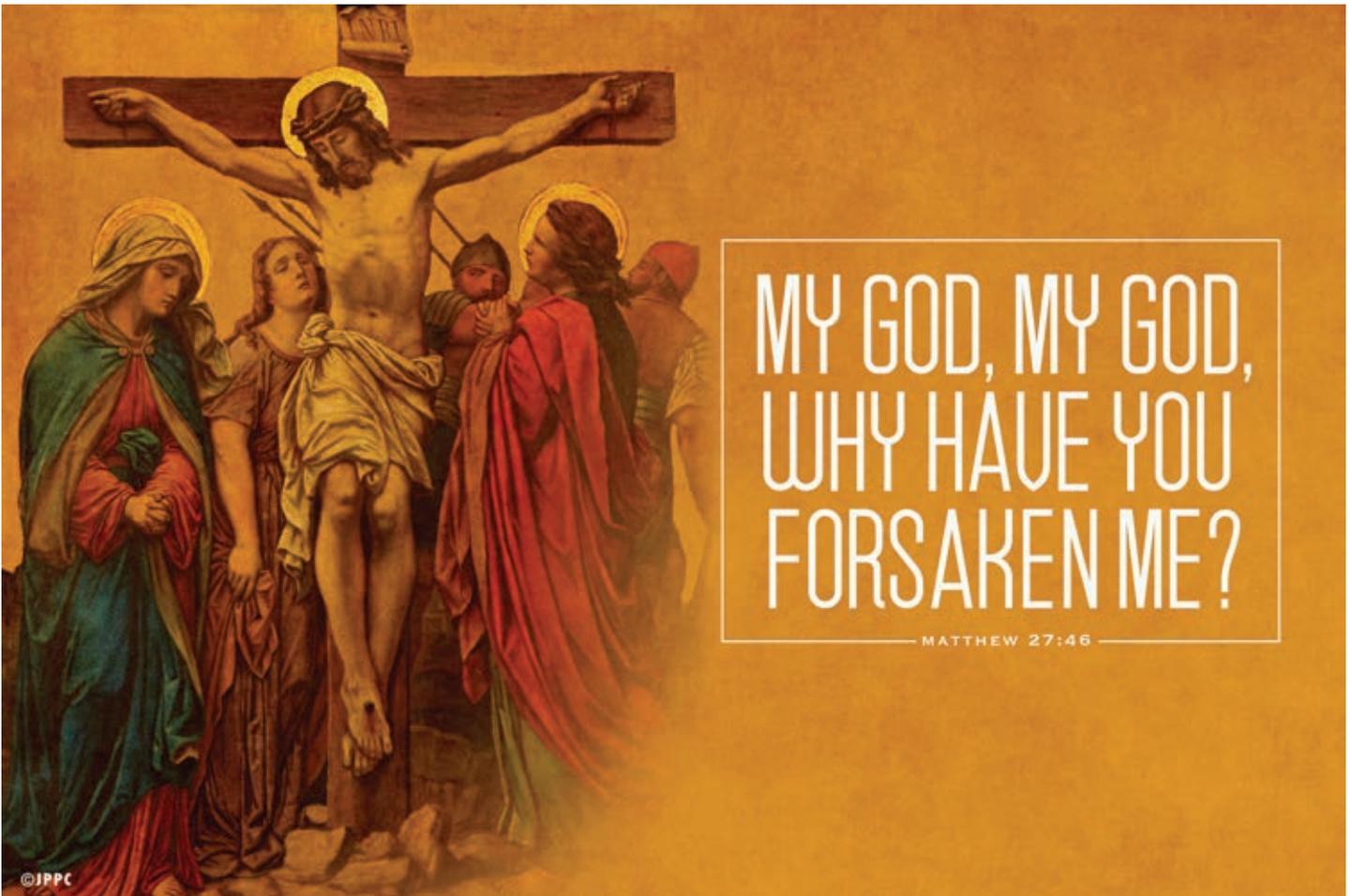


SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH
117 Washington Street
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OUR MISSION

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.



