

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1st Sunday of Advent (anticipated)
November 30 **Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**
 5:00 PM Anthony Liberto
r/b wife, Florence and Rick & Regina Gower and family

Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent
December 1 **Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**
 7:00 AM Jeanne Lauber
r/b sister, Anne LaBar
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Richard M. Meyers
r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family

Monday, Advent Weekday
December 2 **Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11**
 8:00 AM Suzanne James
r/b Helen Fiedor

Tuesday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
December 3 **Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24**
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 16:15-20
 8:00 AM Polzer siblings and spouses
r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Wednesday, Saint John Damascene, Priest
December 4 **Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37**
 8:00 AM Sheree Quartararo
r/b Quartararo Family

Thursday, Advent Weekday
December 5 **Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27**
 8:00 AM Karen Pelzman
r/b Roseann and family

Friday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop
December 6 **Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31**
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Saturday, 2nd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)
December 7 **Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**
 5:00 PM William Horn
r/b Barbara Horn

Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8 **Bar 5:1-9/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**
 7:00 AM John and Mary Kovalovsky
r/b Kovalovsky Family
 9:00 AM John C. Volk (18th anniversary of death)
r/b wife, Rosemary
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

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
 November 29 through December 5
 for the repose of the soul of



Sheree Quartararo
r/b Quartararo Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 November 29 through December 5
 for the repose of the soul of



Sheree Quartararo
r/b Quartararo Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 November 29 through December 5
 for the repose of the souls of



Polzer siblings and spouses
r/b Mike and Patty Peapos



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 November 29 through December 5
 for the repose of the soul of

John Kondikoff
r/b wife, Betty

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>12/7 – 12/8 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Christina Gehringer Alfred Krantz Frank Molchan Beth Beers</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub Peter Vallance</p>
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Saturday, 30th November 2024
Sunday, 1st December 2024
At all Masses

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Observed on Monday, 9th December 2024
8:00 am and 4:30 pm

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BLESSING
Saturday, 14th December 2024
Sunday, 15th December 2024
At all Masses

ADVENT CONFESSIONS
(multiple Priests present)
Tuesday, 17th December 2024
6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Tuesday, 24th December 2024
4:00 pm – Parish Auditorium
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and
12 Midnight – Church

CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday, 25th December 2024
9:00 am, 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Wednesday, 1st January 2025
4:30 pm, Tuesday, 31st December 2024
9:00 am and 11:00 am,
Wednesday, 1st January 2025

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER
Saturday, 4th January 2025
4:40 pm, prior to Vigil Mass

Join us for *Mass!*
Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!




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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th

In a memo to the U.S. Bishops, the Vatican confirmed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, usually celebrated on the 8th day of December, must be transferred and observed as a Holy Day of Obligation on the 9th day of December since the 8th day of December in 2024 is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be two (2) Masses for the Holy Day at Sacred Heart on Monday, December 9th: 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

There will be **NO** Vigil Mass for the Holy Day on Sunday evening.

SACRED HEART PARISH
CHRISTMAS TRICKY TRAY & BAKE SALE!

Saturday, December 14th—following the 5:00 pm Mass
 Sunday, December 15th—8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Join us in the auditorium for **Christmas fun!**
 Enter for your chance to win Christmas themed baskets!
 Sacred Heart parishioners are always generous and creative
 with their basket donations and
 this Tricky Tray is sure to be no exception!

Enjoy baked goods and beverages at the Women's Guild bake sale!
 Plenty of Christmas spirit and fellowship included!

*Basket donation **NEEDED** (new items only) *All baskets should be wrapped and ready to be displayed *Christmas themed baskets
 *Baskets for hostess gifts * Baskets to be used as Christmas gifts

CHRISTMAS TRICKY TRAY
Basket Ideas

- o Cookie basket o Candy basket
- o Lottery scratch-off basket o Toy basket
- o Stocking stuffer basket o Baking basket
- o Winter snow day basket o Games/puzzle basket
- o Hot chocolate/coffee basket o Themed liquor baskets
- o Christmas decoration baskets/ornaments

**Drop off baskets by Friday, December 13th
 in the Burkhart Building (Lower Level).**
Any questions call Maureen at 610-844-6329.

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 2nd at 6:00PM
 Reception Hall of the Bath American Legion

It will be a "Pot Luck Dinner"
 Women of the Parish are invited
 to attend and may bring their favorite dessert.

**Please bring a \$10.00
 WRAPPED GIFT for the Gift Exchange.**

**Any questions please call
 610-762-5067 or 610-762-1986**

USHERS NEEDED!

