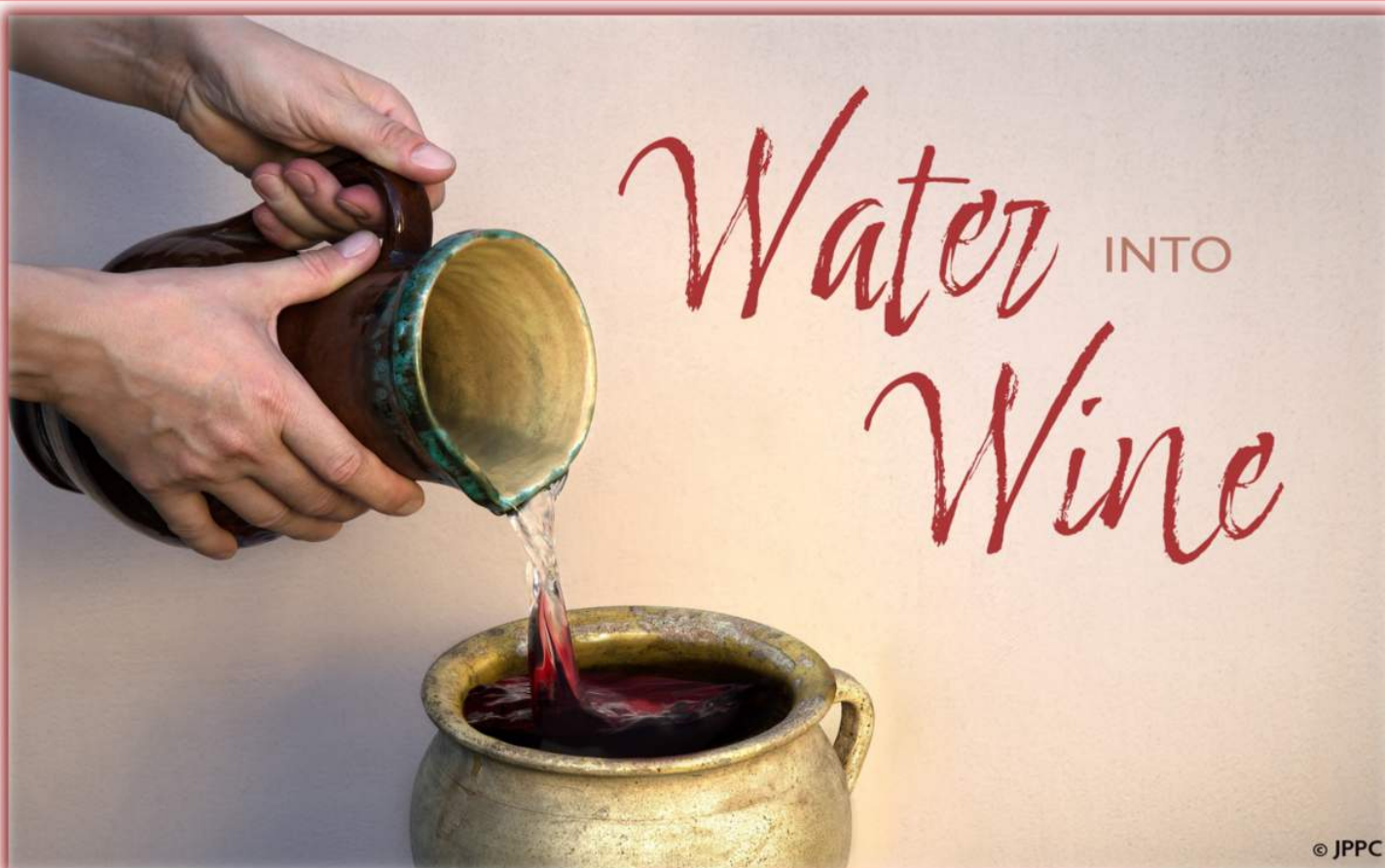


*SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH*  
*117 Washington Street*  
*Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524*

*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 IN ORDINARY TIME*  
*JANUARY 19, 2025*

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:** Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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*