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2020

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

**MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE OFFERED
AT PRIVATE MASSES**

- Saturday, April 4** **Palm Sunday (anticipated)**
5:00 PM **Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14 - 27:66**
Anne Marie Kuhns
r/b Barbara Kotch
- Sunday, April 5** **Palm Sunday**
7:00 AM **Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14 - 27:66**
9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
Alfred DiFelice
r/b Nuss Family
11:00 AM Gerald Korb
r/b Richard and Marie Brand
- Monday, April 6** **Monday of Holy Week**
8:00 AM **Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11**
Victor Robert Hemmings Jr.
r/b Joseph Marvelli
- Tuesday, April 7** **Tuesday of Holy Week**
8:00 AM **Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38**
Mary Kovalovsky
r/b John Kovalovsky and sons
- Wednesday, April 8** **Wednesday of Holy Week**
8:00 AM **Is 50:4-9a/ Mt 26:14-25**
Julia Wieder
r/b Rebecca Wieder
- Thursday, April 9** **Holy Thursday**
7:00 PM **Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15**
Celebrant's Intentions
- Friday, April 10** **Good Friday**
3:00 PM **Is 52:13,53:12/Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42**
Passion of the Lord
- Saturday, April 11** **Easter Vigil**
8:00 PM **Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9**
Celebrant's Intentions
- Sunday, April 12** **Easter Sunday**
7:00 AM **Acts 10:34a, 37-43; ; Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9**
Anna Marth and Ed Gaspar
r/b Family
9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
11:00 AM Augustus Mondschein
r/b wife, Loretta and Family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
April 3 through April 16

for the repose of the souls of
deceased parents, family and friends
of Steve and Lucille Sismanovich
r/b family

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



**MASS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

DEVOTIONS ON FIRST FRIDAY

Benediction and Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE



**CONFESSIONS
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

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



Stella Longley
on the occasion of her 100th birthday
r/b Ken and Annette Longley

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

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



James Kohler
r/b wife, Pat

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

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



Howard Nafus
r/b wife, Ruth

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross during Lent

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Every Wednesday at 1pm

Every Friday at 7pm

Please join us as we meditate on the Passion of Our Lord.



SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUES THROUGH HOLY WEEK

After continued consultation with healthcare professionals, and taking into account the restrictions put in place by civil authorities, Diocese of Allentown Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that the **suspension of public Masses in the Diocese will remain in place for the entirety of the upcoming Holy Week, April 5-12.**

The Bishop said he made the decision only after prayerful reflection. "I am pained to have made this decision," the Bishop said, "I certainly never envisioned that there would be a time when we would have to cancel public Masses for Holy Week and Easter. However, it is the safest course of action for our region."

Priests of the Diocese will celebrate private Masses and conduct private services throughout Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Bishop asked that all possible electronic and spiritual resources be made available to the faithful so they may share in these services.

Bishop Schlert has been celebrating a livestream Mass from his private chapel every day. Celebrated at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sundays, the Mass is available at www.ad-today.com.

"I assure the faithful that priests will continue to be available to them, and will be creative in the ways they serve the people entrusted to their care," Bishop Schlert said.

ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) at 8:00 am Monday through Thursday and at 8:30 am on Friday or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. A video of Sunday Mass will also be available on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Look for 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!

A schedule of Holy Week services will be posted at sacredheartbath.org, our Facebook page and on signs at the Church so you may share in these services virtually/online.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Given the suspension of public Mass celebration, we ask you to consider other ways to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

- ⇒ Mail your envelopes to:
Sacred Heart Church
210 E. Northampton Street
Bath, PA 18014
- ⇒ Sign-up for 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.

In these times of uncertainty and daily life disruption, we thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart parish!

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confessions start at

7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN PUBLICATION

Please deliver your bulletin announcements to the parish office or send email to bulletin@sacredheartbath.org by noon on Friday nine days prior to the publication of the bulletin.



