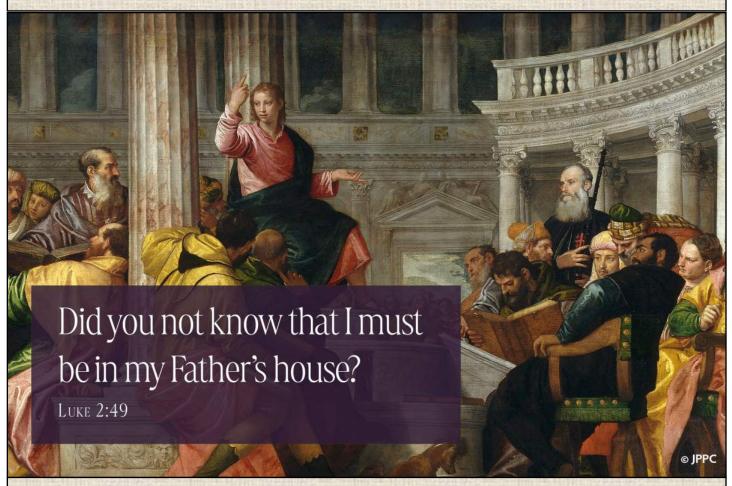
# SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

### 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 29, 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, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Jospeh

December 28 (anticipated)

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

5:00 PM Cimino Family

r/b Jean and Melina Nye

Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Jospeh

December 29 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

7:00 AM Isabelle Barabara Giudice (living)

r/b Robert Quartararo

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Magdalene Nuss-D'Angelo

r/b Carl and Kathy Nuss and family

Monday, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

December 30 of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

8:00 AM George D'Elia

r/b Joe and Maureen Mulrooney

Tuesday, 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

December 31 of the Lord

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

8:00 AM George D'Elia

r/b Paul and Stosh Kiszkiel

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (anticipated)

4:30 PM Antonis Andreadakis

r/b Annette Strubbe

Wednesday, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

 $9{:}00~\text{AM}~\text{Roman}$  and Jean Pietrzak and Loretta Gula

r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Thursday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,

January 2 Bishops

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 23:8-12

8:00 AM Shirley McElroy

r/b Jean Pulli and sons

Friday, Holy Name of Jesus

January 3 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

8:00 AM Those enrolled in Memorial Fund

Saturday, Epiphany of the Lord (anticipated)

January 4 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

5:00 PM Paul Enright

r/b Gillespie Family

Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord

January 5 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

7:00 AM Raymond McCarthy

r/b Catherine and Chuck Hopper

9:00 AM William Hillhouse

r/b Reverend Christopher S. Butera

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS Feast Day - January 1st Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Pray the Holy Rosary to honor our Holy Mother.

### **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 27 through January 2 for the repose of the soul of



Peggy Hoff r/b daughter, Sharon

### SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from

December 27 through January 2

for



Edith Broniszewski (living) and family r/b Mike Shimko and family

### THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from

December 27 through January 2 for the repose of the soul of



Connie Wheary r/b Family

### **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

### Liturgical Roles

1/4 - 1/5
5:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

### **Lectors**

William Doncsecz
Bill Wilde
Lisa Wilde Barnhorst
Robert Ouartararo

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Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber

### Altar Servers

Peter Vallance

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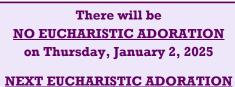


### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

December 27 through January 2
for the repose of the souls of

Dornbach and Silfies Families r/b Family

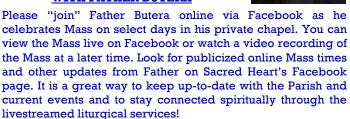


Thursday, January 9
8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church

Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



# ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA



Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:

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Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath



### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

### **BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER**

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2024 4:40 pm, prior to Vigil Mass

### 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

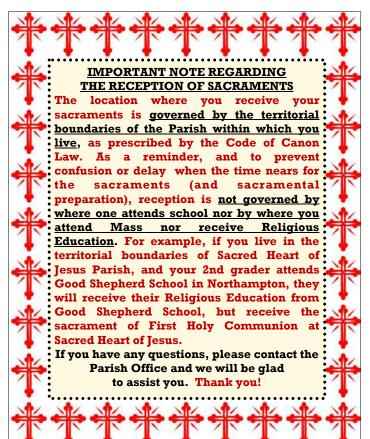
### **2024 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION**

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2024 contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket at church and/or the Parish Office and include your envelope number on the request. Contributions received after Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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.







