

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.



*“The
kingdom
of heaven*

*is like a landowner
who went out at
dawn to hire laborers
for his vineyard.”*

MATTHEW 20:1

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS

*Mass Intentions for all Sunday morning
Masses will be said at the 9:00 AM Mass*

- Saturday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**
September 19 **Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a**
 5:00 PM Raymond Heckman
r/b Frank and Anne Hesch
- Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
September 20 **Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Edward Tanczos, Sr.
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Anton Krein
 11:00 AM Peter Curiel
r/b sister, Christine and Stephen Nederostek
- Monday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
September 21 **Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13**
 8:00 AM Deceased members of the Kovalovsky Family
r/b John Kovalovsky and sons
- Tuesday, Weekday**
September 22 **Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21**
 8:00 AM Eleanor Chuss
r/b children
- Wednesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**
September 23 **Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6**
 8:00 AM Joan Boyle
r/b O'Reilly Family
- Thursday, Weekday**
September 24 **Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9**
 8:00 AM Anthony and Beuhla Diamond
r/b Reinert Family
- Friday, Weekday**
September 25 **Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22**
 8:30 AM Dr. William Lozinger
r/b grandchildren
- Saturday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)**
September 26 **Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32**
 5:00 PM Margaret Robinson
r/b Robinson Family
- Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
September 27 **Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32**
 7:00 AM Mike Zastko
r/b wife, Rose and family
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM David Heist
r/b Thomas Family

MODIFIED SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Livestream private Mass only: 8:00 am on Monday and Wednesday. 8:30 am on Friday
 Tuesday and Thursday: In-person, 8:00 AM



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



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from September 18 through October 1 for the repose of the soul of **Raymond Heckman** r/b Frank and Anne Hesch



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from September 18 through September 24 for the repose of the soul of



Raymond Heckman
 r/b Frank and Anne Hesch

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from September 18 through September 24 for the repose of



The Holy Souls in Purgatory

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, September 24
6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church
Confessions: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



<p>9/26-9/27 5:00pm 9:00am</p>	<p>Lectors Deb Hayes Frank Molchan</p>	<p>Deacons/EMHCs Deacon Saukulak Deacon Ferris</p>
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GREEN PHASE-PART I
EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2020

What is staying the same? What is changing?
The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place. Mass attendance remains voluntary. Those who do not feel safe, or who have compromising health conditions, should not attend. Sacred Heart will continue with our modified Mass schedule.

Weekday Mass--Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am

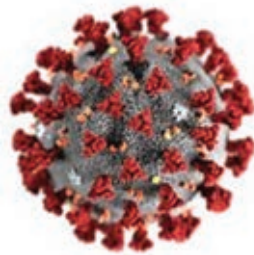
Weekend Mass--Saturday 5 pm & Sunday 9 am

There will continue to be limited seating capacity available in the Church. The Green Phase Part I guidelines allow for an increased capacity of up to 50% of the Church capacity, dependent on configuration and size of pews. At Sacred Heart, every other pew is now open for seating, compared to every third pew, so our seating capacity increases to 50 persons per Mass/service.

For now, reservations are still required for weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office at 610-837-7874.

Long-handled baskets may be used to take up the offertory collection.

All other restrictions remain in place, including social distancing and face masks required.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES EFFECTIVE

JUNE 2, 2020

Weekdays:

Mon., Wed. & Fri: Livestream private Mass only, 8:00 am on Mon & Wed, 8:30 am on Fri

Tues. & Thurs.: In-person with limited seating capacity, 8:00 am

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

(limited capacity-**reservation required**)

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

(limited capacity-**reservation required**)

GREEN PHASE-PART I
EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2020

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

HOW TO PREPARE FOR RETURNING TO MASS AND WHAT TO EXPECT

† Please use the ramp door (back) for entrance/exit to the Church. The Church doors on Washington Street will remain locked.

† Every second pew will be open for seating. Please honor the closed pew restrictions.

† Seating will only be on the ends of the open pews, with no more than 3 persons per pew (excluding families). Ushers will assist with seating for weekend Masses.

† Our current seating capacity inside the Church at any one time will be limited to 50.

† Due to capacity limits, we will have a **reservation process in place for Weekend Masses**. Please call the Parish Office no earlier than Monday at 8:00 am and no later than Friday at noon before the weekend Mass to reserve a seat for one of the two weekend Masses. Once our seating capacity is reached, that Mass will be deemed "full" and you will need to wait to attend one of the following weekend or daily Masses. When you arrive to Church the ushers will make sure you are on the reservation list for that Mass. Please be patient as we all work through this process.