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March 2020

Dear Friends,

As you probably know, Ordinary Time is that part of the liturgical calendar which does not include Lent, the Triduum, Easter, Advent, or Christmas.

By any measure, we are not in ordinary times.

Of course, the word “ordinary” is not meant to suggest that there is a period in which our relationship with Christ, with each other, and with our Catholic family of faith is plain or unremarkable. In the liturgical sense, “ordinary” describes the ways in which we stay orderly and organized at all times in prayer and in action. Despite the extraordinary times, I urge all of us to remember the orderly, organized, and ordinary ways we can take care of ourselves and each other. Even in the face of this Coronavirus pandemic, which we must all take very seriously, the ordinary and everyday instructions we received from our mothers and grandmothers – wash your hands, get enough sleep, eat well, social distancing (aka “leave room for the Holy Spirit”) – is proving to be a winning strategy for all.

In the meantime, the Coronavirus is affecting more than just our physical health. For many, this is a very frightening and stressful experience. The financial impact on local workers, employers, and companies may be devastating. Sadly, with the need to suspend the public celebration of Mass, the same may be true for our parishes. In most cases, weekly collections are the only source of funds for parish operations. Very simply, parishes cannot exist without parishioner support.

Like you, I am saddened at the need to suspend the public celebration of Mass, but I ask that you join me in continuing to support your local parish. It is the right – and ordinary – thing to do. You can send your weekly envelopes to your pastor by mail or use your parish’s online giving options today.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Paul Acampora, Secretary
Stewardship & Development



ALL COUNCIL EVENTS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF APRIL HAVE BEEN CANCELED. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND THE BULLETIN FOR UPDATES

An excerpt of a letter from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight: "Following the example of Pope Francis, the supreme chaplain and I urge you to pray a [Novena for Protection in Time of Pandemic](http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/11036-protection-prayer.pdf) which can be found at www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/11036-protection-prayer.pdf during this difficult moment for our country and our world.

At important moments in the past, the Knights of Columbus has urged its members to pray. We did this at the outset of World War II, after 9/11, and during papal conclaves and civic elections. Today, the world faces a pandemic illness for the first time in a century. Having lost our founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney, to a viral pandemic 130 years ago, we know such situations can be very serious.

Did You Know: The Knights are sponsoring a day trip to Yankee Stadium on Wednesday August 19. The game is at 1:05 pm against the Tampa Bay Rays. Transportation leaves from Sacred Heart Church at 9:00am, returning immediately after the game. Cost per person is \$94.00 which includes the Bus (with snacks provided) and the Game Ticket. A "Ray" of hope in our otherwise challenging times!

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.

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 April 7 from 9:30-11 am and from 6-7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bath.** Access is at the rear of the church; food will be brought to you. Thank you for your time and donations!



PALM SUNDAY



Today we begin Holy Week by remembering Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

After consultation with the Bishop and in union with all of our neighboring Diocese and in an effort to prevent the spread of disease, **there will be no distribution of palms on Palm Sunday.**

While time honored and appreciated by many members of the faithful, the distribution of palms in any way risks the unnecessary spread of the coronavirus.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please remove all flowers and candles from the cemetery prior to April 30th. Any items remaining after this date will be discarded. Please note that according to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, no planting of bushes, trees, or shrubs is allowed. Also, digging up the grass is prohibited.



ATTENTION, ALL SCOUTERS!

The Allentown Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting will have its annual Scout Activity Weekend April 17-19, 2020 at Camp Trexler.

Join us for a Fun-Filled camping weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass.

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us – all Catholic Scouts are welcome. For more information and registration, please visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm.

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



We will continue studying the Book of Genesis from the supplemental Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, "GENESIS", 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!

