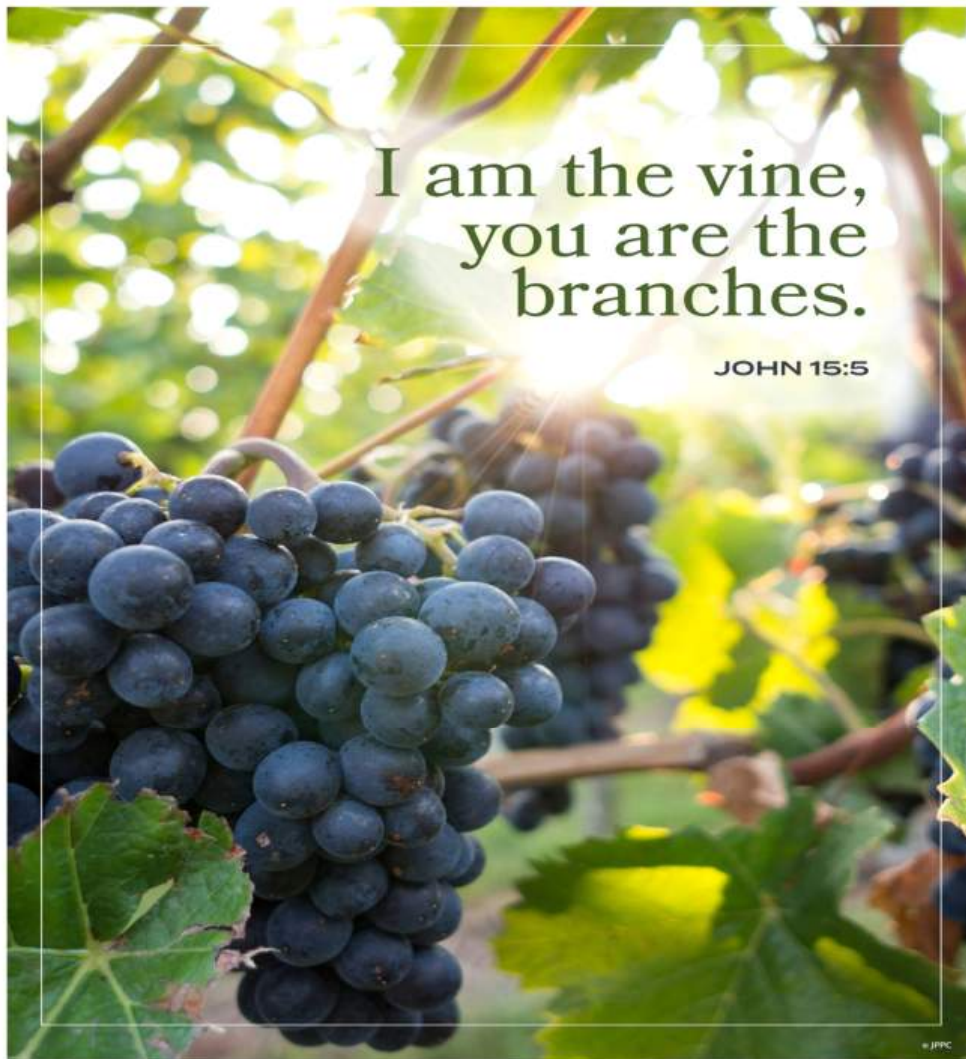


SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH
117 Washington Street
Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

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.



FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER
APRIL 28,
2024

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

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, 5th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)****April 27 Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8**

5:00 PM Nye Family

*r/b Jean and Melina Nye***Sunday, 5th Sunday of Easter****April 28 Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8**

7:00 AM Andrew Donello

r/b Anthony and Betsy Kovalovsky

9:00 AM Kenneth Haldaman

r/b Family

11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, Saint Catherine of Siena**April 29 Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26**

8:00 AM Louise "Gigi" Kahler

*r/b sister, Florence Liberto***Tuesday, Saint Pius V, Pope****April 30 Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a**

8:00 AM Constance Wheary

*r/b Family***Wednesday, Saint Joseph the Worker****May 1 Act 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8**

8:00 AM Lolanda Romano Berardi

*r/b Sandra Gaspar***Thursday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop****May 2 Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11**

8:00 AM Helen Hozella

*r/b Bill and Marie Wilde***Friday, Saints Philip and James, Apostles****May 3 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14**

8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Saturday, 6th Sunday of Easter (anticipated)**May 4 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17**

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter**May 5 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17**