Pictures from the Children's Christmas Party at Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, December 8th. The party was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and over 20 children and their families participated!











...Santa was even there!













### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DONATION

Brother Knights John Flynn and Bob Wilkin presented four dozen winter coats to George Wolf Elementary School in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus' "Coats for Kids" program.

Also donated were hats and scarves made by an anonymous "Grandma" Sacred Heart Parishioner.

Thank you to the Knights for their community service and generosity and to all who participate in the various Knights' fundraisers that make their work possible!



# SACRED HEART PARISH AND K9 KOP PROJECT



2025 - K9 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

(K9 CALENDARS ARE \$10.00)

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to K9 program and
\$5.00 will go to Sacred Heart Parish

<u>Please give to this very heroic cause to help</u> support these courageous handlers and canines.



\*\*This wonderful calendar will be available for sale at the parish offices.





# SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S

### NEW YEARS BREAK— CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31st at NOON through Wednesday, January 1st, 2025.

Parish offices will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025 at 8:00 am.

All of us here at Sacred Heart Parish, wish everyone a Blessed and Healthy NEW YEAR!!
Remember Our Lord is our true Father, Mary is our true Mother and Jesus is our true Salvation.

May God Bless you and your family in this New Year!



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Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of all gift cards sold.







Your Stewardship Report - December 15							
First Collection	\$7,044	Other collections -					
Immaculate		from envelopes dated					
Conception	\$904	other than					
Other Collections	\$4,125	December 15					
<u>Other</u>	\$ <u>72</u>						
Total Collections	\$12,145	Other - donations,					
Retired Religious	\$1,771	candles, etc.					

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - January 5



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

<u>Second</u> Parish Improvement



### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Feast Day—December 29th

Pope Leo XIII feared that the desire for economic advancement and the communistic separation of God from the political structures would result in

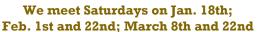
the breakdown of the family, the fundamental building block of society. In that encyclical, the Holy Father stated:

This is a suitable moment for us to exhort especially heads of families to govern their households according to these precepts, and to be solicitous without failing for the right training of their children. The family may be regarded as the cradle of civil society, and it is in great measure within the circle of family life that the destiny of the States is fostered. Whence it is that they who would break away from Christian Discipline are working to corrupt family life, and to destroy it utterly, root and branch.

In 1892, Pope Leo XIII issued an apostolic letter, *Breve Neminem Fugit*, in which he highlighted the importance of the Holy Family for the world as a model for every virtue necessary for human growth.

† To all fathers of families, Joseph is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy Virgin Mother of God, mothers may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith. And in Jesus, who was subject to his parents, the children of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate.

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



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

### **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

Had two very lively discussions this week concerning two controversial topics. One of them was about abortion and was with a physician. He felt that abortion past the first 3 months was murder but was alright with it prior to that time. He had no medical or rational reason for this opinion. It was just his opinion. I argued that elective abortion at any stage was murder. This is not just my opinion it is the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church.

We must not be intimidated by people's credentials when defending the issue of elective abortion. We have 2000 years of Church history on our side, as well as divine revelation.

- - Deacon Lewis Ferris

### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace. May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example. Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence. May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



### A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

#### -UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday, January 13- Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom

### We continue with our Brotherhood's Core Principles

This week we feature <u>UNITY:</u> None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that together—we can accomplish far more than any of us individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that—as a Knight of Columbus, you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

project. Your kindnesses were greatly appreciated by the Basket recipients.

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 immediately after the show.

### **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.





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### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Fabric Scraps	Household	Rags	Tovs
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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IT'S A WHOLE NEW YEAR DANCE

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall

924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Our new favorite band!



**Oldies Dance** 

Featuring: Johhny K

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Doors open 6:30 pm

**Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505** 



# 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 Folino Estate Winery.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour with live music and optional couples' portraits by <u>Vargas Photography</u>. 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 <u>allentowndiocese.org/date-night</u>.
Contact Rhady Tulloch,

Director of Marriage & Family Life, at <a href="mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org">rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org</a> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org">bulletin@sacredheartbath.org</a> and we will do our best to get the articles in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you!

### 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.

### **Rectory and Parish Office:**

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Safe Environment Coordinator: Ms. Karen Shimko
kshimko@sacredheartbath.org 610-837-6391
Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

### **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.

**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 <a href="https://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or by calling 800-276-1562.

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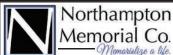


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