**Monday, Saint Fabian, Pope**  
**January 20** **Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22**

9:00 AM Donna Hopper  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*

**Tuesday, Saint Agnes**  
**January 21** **Heb 6:1-20/Mk 2:23-28**

*1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 13:44-46*  
 8:00 AM Joan Assetto  
*r/b Family*

**Wednesday, Weekday (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)**  
**January 22** **Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6**

8:00 AM Melissa Primi  
*r/b John Primi and family*

**Thursday, Saint Vincent, Deacon**  
**January 23** **Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12**

8:00 AM Frank J. Sciabica  
*r/b Chris and Marcia Tallarico*

**Friday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop**  
**January 24** **Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19**

*Eph 3:8-12/Jn 15:9-17*  
 8:00 AM Mary Toth  
*r/b Terence and Roz O'Reilly*

**Saturday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**  
**January 25** **Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

5:00 PM Thomas D. Brunner  
*r/b Aunt Loretta and family*

**Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 26** **Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

7:00 AM Margaret S. Salabsky  
*r/b Pat and George Gasper*  
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
 11:00 AM Donna Hopper  
*r/b Knights of Columbus*

**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 17 through January 23  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Rita Ellen Biss**  
*r/b Nancy Hebert*

**SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from  
 January 17 through January 23  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Robert Biss**  
*r/b Nancy Hebert*

**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from  
 January 17 through January 23  
 for the repose of the soul of



**Betty Haldaman**  
*r/b Family*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from  
 January 17 through January 23  
 for the repose of the soul of


**Zach Richard**  
*r/b Cheryl Bosler*



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles\*

<p><b>1/25 – 1/26</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b> Frank Molchan Matthew Dormarunno Beth Skinner John Vallance, Sr.</p>	<p><b>Deacons/EMHCs</b> Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Thomas Weber</p>	<p><b>Altar Servers</b> -- -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF  
The Very Reverend Luke Anderson,  
of the Diocese of Allentown  
and  
Harold "Jay" Sauerwein,  
formerly 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>

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR  
for the week of  
January 17 through January 23  
are in memory of  
Connie Wheary  
r/b Family**






There will be  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday, January 23, 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 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. Remember St. Jerome states: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Come and join us!  
Please email Deacon Ferris with any questions:  
[lferris\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lferris_2000@yahoo.com)

**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.

**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!**



**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

**Today – KofC Breakfast 7:00am -11:00am**

**Friday, January 24 – March for Life, Washington DC. Refer to page 7 of this bulletin for travel details.**

**Monday, January 27 – Officers' Planning Meeting  
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom**

**Monday, February 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting  
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting – Burkhart Building & Zoom**

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**A practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: “Blessed are you when they insult you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Mt 5:11-12a) It often isn't popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs. But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness – even when we face opposition or persecution to do so – we know we do so as followers of Christ.**

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**A monthly prayer intention of our Holy Father: “We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.**

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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.

**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).**



**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS  
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST  
THIS 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  
Knights of Columbus breakfast!  
THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL  
“POTATO PANCAKES”  
Treat yourself, your family, and  
friends to this heavenly feast of  
eggs and omelets, bacon/  
sausage/ham, waffles/French  
Toast, home fries, pastries, and  
MANY more delectable goodies.  
No cooking and no clean-up;  
just come and enjoy great food  
and conversation!!**



**SACRED HEART PARISH AND K9 KOP PROJECT  
2025 - K9 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**



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!

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



**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**

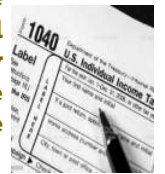
Belts	Blankets	Clothing	Drapes	Purses
Sheets	Shoes	Sneakers	Stuffed Animals	

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Fabric Scraps	Household goods	Rags	Toys
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**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 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.



**A SIMPLE ACT OF CARE FOR 2025**



As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show a simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even *Sacred Heart Parish*: creating your will. In thanks for your support, the Diocese has partnered with FreeWill so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It's completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes.

Please scan the QR code or Visit: <https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/> to get started.



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



**DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING**

**The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th 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.**



The Sacrament of

*Reconciliation*

**START THE NEW YEAR WITH PEACE AND HEALING THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’” (John 20:21-23).*

If you haven’t been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You’ll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.