We are currently looking for ushers for:
the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
substitute Ushers for all Masses

Ushers play an important role in our weekend and Holy Day Masses and it is a great way to give back to Sacred Heart.

If you regularly attend the 11:00 am Mass, why not help serve in this capacity? Primary responsibilities include collecting Offertory envelopes and second collections, assisting parishioners with seating if needed, and securing parishioners to bring up the Offertory gifts (head usher duty).

Father Butera also relies on the ushers for various other duties as needed. **If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Deacon Tom Weber at tweber@montrose-env.com or the Parish Office at 610-837-7874.**



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Saturday, December 7th & 14th - "Donation Station"

Food Drop-Off for Christmas Food Baskets at 9:00am-11:00am Lower Church Parking Lot

Sunday, December 8 - Parish Children's Christmas Party at 12:00pm to 2:00pm – Church Auditorium

Monday, December 9 – Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Building & Zoom

Additional "Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas"

† **Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family.** Giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family demonstrates Christ-like love and service. A back rub to a spouse/running an errand for a family member are examples of personal and meaningful efforts.

† **Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.** Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read a few Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.

A Prayer Intention of our Holy Father - "We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation."

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.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Council 14464**

Sunday, December 8th, 2024

In the church auditorium from 12pm to 2pm.

All members of Sacred Heart Parish, 13 and under, are invited to attend and meet with Santa.

A great chance for family group photos with Santa. Santa will have a gift for all children attending.

(Santa will only be here from 12pm to 1pm)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Pre-registration is suggested so that adequate numbers of gifts and refreshments are available.

Please RSVP to kenboyce@ptd.net
(No later than December 1, 2024)

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!

**1ST WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER
"HOPE"**

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace, strength and HOPE we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Let us reach out for the gift of HOPE that you extended to us. Amen.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
BIBLE STUDY**

**Burkhart Building at
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

We meet every other Saturday
Dec. 14th & 28th

We use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible with extensive footnotes by Dr. Scott Hahn. We will be studying the Book of Genesis for the above dates.

Come join us! Remember St. Jerome states: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ"

Please email Deacon Ferris with any questions: lferris_2000@yahoo.com



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS**

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Church Council is soliciting for supplies to fill our **Christmas Food Baskets** for needy families of our Parish. We will have a **“Drive-Through Donation Station”** in the Church's Lower Parking Lot on **Saturdays December 7th and 14th from 9:00am to 11:00am**. Donations of Canned and Packaged Goods, Turkeys, Hams and Gift Cards are welcome as we work to make the Christmas Holiday a time of joy for families of Sacred Heart Parish. If you are unable to make these times, please drop your donations in the Food Bin at the ramp entrance of Church or the Church Envelope drop-off area in the Burkhart Building. To make other donation arrangements, or if you are aware of a family in need who would be willing to accept this gift from the Knights, please contact Bob Wilkin at nancinator@aol.com or (610) 704-1579.


Thank you in advance for your kind donations, **Merry Christmas!**

HELP AT THE HOLIDAYS

Season Of Giving Are you or your family in need of help? Do you know a parishioner family in need? Food? Children's coats? Sacred Heart of Jesus has many generous supporters who typically make donations around the holidays to help those parishioner families in need. Donations in past years have included monetary gifts, frozen turkeys and other holiday food. In addition, our Knights of Columbus council is very faithful at collecting food donations and putting together amazing food baskets for families in need this time of year. The Knights are also sponsoring a children's coat drive this year.

Many times it is hard to know who needs our help. Please ask!

Contact the parish office if you would like to request this type of aid or to submit the name of a family/person in need.
Email us at office@sacredheartbath.org or phone at 610-837-7874.



**SACRED HEART PARISH AND
K9 KOP PROJECT
2025 - K9 CALENDAR
FUNDRAISER**

What a honorable way to help our police officers and their loyal partners!

Open this beautiful calendar each month and meet these heroic K9 officers and their handlers.

(K9 CALENDARS ARE \$10.00)



\$5.00 of every K9 calendar sold goes directly to K9 program and \$5.00 will go to Sacred Heart Parish

This fundraiser is to help with the cost for the K9 handlers such as training, injury, vet bills, tracking collars, vests, and many more expenses. Just initial training can cost up to \$8,000-\$9,000 per dog.

Help show your support by purchasing this special calendar ...

Please consider participating in this fundraiser which helps the brave K9 officers and Sacred Heart Parish.


****This wonderful calendar is available at the parish offices during office hours.****

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 **December 10th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath.** Volunteers are needed on **Friday, December 6th 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!



OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)
\$2.00 PER EACH

Oplatky are available from the sacristan before weekend Masses or at the Burkhart Building parish offices during parish office hours.

Your Stewardship Report - November 17		
First Collection	\$7,352	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than November 17</i>
Other Collections	\$235	
Other	\$53	
Total Collections	\$7,640	
Poverty Relief	\$1,585	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - December 8



First
Sunday Collection

Second
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

The anti-abortion battle rages on in certain states that have pro-abortion politicians running things, including Pennsylvania. One thing that was avoided in the last Presidential election was the real possibility of the Federal Government mandating a Roe vs. Wade type law that would once again stop the individual States from outlawing any form of abortion.

Keep in mind the absurdity of the original Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that a right to abortion was in the Constitution. They described it as a "penumbra." As far as I can tell a term which means some sort of shadowy something that isn't quite there but seems to be there. So, a national right to abortion although not anywhere explicitly mentioned in the constitution is implied to be in the constitution by means of a "penumbra."

A stretch at best for describing a procedure that had been outlawed and considered immoral as far back as in the pagan Hippocratic Oath. (around 460-370B.C.) "thou shalt not give a woman an instrument to cause an abortion." It also forbade doctors to participate in euthanasia.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

2024 ENDOWMENT FOR THE CARE OF RETIRED PRIESTS

"Chosen, Blessed, Shared"

Please Support the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. This appeal is not to be confused with the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 14th/15th.

For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org.

Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

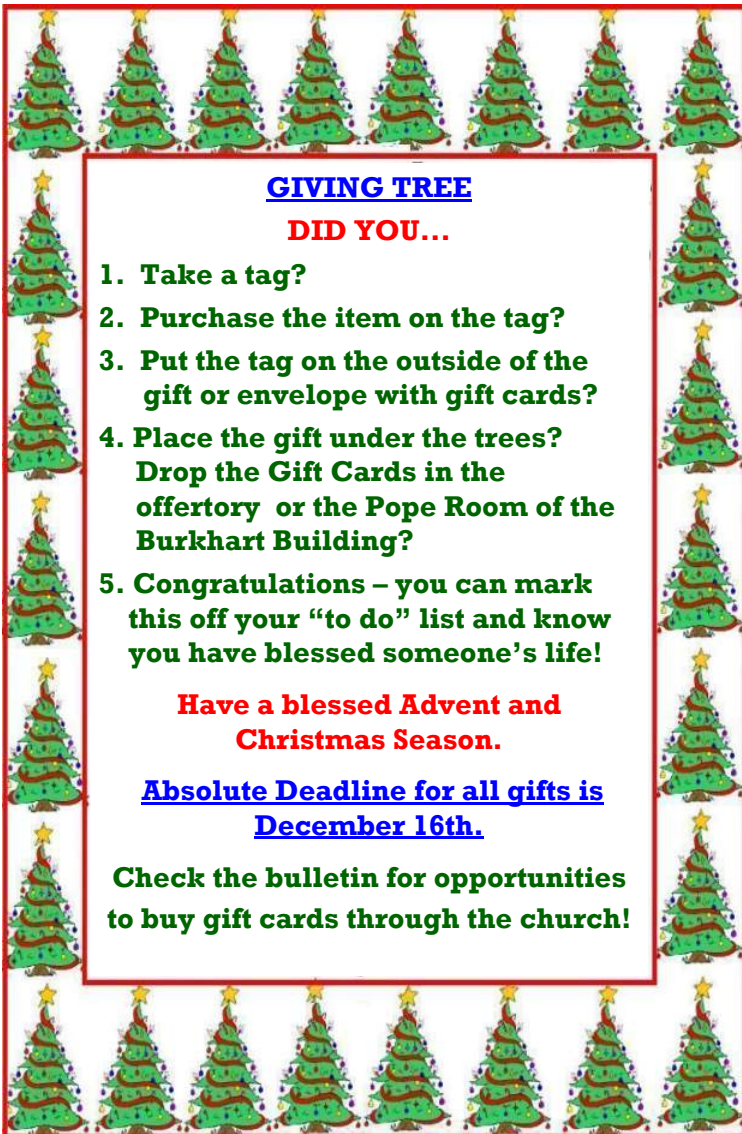
There will be

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 5th

8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



GIVING TREE
DID YOU...

1. Take a tag?
2. Purchase the item on the tag?
3. Put the tag on the outside of the gift or envelope with gift cards?
4. Place the gift under the trees?
Drop the Gift Cards in the offertory or the Pope Room of the Burkhart Building?
5. Congratulations – you can mark this off your “to do” list and know you have blessed someone’s life!

