

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.



BE VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.

LUKE 21:36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

All Masses are now celebrated in the Church!

- Saturday, First Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**
November 27 **Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**
 5:00 PM Robert and Elizabeth Paynter
r/b daughter, Elizabeth
- Sunday, First Sunday of Advent**
November 28 **Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**
 7:00 AM Richard M. Meyers
r/b Rick, Kim and family
 9:00 AM Margaret Bird
r/b husband John Bird
 11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Monday, Advent Weekday**
November 29 **Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11**
 8:00 AM Rudy Kresh
r/b Mary Tanczos and family
- Tuesday, Saint Andrew, Apostle**
November 30 **Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22**
 8:00 AM Anthony Liberto
r/b wife Florence, Rick and Regina Gower and family
- Wednesday, Advent Weekday**
December 1 **Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37**
 8:00 AM Margaret "Peggy" Hoff
r/b daughter, Sharon
- Thursday, Advent Weekday**
December 2 **Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27**
 8:00 AM Margaret M. Hansult
r/b Hamadyk Family
- Friday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
December 3 **Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31**
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund
- Saturday, Second Sunday of Advent (anticipated)**
December 4 **Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent**
December 5 **Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6**
 7:00 AM Jackie Birk
r/b Family
 9:00 AM Eugene and Ann Bettinger
r/b Bill and Marie Wilde
 11:00 AM Joseph Bobowski
r/b Adam and Bernadette Troisi

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 at 7:00 pm
Monday through Friday mornings
 7:30 – 7:50 am
 Anytime upon reasonable request



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from
 November 26 through December 2
 for the repose of the soul of



Catharine Lauber
r/b daughter, Anne LaBar

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 November 26 through December 2
 for the repose of the souls of



Deceased members of Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from
 November 26 through December 9
 for the repose of the soul of

Ron Landsiedel
r/b wife



THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 November 26 through December 2
 for the repose of the soul of



Richard M. Meyers
r/b Rick, Kim and family

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

11/27- 11/28 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Lectors Joan West Bill Wilde Frank Molchan Chris Gonella	Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Lewis Ferris Deacon Edward Saukulak Deacon Edward Saukulak	Altar Servers Peter Vallance -- Daniel Holub Mia Arbushites
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**UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2021**

- **In concert with the other Bishops in Pennsylvania, the obligation to attend Mass on weekends and Holy Days returned effective August 15th.**
- **Effective the week of August 16th, all daily Masses will be held in Church.**
- There are no longer any seating or capacity restrictions in the Church. All pews are open again and reservations are no longer needed for any Mass!
- Ushers are now required to wear a facemask when greeting parishioners and when taking up the collection. Masks are also required for the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister at the distribution of Communion. Face masks are not required for anyone else on diocesan property. Those who wish to continue to wear one are free to do so.
- The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.
- With the exception of these items, most other liturgical restrictions are relaxed/eliminated.

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 daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. 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!

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>

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Are you or your family in need of help? Do you know a parishioner family in need of food or children's coats?

Sacred Heart of Jesus has many generous supporters who typically make donations around the holidays to help those parishioner families in need.

Donations in past years have included monetary gifts, frozen turkeys and other holiday food. In addition, our Knights of Columbus council is very faithful at collecting food donations and putting together amazing food baskets for families in need this time of year. The Knights are also sponsoring a children's coat drive this year.

Many times it is hard to know who needs our help. Please ask.

Contact the parish office if you would like to request this type of aid or to submit the name of a family/person in need.

Email us at office@sacredheartbath.org or phone at 610-837-7874.



**CONFIRMATION AND
INDULGENCES**

Bishop Schlert will administer the sacrament of

**Confirmation on Tuesday,
November 30th at 4:30 pm.**

Please pray for our young adults who are receiving the sacrament.

As the Bishop is present for his canonical visitation, the following indulgences may be gained:

† A plenary indulgence to the faithful who assist at ceremonies at which the Bishop presides during his pastoral visitation.

† A partial indulgence to the faithful who make a visit to the parish church at the time of the Bishop's visitation.

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 2

**6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm**





Sacred Heart's Shop Stop

Sunday, December 5th
Following 9:00 Mass - 1:00

Join us in the auditorium for Christmas shopping. Purchase gift cards, My Place coupons for pizza and/or subs, coupons to Buza's Greenhouse for wreaths, poinsettias, etc..., January lottery calendars, fleece jackets, Oplatky wafers and more! Enjoy Women's Guild baked goodies, hot chocolate and coffee.

