

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH
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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 29, 2019



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DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR: Sister Meg Cole - Telephone: (610) 332-0442, Ext. 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feast of the Holy Family (anticipated)
December 28 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-23
 5:00 PM Dallas and Rita Kohler
r/b Kathy and the late Rich Schleppey

Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family
December 29 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-23
 7:00 AM Mary Linck
r/b husband
 9:00 AM Vanessa Fischer
r/b Margaret and Francis Zuercher
 11:00 AM Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church

Monday, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity
December 30 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40
 8:00 AM Cathryn Mary Kovalovsky
r/b Uncle John and sons

Tuesday, 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity
December 31 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18
 8:00AM Wayne Stocker
r/b Irene and Mike Kolessar

Tuesday, Solemnity of Mary (anticipated)
December 31 Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
 4:30 PM Jane and Jim O' Brien
r/b Pat and Doug Walter and sons

Wednesday, Solemnity of Mary
January 1 Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
 9:00 AM Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church
 11:00 AM Roman and Jean Pietrzak
r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

Thursday, Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
January 2 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28
 8:00 AM Mike Zastko - 3rd anniversary of death
r/b wife, Rose and family

Friday, Holy Name of Jesus
January 3 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
 8:30 AM Those enrolled in the 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 Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord
January 5 Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
 7:00 AM Richard Schleppey
r/b Karen and Mike Shimko
 9:00 AM Nancy Trilli
r/b Elizabeth and the late Joseph Kralick
 11:00 AM Carmello Cavallo
r/ b Women's Guild

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, January 9
6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confessions start at 7:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION ON
JANUARY 2

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Weekdays:
 Refer to current Mass Schedule on the left

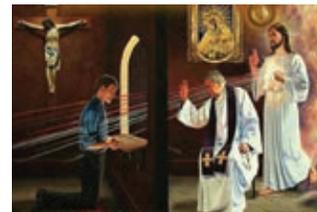


DEVOTIONS ON FIRST FRIDAY

Benediction and Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30pm
Thursday during Adoration at 7:00pm
Monday through Thursday mornings
 7:30 – 7:50am
Friday Morning 8:00-8:20am
 Anytime upon reasonable request



SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 December 27 through January 2
 for the repose of the souls of



Deceased members of the Women's Guild

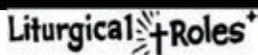
BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from
 December 27 through January 2
 for



Living members of the Women's Guild





12/31- 1/1

4:30pm
9:00am
11:00am

Lectors

Tim Geiger
Frank Molchan
Alfred Krantz

Deacons/EMHCs

Marge Sansonetti
Deacon Ferris
Deacon Saukulak

Altar Servers

Cael and Blaise Anderko, Gabriel Horn
Vincent, Alex and Mason Santostefano
Joshua Maruscak, Paige Mathur, Xavier Shive-Sanchez

1/4 - 1/5

5:00pm
7:00am
9:00am
11:00am

Lectors

Lisa Wilde Barnhorst
Bill Wilde
Beth Beers
Tom Weber

Deacons/EMHCs

Deacon Saukulak
Deacon Saukulak
Deacon Ferris
Deacon Ferris

Altar Servers

Nicholas and Zachary Bazzett, Joseph Troelsch
Andrew Dormarunno
Mary Kate O'Reilly, Alex and Vincent Santostefano
Blaise and Cael Anderko,, Daniel Holub

WEEKDAY SERVERS: December 30 - Peter Vallance January 6 - Cara Dormarunno

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 1st January 2020

4:30 pm (Tuesday 31st December 2019),

9:00 am and 11:00 am

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

Saturday 4th January 2020, prior to 5:00pm Mass

GIVING TREE

As we "wrap" things up on this project, we would like to send a warm thank you to everyone who participated!

The wonderful response is a beautiful testament to the parishioners of our parish and how they follow the example of Jesus in their own lives.