† Please bring and wear your face mask while inside the Church. You will not be allowed in the building without a face mask.

† Respect social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times, both inside and outside of Church.

† Please use the provided hand sanitizer in the entrances and pews as needed.

† Our ushers will help enforce these guidelines. Please respect instructions.

† All hymnals and pamphlets/prayer cards have been temporarily removed from Church due to the difficulty of keeping them disinfected.

† Holy Communion will be distributed. If you choose to receive on the tongue, please wait to get in line until after all those receiving by hand have received.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Offertory envelope drop-off station open:

Monday-Friday from 8 am-4 pm (closed 12-1)

Burkhart Building, ring at back door

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
- ⇒ 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!

VIRTUAL FATHER CISZEK DAY 2020

In the best interest of everyone's safety, the Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League has decided to cancel this year's annual in-person **Father Ciszek Day celebration**. A Mass will still be celebrated on **Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM** and livestreamed on our Facebook Page and website (www.ciszek.org) so that everyone can unite in prayer from the comfort of their own home.

The co-postulator, **Rev. Eugene Ritz**, will celebrate the Mass and **Rev. David Kozak** of the Diocese of Allentown will be the homilist. Concelebrants of the Mass will include Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh. **Prior to the Mass, a virtual tour of the Father Ciszek Center will be presented beginning at 1:30 PM.**

**CONFIRMATION**

Thursday, November 12 at 4:30pm

Bishop Schlert will administer the sacrament. Please pray for the candidates who are preparing for Confirmation.

**ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA**

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am Monday and Wednesday and at 8:30 am on Friday 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/channel/UCwF0e0bpyBY5uOMnTETHlwQ>)

BULLETIN PUBLICATION

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

**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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART INCLUDE:

- Monday, September 28 – Monthly Officers’ Meeting, 7 pm - Zoom Electronic Meeting
- Saturday, October 3 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup, 7:15 am - Meet in Church Parking Lot, ALL INVITED TO HELP
- Monday, October 12 – COLUMBUS DAY!! Membership Meeting, Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30 Meeting

Additional points for meditation on Jesus' suffering and death as we contemplate the various sufferings we experience in our own lives.

As his final moments approach, Jesus asks for something to drink - “I thirst” (John 19:28)

- † Jesus' thirst was another sign of his human need. Do I see Jesus in those around me who suffer hunger, thirst, homelessness, sickness or deprivations?
- † Do I “hunger and thirst for righteousness,” as Jesus described in the Beatitudes?
- † Do I perform works of mercy for those who suffer physically or spiritually?

We will continue to explore meditation points over the next few weeks.

Did You Know: Our Council is continuing to attempt to resume normalcy in our practices. We have scheduled a Blood Drive at Sacred Heart for Saturday, November 14. Watch the bulletin and your emails for details. PLEASE remember to return your Football Crazz Tickets!!

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. Exemplification ceremonies to be inducted as a First and Second Degree Knight and to become a Third Degree Knight are now scheduled online along with On Demand. Contact our Grand Knight, Rick Gower at rcg@fritch.com for details.

DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 26** from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Father Post room of the Burkhart Building.



BIBLE STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

BURKHART BUILDING
SATURDAYS 9-10:30AM



We will be picking up where we left off in The Book of Genesis. For those who would like to join us, there will be a review of Genesis up to Ch. 25. We use 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!

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY REVEREND JEFF WHORTON, ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



Stephen Paukovits
r/b Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frisch

Theresa Yost
r/b Paula Hirjak



DRIVE THROUGH HAM DINNER

Saint Elizabeth Parish Hall
435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall
Saturday, September 26, 4-6pm
Dinner is \$13

Menu

tasty slice of ham, mashed sweet potatoes
string beans, roll and dessert

Orders are due by Sept. 21

For more information or to place an order, please call Joan at 610-349-7791 or email dirreled@sercc.org

Your Stewardship Report - September 6

First Collection	\$ 8,600	<u>Other collections</u> <i>- from envelopes dated other than September 6</i>
Parish Improvement	\$1,167	
Other Collections	\$57	
Other	\$17	
Total Collections	\$9,841	<u>Other</u> - donations, candles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Next Week's Collections - September 27



First
Sunday Collection

Second
None

11th ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL

Saint Elizabeth Parish Hall
435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall
Friday, October 9 from 5 - 7PM
Saturday, October 10 from 10 AM - 7 PM
Sunday, October 11 from 8 AM - 2 PM

Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend for take-out only! Tickets can be purchased early by calling 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Please wear a mask. Temperatures will be checked and all need to adhere to the socially distancing regulations. Hope to see you there!