Your Stewardship Report - March 22		
First Collection	\$1,930	<u>Other collections</u> <i>- from envelopes dated other than March 22</i>
Rice Bowl	\$185	
Other Collections	\$165	
Other	\$2,460	
Total Collections	\$4,740	<u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.

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



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Easter

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 26, 2020

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
 By appointment only. Please leave a message at the office at 610-837-7874 and someone will contact you

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Cancelled until further notice

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 am-3:00 pm
 Thursday from 7:30 am-8:00 pm
 Saturday from 3:45-4:30 pm
 Sunday from 7:00 am-12:00 Noon
 Please use ramp (back) entrance

PARISH OFFICE
 Closed

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: 610-217-5557

SACRED HEART SCHOOL TRICKY TRAY POSTPONED

To follow the current safety precautions and orders issued by health and government officials to prevent the spread of the virus, our Sacred Heart Tricky Tray has been ***postponed*** until further notice.

We continue to hope and pray we are able to commence and have a blast together as soon as possible!



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 April 25 and 26, 2020 all articles will be displayed in the ramp area.
After that weekend all articles will be donated or discarded.

www.sacred-heart-school.com



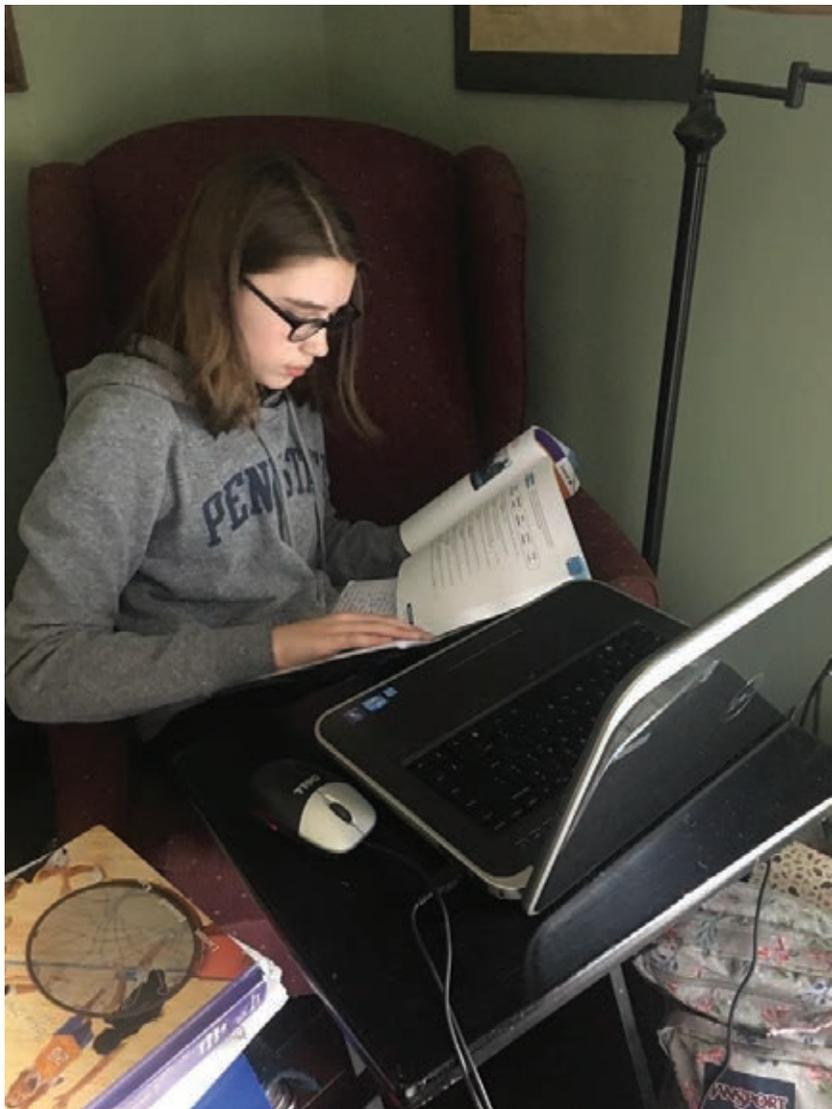
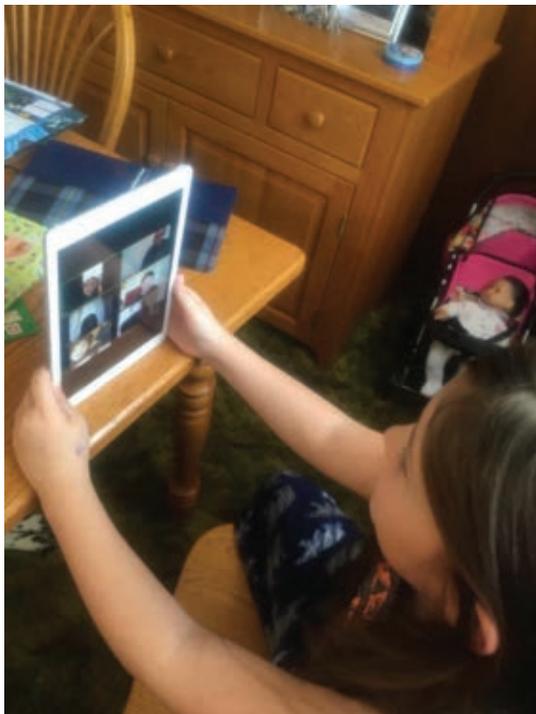
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SACRED HEART NEWS