You have literally helped **hundreds** of people, from newborn babies to the elderly. You have brightened the holidays and granted gift wishes for displaced and homeless youth and families, helped domestic violence victims as they start over in a safe place, provided every sort of item new mothers need for their infants, helped Catholic Charities continue feeding the hungry by providing necessary kitchen items, provided grocery gift cards to our homebound, and reminded our nursing home parishioners that they are not forgotten.

God Bless You and Merry Christmas!
Sacred Heart Giving Tree Committee

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1

In observance of New Year's Day



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF**

Deacon Richard Close of Allentown Diocese



DID YOU KNOW?

We offer one Mass every weekend for the parishioners because Canon Law requires it, not because no one else has scheduled that Mass.



Got Trees?

If anyone has a new or gently used **easy set-up** or pop up style Christmas tree that they would like to donate to the Giving Tree Project, please call Debbie at 610-837-9064.

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send email to **bulletin@sacredheartbath.org** by **noon** on **January 3 for the January 12 bulletin.**



MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

Save the Date: The 2020 March for Life will be held in Washington DC on **Friday, January 24, 2020**. The Knights of Columbus has arranged bus transportation for Sacred Heart parishioners to travel to Washington and participate in this annual march to support LIFE. Please mark your calendars and consider joining us and hundreds of thousands of other pro-life marchers. More information will be forthcoming.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

Burkhart Building
January 8, 2020
6:30pm

All are welcomed!



NEW BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL SATURDAYS 9-10:30AM



We will continue studying the Book of Judith from the supplemental Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, "TOBIT, JUDITH and ESTHER", which may be purchased online or at local Catholic gift/book shop. Please contact Deacon Lew Ferris at lferris_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions!

THE CREED ONLINE COURSE

Presented by Cassie Boccardi
 Monday, January 6 through Sunday, February 2, 2020
 Cost - \$35

Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/icf

The Creed is an overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, *I believe...*



DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

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 Sunday, January 19, 2020

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Tickets at the door \$30

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email learning@mercyschool.org for reservations.

We are accepting donations of small items or gift cards for TRICKY TRAY.

Did you disconnect your land line?
Please call the parish office at 610-837-7874
to update your parish record.
Thank you.

2019 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2019 contributions, please put a note in the Sunday collection basket, and include your envelope number on the request. **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. NO FAXES.** 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.

Your Stewardship Report - December 15		
First Collection	\$12,096	<i>Other collections - from envelopes dated other than December 15</i>
Other Collections	\$577	
Other	\$151	
Christmas	\$585	
Total Collections	\$13,409	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>
Refugee Relief Fund	\$867	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - January 5



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Parish Improvement

Food Bank Donation Update

Due to your generous donations of non-perishable items, on Thursday, December 5, our parish's council of the Knights of Columbus delivered **677 pounds** of items to the Bath Area Food Bank. It should be noted that the majority of these items were packed into bags on December 9 and handed out on Tuesday, December 10. This brings the total number of pounds donated for the 2019-2020 fraternal year, (July 1, 2019 - June 20, 2020), to **2,147**. The next delivery of donated items will be made, as soon as the bins are full, to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank at St. Paul's Church in Allentown. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus donates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local councils for each 1,000 pounds of items delivered to local food banks. Once received, this rebate will be split between both of the food banks.

Thank you for your past donations and please continue to donate, if you are able, since there continues to be a very great need from local families. Also, please check the "best by" dates on all items before donating. The food banks cannot accept items with a "best by" date earlier than 2018.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL FUND

- † Please consider remembering your loved one in the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund.
- † A donation to the Memorial Fund assists the mission of the parish and benefits the person remembered through the fruits of Holy Mass offered every First Friday.
- † Memorial Fund Remembrance Cards are available in the Parish Office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART INCLUDE:

- Monday, January 13** – Monthly Business Meeting
7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting, Burkhart Bldg.
- Sunday, January 19** – KofC Breakfast,
7:00am -11:00am – Church Auditorium
- Friday, January 24** – "March for Life" Washington, DC
Bus to the event provided by the Knights of Columbus
- Monday, January 27** – Monthly Officers' Meeting
7:00pm Burkhardt Building

The first of the Knights' four core principles is **CHARITY**. Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself". Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day!