Christmas spirit and fellowship included!

Lottery calendars \$10 each or 3/\$25! They make great stocking stuffers!

My Place coupons good until Monday, February 14, 2022. Enjoy pizza and subs through the holidays, Superbowl Sunday and St. Valentine's Day.

Fleece jackets on sale for \$40.00. Men's and Women's sizes available.

Oplatky (Christmas) wafers \$2.00 each



UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE

Saturday, December 4 – Collection of Food Supplies for Christmas Baskets 10:00am to 12:noon Church Basement

Saturday, December 4 – Council Christmas Party 7:00pm – Church Auditorium

Monday, December 13 – Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00pm Rosary/7:30pm Meeting - Both In-Person and Zoom

Additional “Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas”

Plan a project of good will this Christmas. Consider adopting a single mom for Christmas. By providing gifts for the family and subsidizing their food budget, you could make their Christmas season a VERY MERRY one.

Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital. If Covid precludes this, why not just find shut-in individuals in our parish and carol to them from outside their homes?

Did you know: As a reminder, applications are due December 31, 2021 for the Knights of Columbus Pennsylvania State Council Scholarships worth \$3,000, payable in four installments of \$750 per year. For further information please refer to the websites below: **For Information** [tp://www.pakofc.us/scholarship/docs/statescholfly2022.pdf](http://www.pakofc.us/scholarship/docs/statescholfly2022.pdf)

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, Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Church Council is soliciting for supplies to fill Christmas Food Baskets for needy families of our Parish. We will have a **Drive-Through Donation Location in the Church's Lower Parking Lot on Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.** Donations of Canned and Packaged Goods, Turkeys, Hams and Gift Cards are welcome as we work to make the Christmas Holiday a time of joy for families of Sacred Heart Parish. If you are unable to make this time, please drop your donations in the Food Bin at the ramp entrance of Church.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations. Merry Christmas !

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

\$2 per envelope

Oplatky are available from the sacristan before weekend Masses or at the Burkhart Building drop-off/pick-up station during parish office hours.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT WREATHS BLESSING

**Saturday, 27th November 2021
Sunday, 28th November 2021
At all Masses**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Wednesday, 8th December 2021
7:00 pm (Tuesday, 7th December),
8:00 am and 4:30 pm**

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BLESSING

**Saturday, 11th December 2021
Sunday, 12th December 2021
At all Masses**

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

**Friday, 24th December 2021
4:00 pm—Parish Auditorium
4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 12 Midnight—Church**

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Saturday, 25th December 2021
9:30 am, 11:00 am**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Saturday, 1st January 2022
5:00 pm (Friday, 31st December) Vigil**

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

**Saturday, 1st January 2022, 4:50 pm,
prior to Vigil Mass**

Your Stewardship Report - November 14

First Collection	\$7,545	<i>Other collections</i>
Cemetery Offering	\$1,217	- from envelopes
Other Collections	\$415	dated other than
Other	\$41	November 14
Total Collections	\$9,218	<i>Other - donations, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - December 5



First
Sunday Collection

Second
Parish Improvement



SACRED HEART MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

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.**

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!

ADVENT TRADITIONS

The four weeks of Advent are considered to symbolize the four thousand years of darkness before the coming of Christ. We set up Nativity scenes, light Advent candles, and decorate wreaths in our homes to signify Christ's presence coming in the darkness of sin and suffering.

Four candles adorn an Advent wreath, one for each week. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The white candle is light and purity (Christ Candle, center candle completes the season and begins Christmas).



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 delay or confusion 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. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you!



BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL
BURKHART BUILDING
SATURDAYS 10-11:30 AM
December 4 and 11

We will be studying the Gospel according to St. Luke, using Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. Please contact Deacon Lew Ferris at lferris_2000@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group or have any questions!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“Trust the science” a phrase we have been hearing a lot lately with regard to the COVID-19 virus. However, we never hear it with regard to abortions! Dr. Donna Harrison, a board certified OB/GYN specialist states that "abortion and women's health are not synonymous and may in fact be opposed.”

For example, women who have had one abortion have a 30% increase in regards to pre-term births. Women who have had two abortions have 90% risk. 100,000 infants have died from being delivered pre-term since 1973.

Dr. Harrison says that women she has treated in her practice who have had pre-term births and abortions mostly say they were never told of such a risk by the abortion provider.

The United States is one of only seven nations that allow late term abortions. These seven include Communist China and North Korea. According to Dr. Harrison our policy of permitting late term abortions is "reckless" when it comes to taking into consideration the short and long term effects these abortions have on the woman's health.