OUR BETTER THAN NEVER BASKET SOCIAL

St. Mary Church
122 Union Street, Catasauqua
Friday, September 25 from 5:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Benefits Religious Education Program

This event will limit the number of people in the building to 25. Please be patient. Tickets are \$5 for a sheet of 26 chances and are available for purchase at the door. If you pre-purchased tickets over the winter, these are valid for this event.

For more info,
Call 610-264-9383 or
Email smaryscatty@verizon.net

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

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.

5th Annual Monocacy Farm FOOD FESTIVAL

WWW.MONOCACYFARMPROJECT.ORG

Now Virtual



• ONLINE SILENT AUCTION FROM OCT. 19TH - OCT. 24TH

• INFO SESSIONS/DEMOS ONLINE

• GOODIE BAGS

AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND TO AUCTION WINNERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020

Silent Auction Ends at 5pm

*VISIT MONOCACYFARMPROJECT.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

FOLLOW US ON FB AND IG FOR UPDATES



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



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 the parish office during office hours. Candles burn from Friday through the following Thursday. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 2 weeks. **A Mass will be said for all the memorialized intentions.**

The Following / Sharing Christ course is a continuation of Discovering Christ, and teaches the second and third parts of the **ChristLife Evangelization** Process. Over 1,000 Catholic parishes have used this Christ-centered process to ignite the new evangelization and missionary discipleship in their communities. To learn more about ChristLife, visit www.christlife.org.

This online training course will equip you to:

- †Revitalize the Catholics in your parish
- †Reach fallen away Catholics
- †Evangelize all people to Jesus Christ!

Live sessions will be held

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM ET on:

Monday, November 2

Thursday, November 5

Monday, November 9

Thursday, November 12

Online Course Cost: \$35 per attendee

Learn more and register online by visiting the

<https://training.allentowndiocese.org>

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

Gift cards from the stores listed below are still available from the Sacred Heart School Gift Card Program. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will go toward the existing school expenses.

Please contact the School office at 610-837-6391 Monday-Friday between 8:00 am-3:30 pm to order and arrange pick-up. Please consider buying them if you shop at these stores or are looking for a gift for someone else!

Thank you!



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BATH AND BODY WORKS
PANERA BREAD
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THE PRO-LIFE CORNER

In 2019, a major anti-abortion film was released in theaters. The film was entitled *Unplanned*. It was based on a book written by Abby Johnson. Abby Johnson, who was once one of the abortion industry's most passionate advocates, gives us an insiders view of Planned Parenthood's workings. She is now one of the Pro-Life's movements most prominent advocates. She had two abortions herself before her conversion, and now lives in Texas with her husband and seven children.

Unlike some "Christian" based films, *Unplanned* was cinematically very well done. The acting was very good, and the story line was easy to follow. There was none of the "hokey" language often portrayed in these type of films. Despite this, I believe there was a concerted effort by the movie industry to limit its distribution. The Regal Northampton Cinema in Easton off Route 248 was one of the few local movie theaters to show the film.

Freda and I went to see it on a weekday afternoon. There was a smallish audience, mostly, I think, retired people about our age. All through the film, an older gentleman, who was attending alone, quietly wept. The film was pretty graphic about the reality of abortion, and how the young women were coerced in going through with the abortions even if they were not sure about it.

Something happened in the theater at the end of the movie. Something we had never experienced before. No one left during the credits. Everyone just sat there, stunned, while the elderly gentleman continued to weep. Finally we all got out of our chairs and left in silence. No matter where you stand on the abortion issue, this film is worth seeing. Especially for those who believe that a Christian can have an abortion or collaborate with it, in good conscience. It is available on some streaming channels, as well as on DVD's.

