

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Baptism of the Lord (anticipated)
January 11 **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/**
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, Baptism of the Lord
January 12 **Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/**
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 7:00 AM Francis S. Botek
r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly
 9:00 AM Charlie Trinkle
r/b Kratzer Family
 11:00 AM Donna Hopper
r/b Russell and Karen Shaffer

Monday, Saint Hilary, Bishop
January 13 **Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20**
 8:00 AM Todd Hack
r/b Amos and Anne Eslieb

Tuesday, Weekday
January 14 **Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28**
 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas Weber (living)
r/b Bob and Mary Lou Ross

Wednesday, Weekday
January 15 **Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39**
 8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Gasper
r/b John M. Gasper

Thursday, Weekday
January 16 **Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45**
 8:00 AM Dorothy Faustner Kay
r/b Jim Kay

Friday, Saint Anthony, Abbot
January 17 **Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12**
Eph 6:10-13, 18/ Mt 19:16-26
 8:00 AM Donald Krysinel
r/b Ken and Maryjane Pietrzak

Saturday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)
January 18 **Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11**
 5:00 PM Paul Enright
r/b Jim Gillespie

Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19 **Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Betty Haldaman
r/b Family
 11:00 AM Charles Trinkle
r/b Edelman Family

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
 January 10 through January 16
 for the repose of the soul of



Gladys Kettles
r/b Nancy Hebert

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 January 10 through January 16
 for the repose of the soul of



Zach Richard
r/b Cheryl Bosler



MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph, at the Tabernacle or the Sanctuary Lamp, please call or visit the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. We have open weeks available for all candle types. A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP


is burning from
 January 10 through January 16
 for the repose of the soul of

Connie Wheary
r/b Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>1/18 – 1/19 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors William Doncsecz Alfred Krantz Robert Quartararo Deb Hayes</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Mary Toczek Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Lewis Ferris</p>	<p>Altar Servers -- -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
 THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**
Maria Reginelli,
of Sacred Heart Parish and
David A. Werner, Jr.,
grandson of Margaret Gutekunst
of Sacred Heart Parish

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>



There will be
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 16, 2025
8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm


SACRED HEART PARISH BIBLE STUDY
Burkhart Building 10:00 am to 11:30 am



**We meet Saturdays on 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**



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY
 NEW ORLEANS ATTACK**

For those who lost their lives in the attack in New Orleans, may they be welcomed into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

For the innocent victims injured in New Orleans, may God guide the hands of their medical professionals and bring them healing and wholeness, let us pray to the Lord.

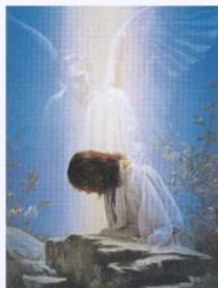
For all who have been affected by violence, may they come to know peace through the healing presence of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For law enforcement, first responders, and local officials in New Orleans, may the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit be upon them, let us pray to the Lord. Amen

**IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING
 THE RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS**

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

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



OCTOBER-DECEMBER
SACRED HEART
MEMORIAL FUND
DONATIONS

In Memory of
Maddalena and Berardo DiOdoardo

Kevin M. Young

In Memory of Michael J. Kelly

Anne and Chip Catino

Donna Dipetrillo

Danielle DeFazio

Patricia and Mario Forte

Maria Frank

Linda and Dave Hein

Gary Salamido

The Swan Point Social Club

In Memory of Gerry McGough, OP

Lay Dominicans

In Memory of Mary Ann Miksits

Catherine and Chuck Hopper

In Memory of Antonetta Russo

Rick and Regina Gower and Family

David and Gail Hofmeister

Vernon and Michelle Taylor

United Way of Delaware

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL FUND

Please consider remembering your loved one in the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund. A donation to the Memorial Fund assists the mission of the parish and benefits the person remembered through the fruits of Holy Mass offered every First Friday.

Memorial Fund Remembrance Cards are available in the Parish Office.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Feast Day—January 12, 2025

Theological Significance:

The Baptism of Jesus holds deep theological significance. It is a moment of divine endorsement, where God the Father publicly affirms Jesus as His beloved Son. The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove signifies the anointing of Jesus for His messianic mission. This event also highlights the unity of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—working together in the redemptive plan.

Fulfillment of Righteousness:

Jesus' insistence on being baptized by John, despite John's initial reluctance, underscores the importance of fulfilling all righteousness. Jesus, though sinless, identifies with humanity's need for repentance and righteousness. His baptism symbolizes His willingness to take on the sins of the world and foreshadows His death, burial, and resurrection.

