

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.



**“A PROPHET IS NOT
WITHOUT HONOR
EXCEPT IN HIS NATIVE
PLACE AND AMONG
HIS OWN KIN AND
IN HIS OWN HOUSE.”**

MARK 6:4

FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME

JULY 4, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS***PRIVATE only-not in Church****Saturday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)****July 3 Ez 2:2-5; Cor 12:7/ Mk 6:1-6**5:00 PM Robert and Elizabeth Paynter
*r/b daughter, Rosemary***Sunday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time****July 4 Ez 2:2-5; Cor 12:7/ Mk 6:1-6**7:00 AM Joseph Taschner
r/b Wandler Family

9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

11:00 AM Catherine Zenz (anniversary of death)
*r/b Dave, Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary***Monday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest****July 5 Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26**9:00 AM* Martin Dobis
*r/b Joe and Lorraine Alich***Tuesday, Saint Maria Goretti****July 6 Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38**8:00 AM Joe Maroski
*r/b wife, Marie***Wednesday, Weekday****July, 7 Gn 41:55-57/Mt 10:1-7**8:00 AM* Emily Sampson
*r/b Ginny Olivi and family***Thursday, Weekday****July 8 Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15**8:00 AM Sister Maria Pilar Santos, OP
*r/b Sandy Tucker, OP***Friday, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions****July 9 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23**8:30 AM* Robert Wilkin, Sr.
*r/b Nancy and Bob Wilkin***Saturday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)****July 10 Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mt 6:7-13**5:00 PM Augustus Mondschein
*r/b Loertta and family***Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time****July 11 Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mt 6:7-13**7:00 AM Rudy Farnack
r/b Family

9:00 AM Thomas J. Weber, Jr.

r/b Thomas and Pina Weber
11:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart**THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES**

are burning from

July 2 through July 8

for the repose of the soul of

Catherine Zenz**r/b Dave, Kathy, Bobby and Rosemary****MODIFIED SCHEDULE OF MASSES****Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM****Sunday Mass: 7AM, 9AM and 11AM****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—MODIFIED****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

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

are burning from

July 2 through July 8

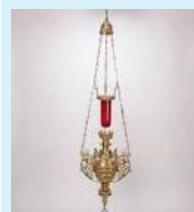
for the soul of

**Helen Archer McNulty****(4th anniversary of death)****r/b Deborah A. Kelly, daughter****SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES**

are burning from

July 2 through July 8

for the repose of the soul of

**Joe Maroski****r/b wife, Marie****THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from

June 25 through July 8

for the repose of the souls of

deceased fathers of

Steve and Lucille Sismanovich

r/b Steve and Lucille Sismanovich

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

<u>7/10- 7/11</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Deacons/EMHCs</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 PM	William Doncsecz	Deacon Lewis Ferris	--
7:00 AM	Alfred Krantz	Deacon Edward Saukulak	--
9:00 AM	Frank Molchan	Deacon Edward Saukulak	Cara Dormarunno
11:00 AM	Tom Weber	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Mason Santostefano

UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2021

- 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!
- Face masks are not required in Church or in parish meetings for those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after your final shot).
- Face masks are required for all who are not fully vaccinated and by the priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The Pennsylvania Bishops have not yet lifted the dispensation regarding the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- The Exchange of the Sign of Peace is not permitted.
- Father Butera will continue to celebrate Monday, Wednesday and Friday daily Mass in his private chapel and livestream it for those who chose to watch Mass online.
- With the exception of these items, most other liturgical restrictions are relaxed/eliminated.



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/SacredHeartBath>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Thursday, July 8

6:00 - 9:00 pm in Church

Confessions: 7:00—8:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



Monday, July 5th
in observance of
Independence Day



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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



MASS INTENTIONS

CELEBRATED BY
REVEREND JEFF WHORTON
ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



Joseph Godiska
r/b Rose Zastko

Alex Kardos, Sr.
r/b Elfriede Kardos

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome

Ava Marie Makdesi

daughter of Jeanna and Shaun Makdesi, who began to share in the life of Jesus through the Sacrament of Baptism.



SACRED HEART ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC



Come and enjoy a real
hometown picnic,
blending the old with the new!