- Deacon Lew Ferris



RCIA**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

- † Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic? Do any of the following situations pertain to you?
- † Do you have any non-baptized adults in your family or among your friends?
- † Are there any Catholics in your family who have never received their First Communion and Confirmation?
- † Are there any inactive, hurt, disillusioned, or fallen away Catholics among your family or friends who have recently expressed any desire or hope of returning to the Catholic Church?
- † Would you like to invite anyone who is "Un-Churched" (and not a member of any church) to join Sacred Heart and possibly become Catholic?
- † If you have said "Yes" to any of the above questions...Come with your family and friends and discover for yourselves.
- † RCIA classes will begin at Sacred Heart this Fall. Watch for more information.
- † To register for RCIA or if you have any questions please call the office at 610-837-7874 or email office@sacredheartbath.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOTBALL CRAZR PROGRAM

Along with other Knights throughout Pennsylvania, the Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Parish are selling Football CRAZR tickets; proceeds support our parish and other worthwhile causes. Purchasers are assigned four different NFL teams each week, and 25 prizes are awarded weekly based on the cumulative score of those teams. Tickets cost \$10 -- only \$1/week for the 10-week Program, which begins November 1. If games are cancelled because of Covid-19, prizes still will be awarded because CRAZR will use historical team data to generate the weekly scores. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Mike Kolessar at 610/837-6476 or michael.kolessar@rcn.com

**GRAB AND GO DINNER PORK AND SAUERKRAUT**

Drive through pick-up only
 Saint John the Baptist Church Social Hall
 924 North Front Street, Allentown
 Saturday, September 26, 2- 6 pm
 Only \$12

Menu: Pork
 Sauerkraut
 Mashed Potatoes
 Carrots
 Dessert

Tickets can be purchased by
 Calling the office at 610-432-0034
 or
 Emailing stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com

NO SALES AT THE DOOR



9 September 2020

THE ROLE OF CONSCIENCE IN VOTING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Voting is a solemn civic ceremony that has been won and defended by the blood of countless American men and women throughout our Nation's history, up to the present day. Please exercise this precious right. For the Catholic, voting also has grave moral obligations and consequences. Voting can never be taken lightly nor be contrary to a well-formed conscience.

A "well-formed conscience" for the Catholic is one that has been formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, studying Scripture, and honestly informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. In 2002, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) wrote, "Democracy must be based on the true and solid foundation of non-negotiable ethical principles, which are the underpinning of life in society." (Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life, 2002, no. 3) While there is no initiative on the part of the Church to support one candidate over another, it is an indispensable obligation of bishops, priests, and deacons to inform the faithful about the hierarchy of issues that must be considered in conscience by every voting Catholic.

In consistent Catholic teaching, recently re-affirmed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the body of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, abortion and euthanasia are the "preeminent" issues in forming an opinion about how to vote. "...[T]he right to health, to home, to work, to culture is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 1998, no. 38, emphasis in the original)

Hence, a Catholic voter is to approach the ballot box with the defense of innocent human life uppermost in his/her mind and conscience. As voters, we must carefully examine our consciences to determine if our vote cooperates with a candidate's promotion of the grave sins of abortion and euthanasia. The United States Bishops gave stark guidance to politicians in 1998, "No public official, especially one claiming to be a faithful and serious Catholic, can responsibly advocate for or actively support direct attacks on innocent human life." (*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge for American Catholics*, no. 32) While this statement addresses public officials once elected to office, in intellectual and moral honesty, we must extend these words to us citizens who, by our vote, elect the candidate to office.

Admittedly, the coming elections pose many challenges and much soul-searching for Catholic voters. There never are, and are not now, perfect candidates for office. Most likely for us, none completely matches our desires on temperament, social justice, immigration, or foreign, domestic, or economic policies. For this reason, the Church offers guidance for Catholic voters in correctly forming their consciences, especially on the overriding, foundational issues of abortion and euthanasia.

Some may see these words of guidance as an intrusion into the political arena. To the contrary, the Church and her bishops have a serious obligation and right to participate in public discourse and to assist the faithful in properly forming their consciences to be able to participate fully, with free and informed will, in the moral and civic act of voting.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance as you prepare to cast your vote, and God bless you for participating in such a profound American tradition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred A. Schlert".

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY

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

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

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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 PRE-SCHOOL

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Pre-School offers 3-year old and 4-year old programs. Please contact the parish office at 610-837-7874 for more info or a personal tour.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

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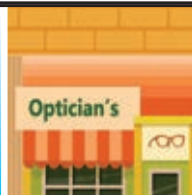
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