John the Baptist's Role:

John the Baptist serves as the forerunner to the Messiah, preparing the way for Jesus through his call to repentance and baptism. His recognition of Jesus as the Lamb of God and the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit emphasizes the transition from the old covenant to the new covenant inaugurated by Christ.

Symbolism of the Dove:

The Holy Spirit's descent as a dove is rich in symbolism. The dove represents peace, purity, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. This imagery connects to the Spirit's role in creation and renewal, marking the beginning of Jesus' ministry to bring spiritual renewal and salvation to humanity.

Voice from Heaven:

The voice from heaven declaring Jesus as the beloved Son is a divine proclamation of Jesus' identity and mission. It echoes Old Testament themes, such as the Messianic **Psalms 2:7** and the Suffering Servant in **Isaiah 42:1**, affirming Jesus as the promised Messiah and the one who will fulfill God's redemptive purposes.

Conclusion:

The Baptism of Jesus is a foundational event in the Gospels, encapsulating key elements of Christian theology, including the nature of the Trinity, the mission of Jesus, and the inauguration of His public ministry. It serves as a model for Christian baptism, symbolizing repentance, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the believer's identification with Christ's death and resurrection.

With Christmas behind us, it is now time to follow Jesus in His adult life. His baptism is the start of being revealed to the world for who He really is and what His purpose is here on earth. He will walk the earth as the Son of God but also as a human being. Because of this, He will experience all the human feelings that all of us endure; temptation, sorrow, pain, and fear but is also blessed with friendship, kindness, hope and love. With this precious insight we can get closer to Jesus, knowing He truly understands how life can be challenging and the need to turn to His Father.

Open the bible and read about Jesus' journey as he moves through all the events that lead to our salvation.



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Monday, January 13- Monthly Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom
- Sunday, January 19 – KofC Breakfast at 7:00am to 11:00am – Church Auditorium
- Friday, January 24 – March for Life, Washington DC
Watch the Bulletin for Travel Details
- Monday, January 27 – Officers' Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

We conclude with the fourth of the Knights' four core principles, **Patriotism**. Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and Country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are among the greatest citizens.

A monthly prayer intention of our Holy Father: "We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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 BUS EXCURSION
SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER**

The Fr. Jacob W. Post Council of Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a Bus Trip to see:

"Noah"

Saturday May 3, 2025

Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

The performance is at 11:00am,

with the bus departing Sacred Heart Church at 8:00am.

After the show, there will be a stop at Yoder's Restaurant & Buffet in New Holland.

COST OF TRIP:

\$160.00 for Adults and \$120.00 for Children

Includes admission to the show, dining and the transportation provided by Easton Coach.

We have reserved a block of 55 tickets; we expect they will sell out quickly so reserve your seat early!

For reservations or questions, please contact Brother Bud Schuster at 610-390-8429 or bud328@msn.com.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
NEXT WEEKEND!**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2024
7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
 (In the church Auditorium)
 What better way to bring in the New Year than a delicious breakfast by the Knights of Columbus!
 Treat yourself, your family, and friends to this heavenly feast of eggs and omelets to order, bacon/sausage/ham, pancakes/waffles, French toast, home fries, pastries, and **MANY** more delectable breakfast goodies.
 No cooking and no clean-up; just come and enjoy great food and conversation!!

**PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 20th
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY**



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!

****Calendars available for sale after all Masses THIS WEEKEND in ramp vestibule!****



HELP NEEDED WITH UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND!

Christmas Decorations will be taken down and stored.

Sunday, January 12th,

immediately following the 11:00 am Mass

The more volunteers, the less time it will take!

Your help will be most welcome!

Thank you!



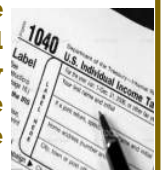
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 290 pounds of non-perishable items to the Bath Area Food Bank on January 2; bringing our year-to-date total to 1,267 pounds. This was our seventh donation for the Fraternal Year 2024-25; our next donation will be made to the St Vincent dePaul Food Bank in February. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Please check the "Best By" date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a "Best By" date earlier than 2024.

2024 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2024 contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket at church or the Parish Office and include your envelope number on the request. **Contributions received after Sunday, December 29th will not be included on your 2024 Contribution Statement.** Due to the cost of postage, you **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request or pick the statement up in the parish office during regular business hours. **Statements will be sent in late January 2025.** We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially supported the parish family of the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the year.



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 **January 14th from 9:30-11 am and from 6-6:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath.** Volunteers are needed on **Friday, January 10th 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!

