September 1st

Call or e-mail for more information:

Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 ext. 208 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).

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**ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE**

3918 Chipman Rd., Easton, PA 18045

**Monday Mini-Retreat -September 16th**

**Here I Am! Send Me.** Celeste Behe, "The Catholic Storyteller," will bring her inspiring story of following the Holy Spirit's promptings as she founded St. Monica Ministry.

**Begins with dinner at 6:00pm**

**followed by the presentation from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm.**

Donation is \$40. Register by September 6  
at [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats/](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats/).

**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](mailto: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.

**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>

**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

**WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION**

"The Virtues of Women –  
A Kaleidoscope of Colors"

St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor  
395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017  
Saturday, September 28th

Facilitators: Sister Nancy Iampietro,  
CPS and Sister Barbara Brown, OSF

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM—Light lunch provided.



We invite you to join us in this season of color and change, as we bring into focus our call to become good and virtuous women as described in Proverbs 31.

Witness the virtues found in the women of Scripture as well as in contemporary times. Then examine your own heart. What is the virtue you most desire?

\$30 Cost - Please register in advance at  
[www.schoolsistersosf.org/upcoming-events/virtues-of-women](http://www.schoolsistersosf.org/upcoming-events/virtues-of-women)

**MATT MAHER CONCERT**

**Hosted by United Hearts Life Mission**

**Sept. 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](http://itickets.com/events/47).

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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**

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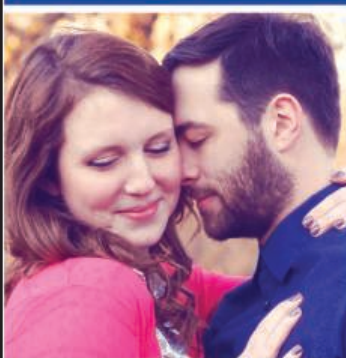
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