We should all keep our eyes on the Supreme Court’s upcoming case in deciding the Mississippi State law of prohibiting abortions past 15 weeks. Of course, as Catholics, we are against abortions at any stage, (life begins at conception), but any savings of human life is a step in the right direction. We have to start somewhere.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



SAINT ANDREW
Feast Day—November 30

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels, but it is believed Andrew was one of the closer disciples to Jesus. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, according to John 6:8. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about

Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on a cross form known as "crux decussata," which is an X-shaped cross or a "saltire." Today this is commonly referred to as "St. Andrew's Cross." It is believed Andrew requested to be crucified this way, because he deemed himself "unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus."

MEMORIAL VOTIVE LAMPS



If you would like to memorialize a candle at the shrine of the Blessed Mother or Saint Joseph or at the Tabernacle, please call or visit the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

GIVING TREE NEWS

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE:
Do you have 30 minutes to spare?

We hope to put the Giving Trees up in church the weekend of December 3rd.

Do you have a few minutes to help us on Friday evening or Saturday morning?

Call Debbie at 484-281-8017
"Many hands make light work!"

We are also still looking for a donation of 1 or 2 easy set-up trees.

If you have a tree you are no longer using, please let us know. We will be happy to make use of it!

SACRED HEART WOMEN’S GUILD
GERTRUDE HAWK - HOLIDAY CANDY
REMINDER



Delivery will be the week of November 29th.

If you have any questions please call 610-762-5067.

Kindly respond by emailing stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or by calling Office of Stewardship and Development at (800) 831-4443 by December 8th

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF GIVING

In The Spirit of St. Catherine of Siena

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. and The Women's Society of Giving warmly invite you to A Special Morning for Women

Peace, Joy... Advent


Rediscovering the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in Christmas to do lists

Saturday, December 11, 2021

St. Mary's Church
14833 Kutztown Road,
Kutztown, PA 19530
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Peace, Joy...Advent presented by Maggie Riggins
11:00 a.m. - Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert





BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for our bulletin submissions. These shortened timeframes begin with the November 14th bulletin and run through January 16th 2022. Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. If you have any specific deadline questions for upcoming bulletins, you may email bulletin@sacredheartbath.org

MONTHLY LOTTERY CALENDAR

Try your luck on our Monthly Lottery Calendar? Keep a look out for our next Lottery Calendar coming in January, with sales in December. What a great gift/stocking stuffer for Christmas! Remember you can win from \$25 up to \$100! This is a fun way to help support our parish!



GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE JANUARY LOTTERY CALENDAR !!!!!

CLOTHING SHED IS NOW OPEN

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 |
|---------------|-----------------|------|------|

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 6th at 6:00 pm

Reception Hall of the Bath American Legion.
Dinner will be catered by Lattemann Deli.
Cost is \$14.00

Please bring a \$10 WRAPPED Gift for game gift exchange. **Call 610-762-1986 for reservations before November 30th.**



MARTY ROTELLA
"Re-Ignite the Fire"

Marty joins us for an evening of Faith, Story, and Song with Holy Hour

Sunday - December 5, 2021 - 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena
1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown PA

Marty is a singer/songwriter/evangelist who is a passionate about presenting the Gospel through music with a message. He has presented across the United States as well as internationally in churches, schools, conferences and prisons.

Contact: Jeff - Email: adignitethefire@gmail.com
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Start your Christmas shopping now!

Scrip gift cards are a wonderful way to purchase gifts as well as give them as gifts. There is something for everyone!

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Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Barnes & Nobles	8%	\$10	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25	Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Chili's	11%	\$25
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Chipotle	10%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$25/\$100	Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10
L.L. Bean	16%	\$25	Domino's Pizza	8%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Dunkin Donuts	3%	\$10
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Red Lobster	8%	\$25	Panera	8%	\$10



SACRED HEART MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

Must be reliable, self-directed, and motivated. General custodial, maintenance, grounds keeping, mowing and snow removal. Electrical and/or mechanical knowledge and experience helpful but not required.

If interested, please call the Parish Office to inquire at 610-837-7874. Resumes may be submitted to parish office at office@sacredheartbath.org.



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Please consider signing up for the new and improved online version of the AD Times. Doing so will mean you'll get the news faster, and will save the Diocese money on printing and postage.

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Your donations help us carry out our mission.



DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?
Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or call the office at 610-837-7874

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY
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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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