Your Stewardship Report - December 29

First Collection	\$7,629	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 29</i>
Christmas	\$20,371	
Other Collections	\$925	
<u>Other</u>	\$49	
Total Collections	\$28,974	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - January 19**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
Facilities Repair

"SPECIAL COLLECTION"**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION****NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 19, 2025**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at
www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

NATIONAL RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH**HELD IN WASHINGTON, DC****DATE:** Friday, January 24th, 2025

DEPARTURE TIME: 7:30 AM
(PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 7:15 AM)

Bus details go to
<http://marchforlife.org/theme 2025>

DEPARTURE LOCATION:

St. Jane Frances De Chantal Catholic Church
4049 Hartley Avenue in Easton, PA 18045

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND MASS BEFORE BOARDING THE BUS, THERE IS A 6:30 AM MASS AT ST. JANE'S.

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON
PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE TO HOLD A SEAT

Make Payment to **Sacred Heart Church-Bethlehem**
Mail to: Andrew Azan 3rd at PO Box 3278, Bethlehem, PA 18017

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS: Looking for a sponsor for these and we can enjoy this after Mass.

MEALS and REST STOPS: We will make (1) rest stop on way down to DC and (1) rest stop on the way back; that will be restroom stop. If you want to eat lunch or dinner, please either brown bag or arrive back early at Union Bus Station. At Union station there are many eateries.

Go to <https://www.unionstationdc.com/dining/>

DEPARTURE: 5:00 PM at Union Station (entrance lobby arrive by 4:45 PM) 50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002.

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 Burkhardt Building during Parish office hours

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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

A well-known pro-abortion comedian recently made an interesting statement. He called pro-lifer's hypocrites who were ok with putting a limit on when abortions were acceptable, as of: "up to 15 weeks, etc." His reasoning was accurate; "if they believe it is murder than why consider the size of the baby as the criteria for murdering it."

He went on to say; "They think its murder, and it kind of is, I'm ok with that, I am; I mean there are 8 billion people in the World, I'm sorry we won't miss you." His statement is crass, but at least its honest. No silly talk about "when life begins" blah, blah, blah. He is a fallen away Catholic. Pray for him. I believe anyone who at least deals with reality as it really is, has a better chance of being open to conversion.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM
GROCERY GIFT CARDS



Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of all other gift cards that we have on hand or order.



VISA GIFT CARDS WITH NO ACTIVATION FEE!!!!



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 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Red Lobster	8%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Sheetz	3%	\$25
Lowe's	4%	\$25	Panera	8%	\$10
Boscov's	8%	\$25	Burger King	6%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	McDonalds	2%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
VISA (No Activation Fees)	1.5%	\$25/\$50/\$100	Carrabba's	10%	\$25

WHO DOESN'T LOVE GIFT CARDS! GREAT GIFTS YEAR-ROUND!

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. Need a special gift card? Just stop in and we can order that special gift card for you!

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!

CLOTHING SHED

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF - OPEN 24-7

Sacred Heart Church upper parking lot

Proceeds 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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AD TIMES ONLINE

Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

Email your name and address to communication@AllentownDiocese.org and we'll sign you up for a free email subscription and remove your name from the mailing list of the printed newspaper.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Tuesday, March 25 - Saturday, April 3 2025

Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome.

To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY (ALL CASH)
BONANZA BINGO!!!

We really hope to see you this month!
Delicious food, good times, great people!
St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102

Sunday, January 19, 2025



Regular bingo and all the specials will still be CASH prizes.

\$20.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials, Piggy Number and Lucky 7! Door prizes and Raffle Items!

Doors and Kitchen Open at NOON
Bingo begins at 1:00 PM

First come – first served seating.
Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS
Questions? Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

DATE NIGHT AT FOLINO ESTATE FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES



Folino Estate Winery
340 Old Route 22, Kutztown, Pa 19530
Friday, January 24, 2025

Catholic engaged and married couples are invited to an evening of romance and reflection at Folio Estate Winery.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour with live music and optional couples' portraits by **Vargas Photography**. A tasteful dinner buffet will follow along with an intimate New Year's reflection by guest speakers Greg and Heather Maigur. Each couple will get to take home a wine bottle favor at the end of the evening!

Tickets are \$100 per couple, and space is limited to 25 couples, so reserve your spot today!

Register at allentowndiocese.org/date-night.

Contact Rhady Tulloch,
Director of Marriage & Family Life,
at rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org
with any questions.

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!

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY

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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

Given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Parish Office.

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, 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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