While Sacred Heart School is closed, students have been working on enrichment packets and online activities with Class Dojo and Google classrooms created by our wonderful teachers. We have been keeping connections through our Facebook and Twitter pages (Sacred Heart School, Bath, PA). Check out our pages to find the latest information and exciting happenings. We will continue to join in prayer with Bishop Schlert for Mass and the Rosary. We lift up our prayers for our Sacred Heart Parish community as we know you will keep us in your prayers.



We embarked on a new learning journey with our Sacred Heart School e-learning. Our goal is for continuity of education. Students are doing a wonderful job and so are the teachers! We are so blessed!

#askmewhyiloveshs #shrocks #beaconofbath



PARISH CENTENARY – 2020

We're going to need lots of help to plan and prepare the special events for our 100th anniversary celebrations. In previous announcements, we described the responsibilities of the Exhibit Sub-Committee. We also plan to form a Luncheon Sub-Committee to process the reservations for the October 18 luncheon at DeSales, prepare a seating chart and place cards, and welcome guests as they arrive. Stay tuned for more information.

HELPING HANDS RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



Feeling lonely or isolated?
In need of a verbal check-in from Sacred Heart?

Our Helping Hands group is prepared to help with a "Buddy Check-In." If interested, a "buddy" will be assigned to you and will check in on you periodically via a phone call. In these times of uncertainty, sometimes just talking to someone helps!

Please call Cindy Markovcy at **610-462-2066** and leave a message or email Cindy at **cindy.markovcy@gmail.com** or Stephanie Horn at **shornpharmd@gmail.com**.

“Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II

DOES SACRED HEART HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

Especially in light of the current times, it is important that we have a way to contact you if needed.

We would like to have your **email address** so we have a timely and cost efficient way to communicate with all parishioners. Remember it is not always feasible to mail or call parishioners. We currently have email addresses for less than half of our active parishioners.

Please send any address, telephone or email address changes or additions to the parish office at office@sacredheartbath.org or call the office at 610-837-7874.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Part-time Maintenance position at Sacred Heart available. Must be reliable, self-directed, and motivated. Electrical and/or mechanical knowledge and experience helpful.



If interested, please submit resume or qualifications to the Parish Office at office@sacredheartbath.org. Questions? Call Parish Office at 610-837-7874.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

February 26 - April 5

Women's Center
Commerce Way, Bethlehem
Wednesday through Saturday



- ◆ Please pray for our unborn.
- ◆ If you cannot pray at the Women's Center, please set aside time to pray in the church.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please contact Karen Brynildsen at 610-762-2122.