Did You Know: We are announcing our **Second Annual "Valentines' BBQ Dinner"** to benefit the **Knights of Columbus Council Charities**. The date is **Saturday February 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm with a snow date of Sunday February 9 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm**; all members of your families are invited. Please watch the Bulletin and the signs in the Church entrances for details.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



GOD GAVE US HIS GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE when He sent His only son, **JESUS**, into the world. Experience a deeper love in your marriage by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend. For information call [610-449-1859](tel:610-449-1859) or visit www.wwme.org.

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Thank you to our very generous sponsors who supported our
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Thank you to all of our school and parish families who
baked, cooked, volunteered, donated items, shopped with us and supported us
in this fundraiser!

A special thank you to our committee elves: Deb Coulter, Jane Bergman, Vince
Quartararo, Jennette Broutin, Kristina Grover, Kathy Bazzett, Cindy Markovcy.
Each worked countless hours to make this event a tremendous success.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2020

NOTRE DAME OF BETHLEHEM FAMILY BINGO

Church Hall beneath the Church
1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem, PA
January 11 - 6pm (prompt)

- ◆ cash prizes
- ◆ 50/50 games and more
- ◆ 9up sheets \$15
- ◆ 20up sheets \$20
- ◆ food concessions available

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis ...**You are not alone. There is help.** The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding adverse prenatal diagnosis. **For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900, ext. 2280.**

FOOD BANK

The food in our Food Bank bins is donated to Catholic Charities in Allentown and St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. **The next food distribution is Tuesday, January 14 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath. Volunteers are needed on January 13 beginning at 8:30 am to help pack the groceries for Tuesday pick up. Access is at the rear of the church. Thank you for your time and donations!**



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SCHEDULE

First Friday

- 10:00 am - Confessions
- 11:30 am - Rosary
- 12:00 noon - Holy Mass

followed by Exposition and Benediction

First Saturday

- 10:30 am - Confessions
- 11:30 am - Rosary with 15 minute meditation
- 12:15 pm - Holy Mass

followed by enrollment in the Brown Scapular and Shrine Tour of Holy House

For information:
908-689-1700 x 224
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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.

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- Sheets Shoes Sneakers Stuffed Animals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Fabric Scraps Household goods Rags Toys

The clothing is sent to people in need both in the US and in 3rd world countries.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE BIN. THANK YOU.

HELPING HANDS

**Would you like to help other parishioners in need?
Are you in need of help?**

If so, please email Cindy Markovcy at cindy.markovcy@gmail.com or Stephanie Horn at shornpharmd@gmail.com.
Thank you!



CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

On **Sunday, December 29**, the Church celebrates the **Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. In order to help strengthen families and revitalize parishes, the Knights of Columbus invites all families in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to consecrate themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

To help all families live out the joy of Christ, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is the model for every father.

The formal consecration will take place at all Masses on December 28 and 29.



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

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT, Telephone Number: 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

To learn more about the **Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct**, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line: 610-217-5557

DID YOU **LOSE** SOMETHING?

Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or
ask an usher for help.



DID YOU **FIND** SOMETHING?

Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX
Do not take it to the sacristy

The **Lost and Found Box** is located in the stairwell to the choir loft on the Blessed Mother side of the church.
On the weekend of January 25 and 26, 2020 all articles will be displayed in the ramp area.
After that weekend all articles will be donated or discarded.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY

210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625

PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING

Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Rectory and Parish Office:

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Safe Environment Coordinator: Mrs. Denise Robinson

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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.

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.

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.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish School is a fully-accredited Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle school of the Diocese of Allentown. Moral development, proper study skills, and strength of character are integrated into our academic plan. Registration for all grades is ongoing. Please contact the school office for more info or a personal tour.

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.

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.



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