Sacred Heart Church

1817 1st Street Bethlehem, PA 18020



Reverend Frans J. Berkhout, Pastor

Deacon Hugh Carlin Deacon Joe Juhasz

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday – Friday: 7:30am Saturday: 8am (Civic holiday: 9:00am)

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Confession:

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45pm

CCD:

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RCIA/Safe Environment:

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Organizations:

<u>Holy Name Society</u> – Al Dezubay adezubay@dezubay.com

Knights of Columbus

Steve Pfeiffenberger spfeiffenb@aol.com

<u>Prime Time Club</u> – JoAnn Crosson

ubatapred@rcn.com

Pro-Life – Veronica Azan

marysonshine@rcn.com

<u>Music Ministry</u> – Cathy Hageman

610-392-5306 bigdawg2@ptd.net

Bereavement Support Group

Paulette Vuchko

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

2024 er 28

Saturday, December 28 5:00pm Patricia DePaolo

by George and Debbie Simoes

Sunday, December 29

8:00am Christmas Memorials 10:00am Christmas Memorials

Mass Schedule

Mass Intentions are subject to change as needed **December 30 - January 3**

Mon. (30) The Sixth Day in the Octave of

7:30am <u>Christmas</u>

Armando and Chee Chee Villani

For the intentions of their 50th Anniversary

by Tom and Bev Kincaid

Tues. (31) The Seventh Day in the Octive of

7:30am <u>Christmas of Advent</u>

of Advent

Pope Benedict XVI by Fr. Frans

Wed. (1) Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin

9:00am <u>*Mary*</u>

<u>Holy Day of Obligation</u>

Margaret Cheoplis By Colarusso Family

Thurs. (2) Memorial of Basil the Great &

9:00am <u>Gregory Nazianzen</u> Ernest Shearer

by Chris, Fedra & family

Fri. (3) Christmas Weekday

7:30am Living & Deceased Member

of the Boyer Family by Boyer family

Sat. (4) Memorial of St. Elizabeh Ann Seton

8:00am Mrs. C. Mulk

by Marianne Whitebread

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4

5:00pm Joseph Acevedo

by Dawn and Gino Tomaino

Sunday, January 5

8:00am Missa Pro Populo 10:00am Bill and Betty Perino by Mary and Ed Saszi

Parish Office Hours for New Year's

Open Mon. 12/30 from 9:00am to Noon Closed Tues. 12/31 through & incl. Fri. 1/3 Normal business hours will resume on

Mon. 1/6/25 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

For inclement weather, the parish office will follow the schedule of the BASD schools. If the schools are on a two hour delay or closed, so is the Office.

Sanctuary Lights

Candles are lit for 7 days. A donation of \$15 is suggested. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, stop by the Service Desk.

High Altar:

For: The Holy Name Society

For: Joseph and Helen Urenko

by Anne and Steve Pfeiffenberger

Sacred Heart Memorial Society

All donations to the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be used for the purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments.

For: David and Jean Field by Jeanne R. Eisele

For: Elizabeth Gillespie by Sacred Heart

Upcoming Liturgical Ministry Schedule Saturday, Sunday: Dec. 28 – Dec. 29

Lectors:

5:00pm B. Losagio 8:00am J. Kalata 10:00am S. Stofanak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00pm J. Ardinger, T. Thoder 8:00am R. Fitzpatrick, K. Figueroa 10:00am R. DelVecchio, T. Gaylor

Upcoming Counting Team Schedule December 30

B. Ganssle, M. Vanya, P. Pavuk, K. Kostenbader **January 6**

J. Kalata, B. Fleissner, J. D'Angelo, T. Thoder

<u>Upcoming Service Desk Schedule</u> Saturday, Sunday: Dec. 28 - Dec. 29

Volunteers:

5:00pm M. Yost 8:00am C. Bachman 10:00am M. Rush

Pray for all those who are Sick or Injured:

Emily FaRannte, Janet Zambo, Eileen M. Jakob, Ray Sullivan, Colin Jerome Boyce, Tabatha Schreck, Deborah FaRannte, Chubby Figueroa, Mark McKay, Bryan

Eckert, and Shirley Kresch.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Catholic feast day that honors Mary's role as the mother of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on January 1, and is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

The word "solemnity" refers to a high rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. On this day, the Catholic Church also celebrates the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by St. Pope Paul. VI.

<u>Liturgical Schedule</u>

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation 9:00am Mass

> Thursday, January 2nd 9:00am Mass



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) Free Will Offering

Now available at the Parish Office and Service Desk...

Sacred Heart "Little Lot" - November

Congratulations:

Bev Kincaid - \$50.00 Winning Number is the Evening Draw of "Pick 4 PA Lottery" exact match ONLY!

Christmas Giving Tree

Catholic Charities extends their heartfelt thanks and generosity for the many gifts and gift cards that were purchased and placed under the tree in support of the pregnant and new mothers in the Diocese . Thank you again for contributing to our annual Christmas Giving Tree.

Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Please join your fellow parishioners for Holy Hour every Tuesday, (1/7), (1/14), (1/21), (1/28) from 6:00pm to 6:30pm; Angelus, Litany and Rosary.

FOOD

DRIVE



No Holy Hour on Tuesday, December 24, & December 31

Next First Friday, January 3rd,
following the 7:30am Mass.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

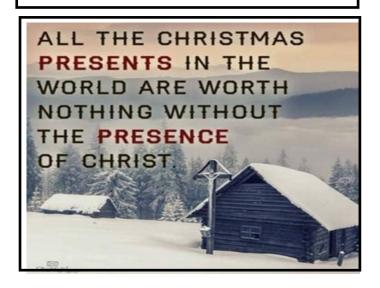
As they do the first weekend of every month, next weekend, **January 4-5, 2025**, the Knights will be collecting items for the food pantry. Non –perishable food items are requested to be placed in the blue bins by the exits.

All donations are appreciated and we appreciate your generosity.

2025 National Right for Life March

Attend National Right for Life March on **Friday, January 24, 2025**. Departing from St. Jane Frances Church in Easton. Motorcoach departing at 7:30am and returning around 8:30pm. Passenger donation \$20.00.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call 484-259-7740 or email adrewazan3rd@rcn.com.



<u>Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the</u> Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years.

More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools. Email pilgrimage@allentowndiocse.org or call 610-921-2729 ext. 2205.

Pope's prayer intentions

December

For pilgrims of hope - We pray that the Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

January

For the right to an education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Jubilee Year of Hope - Opening Dec. 28

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year in the Universal Church, a prayerful celebration that will begin in the Diocese of Allentown on Saturday, Dec. 28. "We pray that this Jubilee Year of Hope will serve as a spiritual salve for the scars of division in our world." said Bishop Alfred Schlert. "May the People of God see a future of great promise and of great hope."

The Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee every 25 years (and occasionally more often, such as with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy declared by the Pope for 2016). This Jubilee will mark the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord, when God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has said he selected hope as the theme because the world is suffering the ongoing effects of war, the lingering effects of Covid, and a climate crisis.

Reminder

Fr. King Hall is now under construction! We expect it to be finished by Summer. While the renovations are going on, the restrooms in the Hall are not available for use.

Please use the lavatory in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.

Christmas Decorating

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our church especially beautiful for the Christmas Season.

Well Done!!



"A Tricky Tray favorite of Fr. Frans. a roast beef sundae!!"

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak 1-800-791-9209

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Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy: www.allentowndiocese.org

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