

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.



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 4, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)****August 3 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35**

5:00 PM Joan Young

*r/b Mike and Pat Peapos***Sunday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****August 4 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35**

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM Andrew Donello

r/b Brad and Kimberly Weatherby

11:00 AM Ronald B. Holley

*r/b Joshua A. Howard***Monday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major****August 5 Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21**

8:00 AM Anthony Liberto

*r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family***Tuesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord****August 6 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10**

8:00 AM Leo and Mary Carasiti

*r/b Family***Wednesday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope****August 7 Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28**

8:00 AM Christopher Capadanno

*r/b Sharon and Bill Hillhouse***Thursday, Saint Dominic, Priest****August 8 Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23**

8:00 AM Living members of the Lay Dominicans

*r/b Lay Dominicans***Friday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross****August 9 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28**

8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

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***THE 2024 MASS BOOK IS FULL!**

All Mass intentions for the **2024** calendar year have been taken/scheduled. The **2025 Mass Book** will **"open"** on **Wednesday, August 7th**. Until then, if you need a Mass card, we are happy to do that, however since we can't schedule the Mass at Sacred Heart, it will be sent out to another priest to be said. Be assured the Mass Intention will be fulfilled; the Mass just won't be said here at Sacred Heart. Mass cards will still be provided, however, will not have a specific date/time for the Mass listed. Alternatively, you can wait until **August 7th** or later to schedule your Mass and get a Mass Card. Thank you for understanding!

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 2 through August 8
for the repose of the souls of**Marie Faryna and Margaret Csencsits***r/b Patty and Mike Peapos***SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from

August 2 through August 8
for the repose of the**Holy Souls in Purgatory***r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bern***THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from

August 2 through August 8

for the repose of the souls of

Marie Faryna and Margaret Csencsits*r/b Patty and Mike Peapos*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles⁺

<u>8/10 -8/11</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Deacons/EMHCs</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 PM	Frank Molchan	Deacon Lewis Ferris	--
7:00 AM	William Doncsecz	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--
9:00 AM	Christina Gehringer	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Daniel Holub
11:00 AM	TBD	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Peter Vallance

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD****Feast Day—August 6**

Do you see the glory of God in your life? Often times this is a real struggle. We can easily become aware of all the problems we face and can focus in on them. As a result, it is often easy for us to miss seeing the glory of God in our lives. So do you see God's glory in your life?

The feast we celebrate today is a commemoration of the fact that Jesus literally revealed His glory to three of the Apostles. He took them up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. He became dazzling white and radiant with glory. This was an important image for them to have in their minds in preparation for the very real image of the suffering and death Jesus was about to undergo.

One lesson we should take from this feast is the fact that the glory of Jesus was not lost on the Cross. Sure, His suffering and pain was made manifest at that time, but it doesn't change the fact that His glory was still just as real while He suffered on the Cross.

The same is true in our lives. We are blessed beyond measure and God still desires to transform our souls into glorious beacons of light and grace. When He does this, we must strive to constantly see it. And when we suffer or face some Cross, we must never take our eyes off the glorious things He has done in our souls.

Reflect, today, upon the beautiful and profound transformation that God has done and continues to desire to do in your soul. Know that He wants you to fix your eyes upon this glory and forever remain grateful for it, especially as you endure any cross you are given.

Lord, may I see Your glory and the glory that You have bestowed upon my own soul. May my eyes forever remain fixed on that grace. May I see You and Your glory especially in difficult times. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

**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>

**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!

2nd WEDDING BANNS

**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 FAMILY!*





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:

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

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

Our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, worked tirelessly to serve God and man. Our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori encourages us to pray the novena to Blessed Michael McGivney this month, during which his feast day takes place (August 13). The canonization prayer link to the KofC website is noted below: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/rosary-program/10115-mcgivney-card.pdf>

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.

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 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.

