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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 2024

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct</u> Telephone: (800) 791-9209 DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204 CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: Telephone: 1-800-276-4562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 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

Monday, The Immaculate Conception of the

December 9 Blessed Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM Mary Ann Schuster r/b Cathryn

4:30 PM Joseph Broniszewski

r/b Mike Shimko and family

Tuesday, Our Lady of Loreto

December 10 Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8:00 AM Anita Harris

r/b Frank and Debbie Molchan

Wednesday, Saint Damasus I, Pope December 11 Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

8:00 AM Anthony Liberto

r/b wife, Florence, Rick and Regina Gower

and family

Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

8:00 AM George Steier r/b daughter, Marion

Friday, Saint Lucy

December 13 Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

2 Cor 10:17—11:2/Mt 25:1-13

8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

Saturday, 3rd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)

December 14 Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15 Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

7:00 AM David J. Eckel

r/b daughter, Kathleen and family

9:00 AM Stephen R. Archer, (living)

r/b sister, Deborah A. Kelly

11:00 AM Marylou Schlert (2nd anniversary of death)



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

December 6 through December 12 for the repose of the soul of

William Horn

r/b Barbara Horn

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 December 6 through December 12 for the repose of the soul of



Jeanne Lauber r/b Anne LaBar

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from December 6 through December 12 for the repose of the soul of



Joseph Broniszewski r/b Mike Shimko and family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from December 6 through December 12 for the repose of the soul of



Richard M. Meyers r/b Rick and Kim Meyers and family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles

<u>12/14 – 12/15</u> 5:00 PM

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

Lectors

John Vallance, Sr. Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Robert Quartararo Deb Hayes

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber

Altar Servers

Daniel Holub

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Peter Vallance

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

BAPTISM We are happy to welcome Landon Matthew Boyko, son of William and Monica Boyko who began to share in the life of Jesus through the Sacrament of Baptism. Holy Baptism



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:

<u>Facebook</u>: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath)

<u>Twitter</u>: follow @sacredheartbath (https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath)

<u>Periscope</u>: 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 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 Forty Hours Devotions, Sacred Heart of Jesus























SACRED HEART CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22nd
Starting immediately
following the
11:00 am Mass

Typically, it takes
1-1/2 - 2 hours, depending
on the number of
volunteers.

What a wonderful way to start Christmas week by helping decorate our church!!

Your help will be most welcomed.





BAKE SALE - NEXT WEEKEND!

Women's Guild Bake Sale

Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th

in the <u>AUDITORIUM</u> before and after all Masses.

Thank you to all who bake and those who support the Women's Guild!





DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING

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

December 14th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon)

in the Father Post Room of the Burkhart Building.
For more information please go to our Lay
Dominican Fraternity facebook page at St. Louis de
Montfort - Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic.

Your Stewardship Report - November 24		
First Collection Christmas Flowers Other Collections Other	\$2,022 \$1,114	Other collections - from envelopes dated other than November 24
Total Collections	\$10, 383	Other - donations, candles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - December 15



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Retired Religious



2024 ENDOWMENT FOR THE CARE OF RETIRED PRIESTS

"Chosen, Blessed, Shared"

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support 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. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

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There will be

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 12th 8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

SECOND COLLECTION DECEMBER 14 & 15 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help.

"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. THANK YOU for your generosity!

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

- \Rightarrow Mail your envelopes to:
 - Sacred Heart Church 210 E. Northampton Street Bath, PA 18014
- Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. Click on the "Support our Parish..." button on the home page.
- Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

One morning, in my seventh-grade classroom, while goofing around with my friend Richie Rothbard in the back of the room, our teacher, Mrs. Reilly shouted out, "What are you doing back there Lewis?" I responded, in my thick Newark accent (just moving to Hillside from Newark), "I'm not doing nothing." Mrs. Reilly immediately countered with, "Doing nothing is doing wrong."

It was a small lesson that has stayed with me all these years. It is a lesson that well applies to our activity or lack of activity, in the Pro-Life ministry. Fortunately, we have a very active pro-life ministry in our parish and our diocese. Get involved. The babies and their mothers need you.

Let us not be like the seventh grader who thought he could fool the wise old teacher. Just not doing bad stuff is not enough. We are supposed to be doing good. "Doing nothing is doing wrong."

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we faithfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

TODAY

Parish Children's Christmas Party at 12:00pm to 2:00pm - Church Auditorium
Saturday, December 14th - "Donation Station"

"Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas".

- Attend a Christmas church service together with your family. If you are alone this Christmas or don't
 have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.
- Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message. This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmastime. If you've already bought the reindeer cards-no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.
- Write a Christmas Letter to a missionary. Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so Christmas can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special letter to a missionary of your choice and thank them for giving their life in service to the Lord.

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Due to the generosity of kind donors, Sacred Heart of: Jesus is able to offer the following to our parishioners:

- St. Joseph Sunday Missals for the 2025 Liturgical year are available again this year. The missals can be brought to Church so you can follow along with the weekend readings and prayers. If you will use a copy, please feel free to take one. The missals are located in the ramp vestibule entrance of Church and at the Parish offices.
- Magnificat Advent Companion Devotional books with daily reflections for each day of Advent are also available for all parishioners in the ramp vestibule entrance of Church and at the Parish offices. Please feel free to take one.

We are grateful to our generous donors who make it possible for parishioners to have access to these spiritual resources. THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Baby Bottle Campaign

Our Baby Bottle collection is finished and the total donated was \$3,742.56. All proceeds go to Cay Galgon Life House. A big thank you from the Knights of Columbus to our Parishioners for your generous donations. THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th

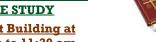
In a memo to the U.S. Bishops, the Vatican confirmed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, usually celebrated on the 8th day of December, <u>must be transferred and observed as a Holy Day of Obligation</u> on the 9th day of December since the 8th day of December in 2024 is the 2nd Sunday of 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 BIBLE STUDY



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

We meet on the Saturdays listed below Dec. 14th & 28th; Jan. 18th; Feb. 1st and 22nd; March 8th and 22nd

We use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible with extensive footnotes by Dr. Scott Hahn. We are finishing the Book of Genesis and then start the Book of Exodus Come and 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 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 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 contact |Knights, please Bob Wilkin nancinator@aol.com or (610) 704-1579.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations,

Merry Christmas!

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 will run until 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!



HELP AT THE HOLIDAYS

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 also sponsored 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.

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. Nonperishables 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, <a href="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!



SACRED HEART PARISH AND K9 KOP PROJECT

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

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625 PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING

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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 <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

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

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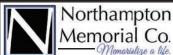


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