15 March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past few days, our Diocese has responded quickly and proactively to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As I listen to the concerns of the faithful, I want to assure you that I have great concern for each of you.

As we take these measures, please be assured of my closeness in prayer. We are in a period of uncertainty and rapid change. This can be unsettling. Many are experiencing feelings of worry, panic, fear, and doubt. Please join me in taking a moment to be still and remember Jesus' promise that He will be with us always. Let us approach the Heart of Christ and, like Saint John the Beloved, rest there for a moment. Let us surrender our fears and our worries as we pray: **Jesus, we trust in You. Jesus, we hope in You. Jesus, we love You.**



First and foremost, I want each of us to respond to this pandemic with prayer. Let us speak to God who longs to hear our voices! We ask God to heal those who are sick, to comfort those who are anxious, and to bless all those who provide care to the infirmed. We ask God to protect our Nation and to stop the rapid spread of the disease. Our response is first a response with prayer. **Jesus, you are the Divine Physician. You are with us. We ask for healing and deliverance.**

While there is currently no public celebration of the Mass, our devoted priests will continue to offer private Masses.* The Holy Eucharist is our Source, our Strength and our Hope! As we recall the truth that Christ's Presence provides for us a safe resting place, a place of comfort and stillness, a place of rest and healing, let us pray: **Jesus, thank you for your Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We draw near to You and unite our hearts with your Sacred and Eucharistic Heart. We turn to you for comfort and healing. Be with us now Lord in our time of need.**

Just as Saint Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to Saint Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic. We turn to Saint Joseph and entrust ourselves, our families, and our Diocese to his care and intercession. **Saint Joseph, we entrust to you all people in the Diocese of Allentown. We seek your intercession and protection. Saint Joseph, pray for us!**

We can also use this time as an enhanced aspect of Lenten penance. With arms open and a loving gaze, He calls us to repentance. We can take comfort that He looks on us with nothing but Love. **Jesus, we come to you and repent of our sins.**

During this time of no public Masses,* I encourage you to pray the Rosary and read the Sunday Scripture.

Holy Mary we, your children, turn our eyes to you and trust in your maternal care and protection. Please watch over the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown and lead us closer to Your Son. Protect us from evil and come speedily to our aid. Please bring healing and comfort to those who are suffering. We seek your protection, O holy Mother of God; Graciously hear our petitions and protect us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen. Mary, our Mother and our Confidence, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown

*Sentence modified to reflect change from "no obligation to attend Mass" to "the suspension of all public Mass celebrations."

TV AND ONLINE MASS OPTIONS IN ABSENCE OF PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATIONS

EWTN, the network with Catholic-themed programming, televises two live Masses each Sunday at 8 am and 12 noon. Below are the channel numbers for EWTN on cable services in the Diocese:

- Service Electric Lehigh Valley: Channel 18 or 54
- RCN in the Lehigh Valley: Channel 326
- Xfinity in Berks County: Channel 52
- Blue Ridge Cable in Carbon County: Channel 42
- Service Electric in Schuylkill County: Channel 21

EWTN streams the 8 am Mass live online at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live. You can listen to the Mass live on SIRIUS/XM, or at ewtn.com/radio/listen-live.

For an online option from a Diocese of Allentown church, tune in to live Masses from St. John XXIII Church in Tamaqua. The parish live streams its Masses at its website, www.sj23tamaqua.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/sj23tamaqua/videos/>. The times are 4 pm Saturdays and on Sundays at 8 am and 10 am

Catholic TV also live streams Mass on Saturdays at 7 pm and on Sundays at 10 am, 7 pm and 11:30 pm at <http://www.catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass>

Also of note: Magnificat is making its online version temporarily available to everyone free at: www.magnificat.com/free

PARISH INFORMATION

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Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse

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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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