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

Your Stewardship Report - July 21

First Collection	\$6,641	<i>Other collections -</i>
Other Collections	\$235	<i>from envelopes dated</i>
Other	\$33	<i>other than</i>
Total Collections	\$6,909	<u>July 21</u>
Church in Eastern/ Central Europe	\$1,041	<i><u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - August 11**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
Mission Co-Op

There will be

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

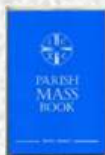
on Thursday, August 8th

8:30 am—9:00 pm in Church

Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

**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.

**SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

Feast Day—August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) was a Jewish convert to Catholicism, very well educated despite numerous obstacles, and who became a Carmelite nun. She took the religious name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, after Saint Teresa of Ávila and Saint John of the Cross.

When the Nazis blocked her, as a Jew, from teaching, she was forced to make a life-changing decision. She entered the Carmelites as Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. As the safety of anyone with Jewish heritage evaporated, she fled from her Carmelite monastery in Cologne to Carmel in Echt, Holland. But there was no escape. When the Dutch bishops spoke out against the Nazis, the Third Reich retaliated by rounding up all Jewish converts to Catholicism in Holland. In a filthy, crowded boxcar they were transported to Poland.

St. Pope John Paul II said the following about her at her Beatification on May 1, 1987: “a daughter of Israel, who, as a Catholic during Nazi persecution, remained faithful to the crucified Lord Jesus Christ and, as a Jew, to her people in loving faithfulness.”

She died on August 9, 1942 in an Auschwitz gas chamber, along with her sister and many others. She led a deliberate life of holiness and self-offering. Her deep faith to the Lord radiated from her and touched the lives of many. She died because she was Jewish, but is alive because of her faith in God. Read the story of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and learn about her courage, love, and the trust she had in Our Lord.

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

Although the Church strongly condemns the sin of Abortion, remember that she never leaves us to cope on our own. There is a ministry for those who have participated in an abortion, in any way. That includes those who have had an abortion, those men who may have agreed and possibly paid for an abortion or an abortion provider themselves.

That ministry is called **Project Rachel**. You can reach this ministry in the Allentown Diocese online at: projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org

There you can arrange to meet with specially trained Priests or counselors to help you through your grief, guilt or whatever else you are dealing with from participating in an abortion. This in addition to taking advantage of receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. The name of the ministry comes from the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, ordered by King Herod when he realized the Magi had tricked him. Rachael was the wife of Jacob in the Book of Genesis. She was buried in Bethlehem where the Holy Innocents were murdered.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

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!**

**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 the parish office during regular office hours. Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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.



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!

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 \$\$

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM
WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS FOR "EASTER"
OR ALL YEAR-ROUND!
GREAT FOR BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS,
BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BABY SHOWERS, OR
JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!!

What a great gift to give for any occasions. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. We have on hand **VISA** cards with **NO activation fees!**



GROCERY GIFT CARDS
Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time
You Grocery Shop



Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Shop Rite

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS
Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.

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





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**



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](https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/173140)***

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.**



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

HOLIDAY FEST CRAFTS FAIR AND BAKE SALE!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Calling all Diocesan Parishioner Crafters!

**We cordially invite our fellow diocesan parishioner
artisan crafters to participate in the 2024**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Holiday Fest
Crafts Fair located at
3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA.**

The crafts fair will be held on two consecutive days:

Saturday October 26, 2024 10:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:30am - 1:00pm.

**If you are interested, please contact us via
email: olphbeth.cf@gmail.com or
call 610-867-8409 for more information.**



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. Entry forms can be obtained by emailing: msccvsecl@gmail.com.**

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

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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.

JAMES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE, PC

LOUIS C. JAMES - SUPERVISOR

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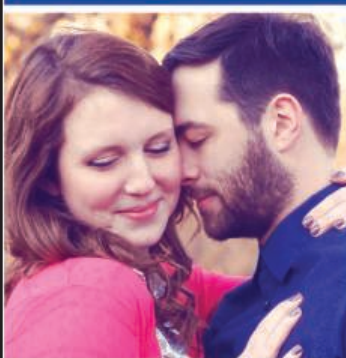
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