7:00 AM Daniel David Kelly (4th anniversary of death)

r/b Deborah A. Kelly

9:00 AM Kenneth Mills

r/b Anna Mills and family

11:00 AM Daniel and Jean M. Barracato

*r/b Barracato Family***SCHEDULE OF MASSES****Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM****Sunday Mass: 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM****Weekdays:**

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE****Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 pm****Thursday during Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm****Monday through Friday mornings**

7:30 – 7:50 am

Anytime upon reasonable request

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

are burning from

April 26 through May 2

for the

**Living members of the Women's Guild***r/b Women's Guild***SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from

April 26 through May 2

for the repose of the souls of

**Deceased members of the Women's Guild***r/b Women's Guild***THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from

April 26 through May 2

for the repose of the souls of

Joseph and Anna Mae Rothmeyer*r/b Deb Hayes***THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from

April 26 through May 2

for the repose of the soul of

**Kenneth Haldaman***r/b Family*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

5/4 -5/5 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Lectors Joan West Tim Geiger Beth Skinner Tom Weber	Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak	Altar Servers John Vallance -- Daniel Holub --
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**
Richard Schleppy, II
and Michael Vetovitz
both of Sacred Heart Parish

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. Call or visit the office to schedule. A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.

THANK YOU
RESURRECTION CHOIR!

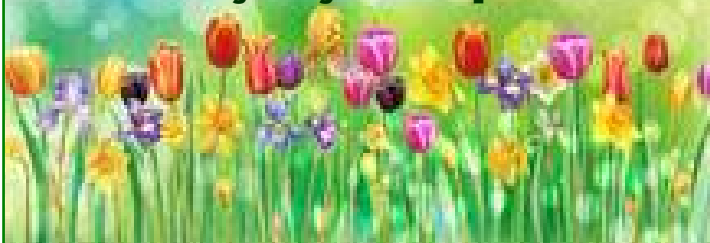
The Easter Season is a perfect time to thank the members of our Resurrection Choir:

**Rich (organist) and Eileen Badesso,
Colette Mitch, Donna Ott,
Jean Pulli, Cyndy Radcliffe,
Jean Schmalzer, Dale Schrey, and
Lucy Silfies.**

**These dedicated parishioners sing
for Funeral Masses that take
place at Sacred Heart.**

**Through their singing they pray for
the deceased, comfort friends and family,
glorify God, and serve the parish in
a beautiful and important way.**

**We are grateful for their lovely
song and generous spirit.**



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>

**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!

WELCOME

Sacred Heart of Jesus would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new parishioners:

**William and Georgene Hughes
and
Benedetto and Ann Leotta**

We hope they will feel at home in our parish!



SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES **Feast Day—May 3rd**

Saint Philip: The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ***John 1:43-46*** When Jesus found St. Philip and said to him, "Follow me," St. Philip not only did just that but he understood who Jesus was and recruited Nathanael.

Saint James (The Lesser): After the apostles dispersed and left Jerusalem, James remained and became the first bishop in the holy city. He remained there for several decades until he was put to death by the Jewish authorities in the year 62. His work and blood were at the foundations of the Church in Jerusalem; it was one of the greatest Sees in the Catholic Church for centuries after. In the end, while Saint James received a diminutive title after his death, it should remind us that titles really do not matter in this life or the next. All that matters is, like Saint James, we should follow God's will and strive to walk in Jesus's footsteps. Saint James teaches us that we should strive to decrease things in our life, so that God can increase in our lives.

Prayer: Saints Philip and James, you were both highly blessed to be companions of the Lord Jesus, listening to Him preach, witnessing His miracles, and receiving from Him a commission to continue His work. Please pray for us, that we will also come to know our Lord and Savior through prayer and the Holy Scriptures, so that we will be prepared for the mission that God has for us. Saints Philip and James, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in You. Amen



SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISER **Contribute Your Time and Talents!**

We are gearing up for our parish's single largest Fundraiser....our **Annual Picnic!** We are always looking for new ways to solicit businesses and individuals for donations, especially those beyond our already generous parishioner base. If you have time, talent or ideas, please share with the Picnic Committee. Becoming involved in the Picnic planning is a great way to meet parishioners, have fun, and help support Sacred Heart Parish.

Call the parish office at 610-837-7874 to find out more or to offer your help.

Thank you!

\$\$ MAY LOTTERY CALENDARS \$\$

BIGGER CASH WINNERS
CHANCES UP TO \$500.00

Opportunity To Be A Spring Winner

\$10.00 each or Buy 3 for \$25.00

Take a chance to win from \$50 up to \$500
on our May Lottery Calendar!

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 April 30th. Extra calendars are available in parish offices and church vestibule. This is a fun way to help support our parish.



