

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.



EPIPHANY

OF THE

LORD

JANUARY 5,

2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, Saint Andre Bassette

January 6 **1 Jn 3:22; 4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**
 8:00 AM Patricia Talijan
r/b Tim and Mary K. Duckworth

Tuesday, Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

January 7 **1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44**
 8:00 AM Charles Casazza
r/b Amos and Anne Eslieb

Wednesday, Christmas Weekday

January 8 **1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52**
 8:00 AM Gabriel Canzano
r/b Brenna Kern

Thursday, Christmas Weekday

January 9 **1 Jn 4:19; 5:4/Lk 4:14-22**
 8:00 AM Janet Matsko
r/b Kathy Smiley and family

Friday, Christmas Weekday

January 10 **1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16**
 8:00 AM Benefactors of Sacred Heart

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

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 3 through January 9
 for the repose of the soul of



Connie Wheary
r/b Family

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 January 3 through January 9
 for the repose of the soul of



Robert McKeon
r/b Tim and Mary K. Duckworth



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 January 3 through January 9
 for the repose of the souls of

Dornbach and Silfies Families
r/b Family

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 January 3 through January 9
 for the repose of the soul of




Kylie Schneider
r/b Shimko Family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<p>1/11 – 1/12 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Lectors Joan West Tim Geiger Beth Skinner Christina Gehringer</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Thomas Weber Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak</p>	<p>Altar Servers -- -- Daniel Holub --</p>
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There will be
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, January 9, 2025
8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm



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>

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.

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:

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.



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!**



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2025

As with the Three Kings, Pope Francis said, “the experience of God does not block us, but frees us; it does not imprison us, but puts us back on our way, returning us to the usual places of our existence. The places are the same but, after the encounter with Christ, we are not the same as before.”

To worship like the Magi did, is “to bring gold to the Lord and to tell him that nothing is more precious than He is. To offer Him incense and to tell Him that only in union with Him can our lives rise up to heaven. To present Him with myrrh, balm for the bruised and wounded, and to promise Him that we will aid our marginalized and suffering neighbors in whom He Himself is present,” the pope said.

Like the Magi, Christians discover the meaning of their life’s journey in worshipping the Lord and it brings them great joy.

EPIPHANY TRADITIONS

It is traditional for parish priests to bless water on Epiphany, which is used for the blessing of homes that day. Chalk for each family is also blessed so that they may mark the names of the three Magi over their doors, as a witness of their faith and protection against evil.

This year, due to schedules, Father Butera blessed water and chalk for Epiphany on Saturday, December 28th, 2024 prior to the start of the Vigil Mass. The Epiphany water is available for you to take home.

With chalk, families write an inscription on the lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters, and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of the year 2025, the line will read as follows:

20+C+M+B+25

The four digits designating the New Year appear at the beginning and end of the line. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God’s blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words “*Christus mansionem benedicat.*” “May Christ bless the house.” The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God’s blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the doorkeeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God’s Eternal Word in this holy season.



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. See article on page 7 of bulletin for Travel Details

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

We continue with our Brotherhood's Core Principles: This week we feature FRATERNITY. The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

A practical challenge from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: "This month I challenge you to spend at least 10 minutes each day in prayerful silence, contemplating the presence of Jesus and listening for his voice."

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.**



**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2024

7:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

(In the church Auditorium)

**What better way to bring in the
New Year then 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!!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! FOOD BASKETS DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED

On Thursday December 19, Sacred Heart's Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 9 Christmas Food Baskets to parishioner and local families in need of assistance for the holidays. This is the sixth year for the program. It can only be possible through the generosity of our Parishioners whose donations filled all 9 Baskets AND additional supplies which were taken to the Food Banks you support. THANK YOU to all those who so generously donated!

Pictured above are just some of the donations and baskets! It really was a demonstration of overwhelming support!



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER
CONSIDER DONATING BLOOD

Help save a life by donating blood. The center is in need for blood donations especially during the holidays. Please consider giving blood at one of their local donation centers. What a wonderful gift to give for the New Year by helping someone who is in need.

Please go to <https://www.giveapint.org> for locations and more information.



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 22		
First Collection	\$8,475	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 22</i>
Christmas	\$2,340	
Other Collections	\$2,754	
Other	\$106	
Total Collections	\$13,675	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - January 12**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
Heat

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

Talking to a casual acquaintance awhile ago, the conversation somehow went to the subject of he and his wife having no children. They were apparently concerned about bringing a child into this awful world.


I agreed with him that it was an awful world, but that he and his wife bringing a child into the world would make it that much better.

He informed me today that they were expecting a child in March. Was it my word of encouragement? Maybe it had some role in their decision. Always be baby positive. You never know who you might be influencing.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Heavenly Father, as we embark on this New Year, we lift our hearts in gratitude for Your unending love and mercy. Bless our journey with Your divine presence, guiding our steps and illuminating our path. May this year be filled with Your abundant blessings, showering us with grace, joy, and peace. Strengthen our faith, deepen our connection with You, and help us to reflect Your light in all that we do. Amen.




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

It's not too late to give to help support these courageous handlers and canines!

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


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

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.

**A BIG TRICKY TRAY
THANK YOU!!!**

During this season of giving, the parishioners of Sacred Heart were again instrumental in making the Christmas Tricky Tray a success. A sincere thank you to all those who worked together to make this event possible. From the donations of the beautiful baskets to the people who stopped down after Mass to buy tickets and to the people who donated their time to work, this would not be possible without you.

Thank you for all that you do for our parish.

God Bless!!



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 Burkhardt 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!!!



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



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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 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.

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

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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 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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