

*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.*



Did you not know that I must  
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

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*THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*  
*DECEMBER 29, 2024*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Saturday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
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 Joseph  
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 AM 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

**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*

**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.*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>1/4 – 1/5</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> William Doncsecz Bill Wilde Lisa Wilde Barnhorst Robert Quartararo</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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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*



**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  
**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
on Thursday, January 2, 2025

**NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, January 9  
8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church  
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm


**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, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
4:30 pm, Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
9:00 am and 11:00 am,  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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.



**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!

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 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!**



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

**GET GROCERY GIFT CARDS!**

**Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, ShopRite, Redners**



**OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS**

**Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhardt Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered. Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391.**

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



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



**(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**

**Please give to this very heroic cause to help support these courageous handlers and canines.**

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



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**

**Next Week's Collections - January 5**



**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
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.*

**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](http://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**

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

**SACRED HEART PARISH BIBLE STUDY**  
**Burkhart Building at 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](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com)

**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**

**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 at 7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom**

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

This week we feature **UNITY**: 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.

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**A BIG THANK YOU** is due all of our parishioners for their donations to the KofC Christmas Food Basket project. Your kindnesses were greatly appreciated by the Basket recipients.

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**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](http://www.KofC14464.org) or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Robert Quartararo at [paladinuslucis@live.com](mailto: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](mailto:bud328@msn.com).**



**JANUARY 2025  
LOTTERY CALENDARS**

**Take a chance to win  
from \$50 up to \$500 !!!**

Increase your chances  
with 3 for \$25.00.

**If you are feeling lucky, fill  
out the return portion with  
a check or cash to the  
Parish offices, collection  
basket or by mail before  
December 31st.**

**Extra calendars are  
available in parish offices.  
This is a fun way to help  
support our parish.**

**You can be the first winner  
in 2025!!!**

**GOOD LUCK AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**





**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**

<b>Belts</b>	<b>Blankets</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Drapes</b>	<b>Purses</b>
<b>Sheets</b>	<b>Shoes</b>	<b>Sneakers</b>	<b>Stuffed Animals</b>	

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

<b>Fabric Scraps</b>	<b>Household goods</b>	<b>Rags</b>	<b>Toys</b>
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**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**



**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: Johnny 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**



**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 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](http://allentowndiocese.org/date-night).**

**Contact Rhady Tulloch,**

**Director of Marriage & Family Life,**

**at [rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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 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 [bulletin@sacredheartbath.org](mailto:bulletin@sacredheartbath.org) and we will do our best to get the articles in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you!**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

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