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

Absolute Deadline for all gifts is December 16th.

Check the bulletin for opportunities to buy gift cards through the church!



NOTICE
BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for bulletin submissions through the holiday season. These shortened timeframes begin with the **November 10th bulletin and run through January 12th 2025.** Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. Thank You.

If you have any specific deadline questions for upcoming bulletins, you may email **bulletin@sacredheartbath.org** and we will do our best to get the articles in the upcoming bulletins.

Thank you!



JOIN US

You're invited to our
BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS
Christmas Treasures

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 4:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
206 E. Main Street, Bath, PA 18014
Free will benefit offering:
Bath Area Food Bank

SACRED HEART PARISH
GIFT CARD PROGRAM

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS
ALL YEAR-ROUND!
GREAT FOR GRADUATIONS, BRIDAL SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES,
BABY SHOWERS, OR JUST TO SAY THANK YOU!!

What a great gift to give for any occasion. 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, ShopRite, Redners

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS
Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of all gift cards sold.

Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (**Blue Doors**) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered

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











*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1*

A Day of Mercy

Wednesday, December 4
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA

8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Eucharistic Exposition
Confessions throughout the day
6:30pm - Liturgy of Healing
Confessions will be heard after the liturgy.
Light refreshments will follow in Friendship Hall.



Homilist, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky
Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Spiritual Director and Exorcist

SIMPLE PRAYER: ADVENT

St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor
395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Date: December 3, 2024
Time: 10:00am-12pm

Facilitator: Sister Marie Therese Sheerwood, OSF
Advent begins the Church year, and the first mystery we are asked to engage in is waiting. Our hearts stand waiting for the Father's gift. This morning of reflection will invite you to discover new ways to make room in the stable of your hearts for Jesus, as we await His coming.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Free Will Offering. Register online at
www.SchoolSistersOsf.org/upcoming-events or by
phone, please call 610-867-8890 or email
LMartin@SchoolSistersOsf.org



CHRISTMAS BINGO (CASH PRIZES)

St. Mary's Parish Center
2nd & Union Streets, Catasauqua, PA
Sunday, December 8th

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua
will hold their Christmas Cash Bingo
in their Parish Center.

Doors and kitchen open at 11:30 AM with
Bingo beginning at 1:00 PM.

The cost for Bingo is \$15 which includes 15 games, six
specials, and one jackpot round.

To keep the cost at \$15 no outside food or drinks
are permitted. The kitchen will be selling your
St. Mary's favorites.

Please bring your daubers – no hardboards.

Reservations are encouraged by
emailing kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or
calling 610-264-0332.



BETTER TOGETHER WIDOWS AND WIDOWER SOCIAL GROUP

Assumption BVM Church,
4101 Old Bethlehem Pike Bethlehem, PA

Better Together Widow and Widower Social Group, a community that allows widows and widowers to connect with others in the same circumstance, meets monthly.

Some past meetings include a picnic in the summer, a sing-along/make your own sundaes, and an All Souls remembrance service.

The next meeting will be on December 11th at 1pm.
All are welcome to join us on the second Wednesday
of each month at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Center.


For more information, please contact
Mary Williams at 610-867-7424 x 16.

CELEBRATING THE O ANTIPHONS: AN ANCIENT ADVENT TRADITION

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 3:00pm-4:00pm
White House Chapel at Monocacy Manor,
395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Do you ever wonder about the origin of the lyrics of the hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel?
In the last days of the sacred season of Advent, the School Sisters of St. Francis invite everyone — especially families — to join us as we prepare to celebrate the O Antiphons. This ancient tradition includes seven heartfelt remembrances from Scripture that express our longing for Christ. The service includes a procession of emblems, Scripture readings, sung responses, and some short reflections. Each family will be given a packet with O Antiphon symbols and verses to be offered with The Magnificat each day December 17-23. With ardent love, let us prepare our hearts for His coming among us in history, in mystery, and in glory!

No registration necessary. Freewill offerings accepted.
Please direct questions to Lauren Martin at
lmartin@schoolsistersosf.org or 610-867-8890.



ANNUAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Resurrection Cemetery
547 North Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106


Saturday, December 14th at 12:00 Noon

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event that honors veterans buried across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

We have several hundred volunteers that lay wreaths on the graves of 1,700 veterans buried at Resurrection. Consider sponsoring a wreath or volunteering. Go to wreathscrossamerica.org.

For information or questions concerning this event
at Resurrection Cemetery,
547 North Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA
and Cedar Hill Memorial Park, 1700 Airport Rd,
Allentown, PA

Go to wreathscrossamerica.org.



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.

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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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