**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP**

Feast Day—January 24th

Because of his noble family heritage and his father’s influence, St. Francis was given an excellent education, eventually earning doctorates in civil law, theology and to please his father he studied fencing and riding. His father had selected a noblewoman for him to marry and had planned for his gifted son to enter into law and politics, but St. Francis was led in a different direction.

St. Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood. Even though his family had other plans for him, he never lost his passion for God but kept quiet about his devotion.

God made his will clear to St. Francis one day while he was riding. He fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and each time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross. After much discussion and disagreement from his father, St. Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, St. Francis found a way to reach the people inside their homes. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. Even when the people wouldn’t come to him, St. Francis decided to go to the children. He won the people over when they saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they then began to talk to him.

St. Francis gave spiritual direction to lay people who were living real lives in the real world. He believed that holiness was not reserved for those in the monastery or convent. He believed that everyone, in every state in life, within every occupation, was called to a life of sanctity as he was. He also recognized that Christian marriage and family life is itself a call to holiness.

Bishop de Sales was a very practical man, especially when it came to his theology. It is said that Bishop de Sales won back as many as 40,000 Catholics who had become Calvinists. After nine years as a priest and twenty years as a bishop, Bishop de Sales suffered a stroke and died soon after. It is believed that one of the last things he wrote were the words “Humility, humility, humility,” his dying exhortation to his flock.



**PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

*Father, we pray for all those affected by these wildfires. For those who needed to evacuate, we pray for safe shelters and provision. For those still in the path of danger, we pray for your protection. Shelter them under the shadow of your wings. Give them strength, courage, and resolve to endure. We pray for the most vulnerable lives, especially those who are elderly, those with small children, and those who cannot easily leave their homes. Keep them safe and provide what they need. Grant them encouragement, strength,*

*fortitude, patience and insight as they struggle with their many losses — material, physical, emotional, and personal — and begin to pick up the pieces and create a new future for themselves, their families, and their community. Be for them a beacon of unwavering hope and confidence that there can and will be a better day.*

*Lord, we pray for the firefighters, first responders, and neighbors running into danger to rescue others. Please preserve their lives and bless their efforts to locate missing or stranded people. Keep them safe from harm and watch over their loved one as they wait for their return home. Thank you, Lord, for the safety we find in you. We pray this in Jesus’s name, Amen.*

**Your Stewardship Report - January 5**

First Collection	\$8,800	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than <b>January 5</b>  <i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i></i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,629	
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,778	
Other Collections	\$3,252	
<u>Other</u>	\$69	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$16,528</b>	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH****Next Week's Collections - January 26**

**First**  
Sunday Collection

**Second**  
Catholic Relief Services

**"SPECIAL COLLECTION"****CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION****NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 26, 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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

**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 Burkhardt Building during Parish office hours

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

**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/theme2025>

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

From the Andrew Lloyd Weber's play referring to the birth of Christ: "why did you pick such a strange land and such a strange place, Israel B.C. had no mass communication."

Imagine the stories if Jesus choose to be born in our time and place. We have instantaneous mass communication. However it's usually incorrect. Maybe God knows what he is doing after all.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE  
LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**  
**January 22, 2025**

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II,  
Evangelium Vitae, no. 100\*



**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](mailto: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!**





**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**

**BISHOP COMMISSION FOR WOMEN RETREAT**



**Lenten Retreat for Women  
Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**The retreat is entitled "Lent:  
A Time of Forgiveness and Healing"  
This full day retreat will be held at  
St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown.**

**The Keynote speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop Keith  
Chylinski of Philadelphia. Denise Yarrison from  
Hope's Garden and <https://youaremadenew.com> will  
be the afternoon speaker.**

**Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop  
Chylinski. There will be time for Adoration and  
Confession.**

**A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.  
Space is limited, please register early.**

**Please use the following link for details and to register:  
[https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/  
resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing](https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing)**



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

**Contact Rhady Tulloch,**

**Director of Marriage & Family Life,  
at [rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org)  
with any questions.**

**NUN RUN 5K & 1M Walk**

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 AM at  
Holy Guardian Angels Regional  
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**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

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**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**

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**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  
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Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200,  
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**COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:** Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

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