Guess What? We had a \$100.00 winner in our March lottery calendar.

Congratulations to this lucky participant!!!!

YOU CAN BE THE NEXT ONE TO WIN!!!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:**

Sunday, May 5 – KofC Exemplification
12:30pm Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Monday, May 13 – Membership Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Building & Zoom
Monday, May 20 – Monthly Planning Meeting
7:00pm Burkhart Building & Zoom

† **A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (Jn 15:7-8)**

† **Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.**

Did You Know: Our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention, “We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.”

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 Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 ANNUAL TRIP TO YANKEE STADIUM
 Thursday, August 22, 2024**

The 2024 Baseball Season has begun, and the Knights celebrate this rite of Spring with the announcement of their Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium.

The game against the Yankees vs Cleveland Guardians has a 1:05 pm start.

The tickets are located in Section 234 on the Second Deck, which in case of rain, is under cover.

Our Easton Coach bus departs from Sacred Heart Church at 9:00am, with a direct return immediately following the game.

Cost per person is \$117.00 which includes the bus, ticket to the game and refreshments provided by our Council.

Tickets are already being sold to prior attendees, so book your seat soon!

Reservations are available by contacting Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-8429.

**SAVE THE DATE!
SHC ANNUAL PICNIC 2024
IS COMING SOON!**

Summer fun is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 (and select activities on Sunday, July 14)

There will be LIVE BANDS, food trucks, as well as some of your favorite traditional foods on Friday and Saturday!

Bring the kids to enjoy family fun and games!

Just like last year, our popular Yard Sale and Tricky Tray Basket auction will also be held picnic weekend.

Stay tuned for more details and chances to volunteer in the upcoming bulletins and online. Can't wait to see all of you soon!

COME JOIN IN THE SUMMER FUN!!!!





BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown.

Donate today at

www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

Thank you!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The meeting of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild will be Monday, **May 6th at 7:00 PM** in the Fr. Post Room of the Burkhart Building.

All women of the Parish are invited to join and help the Guild in many activities.



BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN **Daily Masses with Bishop Schlert**



Wednesday, May 22

St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 am

Monday, September 9

Our Lady of Mercy, Easton - 8:00 am

Thursday, September 12

Holy Guardian Angels, Reading - 8:00 am

Monday, September 16

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City - 6:00 pm

SACRED HEART PARISH

Donated Gift



"Luisa Piccarreta and the Divine Will—Teachings of Jesus"

Two anonymous parishioner families wanted to donate a copy of this book to all parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Pick up your copy from the table in the ramp vestibule entrance.

Enjoy reading it!

Two of our old units shown below and all four new units pictured on the right—our "before" and "after" images!



NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR CHURCH

Good news! We have replaced our 45+ year old air conditioners with a new air conditioning system! The old units were the original air conditioners that the Church had and were installed back in the 1970's! They are more than 30 years beyond the average life of A/C systems in today's standards, which is truly amazing! They served the church well and Sacred Heart definitely got the useful life out of them!

The new system will be more efficient resulting in lower cooling costs, less maintenance, and increased reliability. We will also have the ability to control the temperature which, although a standard feature in today's systems, is not what we had with our old system which was designed as On/Off with no ability to set the temperature!

Thank you to parishioner, Rick Gower, and Fritch, Inc who have been servicing our old system, Apollo Unlimited for installing our new units, and Sacred Heart Finance, Parish Pastoral Councils and staff for managing the project.

Your Stewardship Report - April 14

First Collection	\$7,338	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than April 14</i>
Other Collections	\$633	
Other	\$34	
Total Collections	\$8,005	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - May 5****First**

Sunday Collection

Second

Parish Improvement

LAY DOMINICAN LIBRARY*will be OPEN***May 5th and 19th****from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

If you don't see something you like, please feel free to come back again. If you have religious resources/items to donate, feel free to drop them off in the Library on these dates/hours. Please no Bibles, Missals or Catechisms. We have an overabundance of these items. We work on the honor system but some information will be needed to keep track of the books. Instructions are conveniently listed in the library or ask the volunteer working there for help. Come check us out! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Donna Tanczos, OP at DLtanczos@aol.com or 610-349-7734.

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 "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.

⇒ 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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**THURSDAY, MAY 2****12:00 noon—9:00 pm in Church****Confession: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm**

(Please note the change in the Adoration start time on May 2. Due to scheduling conflicts, Adoration will start at 12:00 pm noon, not immediately following the 8:00 am daily Mass.)

BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL**BURKHART BUILDING****SATURDAY'S 10:00 AM—11:30 AM****May 4th & 18th**

We will start the study of "The Revelation to Saint John." We use Dr. Scott Hahn's "Ignatius Catholic Study Bible RSV" as our guide. Our meetings are casual, and your participation is strictly voluntary. Our goal is to grow in the knowledge of the Word of God, apply it to our lives, and grow in relationship to one another, while having fun at the same time.

Any questions, email Deacon Lewis Ferris

at: lferris_2000@yahoo.com

All are welcome!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Chatting with Monsignor Scheaffer recently in the sacristy, he was mentioning that there is a noticeable lack of babies anymore. Looking up the birthrate for the average American vs. Catholics in the USA? Average is 1.66, versus American Catholics; 1.9. Neither of these are high numbers, both below what is the population "replacement" number of 2.1 children per woman.

So, when people complain that their Church is closing down because there is not enough Priests to go around, the question to ask them is; "and how many children did you have?" Unfortunately, or fortunately our Priests do not just fall from Heaven. Most of them came from large Catholic families. One thing always leads to another. The widespread use of anti-contraceptive pills has had its consequences. And they are not good.

May God help us all!

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM**GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office:

Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, ShopRite

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart earns a percentage from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.

Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to:

www.sacredheartbath.org

Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Amazon	1.7%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	WaWa	1%	\$25/\$100
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Red Lobster	8%	\$25
Target	2.5%	\$25	McDonalds (NEW)	2%	\$10
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Burger King (NEW)	6%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Visa (No Activation Fees)	1.25%	\$25/\$50/\$100

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 occasions. Buy gift cards at Sacred Heart Parish for yourself or someone you know through our Shopwithscript program. Need a special gift card for a bridal registry? Just stop in and we can order that special gift card!

We have on hand VISA cards with NO activation fees!



EUCCHARISTIC PREACHER

Holy Guardian Angels Parish
3121 Kutztown Rd, Reading, PA 19605

April 28th and 29th

Eucharistic Preacher, Fr. Patrick Baikauskas

Join us for a special Diocesan event, featuring Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, who is an Eucharistic Preacher. He is a Dominican Friar and Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Evangelization at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

He will be speaking on the Eucharist as "A Mystery to be Believed, Celebrated, & Lived."

During his visit to the Lehigh Valley, Fr. Baikauskas will be at Holy Guardian Angels on
April 28th from 6:30-8pm.

This event is for teens. Register for teen event here: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157772

The second event will take place on

April 29th from 6-8pm,

also at Holy Guardian Angels.

This event is for the general public.

Each event will have adoration before

Fr. Baikauskas' presentation.

Register for event here:

allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/157078

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL ON PENTECOST SUNDAY



Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 A.M.

Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown

The Bishop will confirm adults of our Diocese at this Mass. Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.

Please contact the parish office with any questions or to discuss registration details.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOMESCHOOLING COMMUNITY

**Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena,
 Allentown, PA**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM

All homeschooling families are invited to an end of the year Mass of Thanksgiving for the Homeschooling Community with Bishop Schlert.

Mass will feature a special blessing for those graduating High School. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the lower level.

Registration required by May 5.

Register: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152553

**Questions? Contact Kristin Osenbach,
kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org**

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

508 W. Center Street, Nazareth, PA

The Holy Family School Players
 will proudly present

Disney's High School Musical Jr.

May 3rd at 7PM,

May 4th at 3PM & 7PM, May 5 at 3PM.

\$12 General Admission

Handicap Accessible

Online Tickets & Donations:

https://buy.ticketstothe city.com/venue.php?rg_id=715

Hope to see you there!

ST. JOHN'S FLOWER POWER DANCE

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall

924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102

Saturday May 4, 2024

WE'RE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!



Oldies Dance

Featuring CHASBAND

\$5.00 per person – BYOB – Kitchen Open

Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30

Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505



**HOLY FAMILY SENIOR LIVING
 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**The 20th Annual Golf Tournament
 will be held on**

**Friday, June 14th, 2024 at the
 Southmoore Golf Club at 8am.**

To register go to www.holyfamilysl.org/golf.

For more information or questions

**please contact Michele Millikin at
mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org or
 610-871-5200 ext. 2282**

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.**



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.

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Email: office@sacredheartbath.org

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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.

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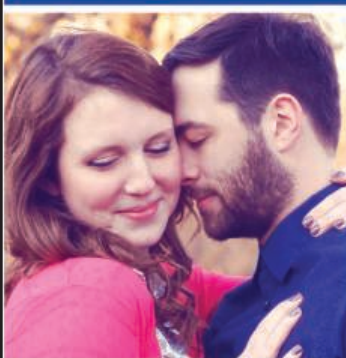
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