FRI. JULY 9, 2021 4 pm – 9 pm
Sacred Heart Auditorium (only location on Friday)

New this year:

“OPENING NIGHT” FUN!
YARD SALE/WHITE ELEPHANT and TRICKY TRAY (only)

SAT. JULY 10, 2021 4 pm – 9 pm

Sacred Heart Picnic Grounds

Bring your chairs & blankets & get ready to enjoy

**FOOD TRUCKS – CLAM CHOWDER – BEER
BBQ – CAKE & COFFEE - KIDS’ GAMES – BINGO**

MUSIC

“SWING TIME DOLLS” at 5 pm ~ “STILL KICK’N” at 7 pm

Sacred Heart Auditorium

YARD SALE (“WHITE ELEPHANT”) and TRICKY TRAY

SUN. JULY 11, 2021

Sacred Heart Auditorium 8am – 1 pm

**YARD SALE (“WHITE ELEPHANT”) and
TRICKY TRAY**

Sacred Heart Picnic Grounds 1 pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$\$\$

Stop by to see if your ticket is a winner!

**Sunday is the last time to find your special “treasures” at the YARD SALE
 (“WHITE ELEPHANT”) “CLOSEOUT BLOWOUT BAG SALE” and TRICKY
 TRAY. Closed drawing at 1 pm**





PARISH PICNIC COUNTDOWN



Less than a week
until our parish's
annual picnic on **July 9, 10 and 11!**

Continue to pray for great weather during the picnic! We are hoping to make this the most enjoyable and, hopefully, the most profitable of the picnics to date. We look forward to seeing you there and ask that you spread the word to all with whom you come in contact.

Volunteers are needed! Teenagers, especially those in need of service hours, are encouraged to sign up. Please see Volunteer sign-up information in today's bulletin insert or on our website home page!

If you haven't sent in your payment for the tickets for the \$5,000 grand prize drawing, please do so as soon as possible and no later than July 7th. Ticket stubs received after that date will not be entered in the drawing and payment will be returned. Extra tickets are available at the church entrances and will also be sold during the picnic.

It is still not too late to make a donation to help offset the fixed expenses associated with the operation of the picnic. Call the parish office at 610-837-7874 for more information.

Help is needed starting on Thursday night, July 8th, at 6 pm on the picnic grounds as we set up for the picnic.

See you there!

SACRED HEART PICNIC YARD SALE



Our annual picnic yard sale is in need of donations.

We accept all unused or lightly used household items.

**PLEASE NOTE - WE DO NOT ACCEPT
CLOTHING, OLD TELEVISIONS
OR COMPUTER TOWERS**

All donations can be dropped off NOW at the School Office during office hours:

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Monday through Friday.

Need us to pick-up your donation?

Please contact

**Mary at 484-821-6637
to make arrangements.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



See the insert in today's bulletin for details on how to sign up to help out at this year's picnic. Sign-up information is also located in the ramp entrance of the Church. We need everyone's help to make this a success!



PICNIC TRICKY TRAY

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
BEAUTIFUL TRICKY TRAY
BASKETS**

If you have any questions,
please call
**Eileen Muschlitz at
610-751-1840**

\$\$ GRAND PRIZE DRAWING UPDATE \$\$ \$5,000 Grand Prize Drawing

Ticket packages for the raffle have been mailed to parishioners. **If you have not received your tickets and/or you need additional tickets, please contact the parish office at 610-837-7874.**

Please do all you can to promote the sale of these tickets. With your support and cooperation, it is hoped that this can be the most profitable picnic effort ever! **Through Monday, June 28, we have sold over \$14,500 in raffle tickets! Let's finish strong!**



Cake and Coffee Stand Donations Requested

The Cake and Coffee stand is in need of your home baked goods for this year's picnic! All donations can be dropped off in the Scout Room/Kitchen area on Friday, July 9th or at the picnic ground anytime on Saturday, July 10th. Donations of any baked goods are greatly appreciated. Please sign up for donating items on our Sign-Up Genius site. Thanks in advance for your support!

Your Stewardship Report - June 20

First Collection	\$7,114	<i>Other collections</i>
Other Collections	\$415	<i>- from envelopes</i>
Other	\$36	<i>dated other than</i>
		June 20
Total Collections	\$7,565	<i>Other - donations,</i>
		<i>candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH**Next Week's Collections - July 11**

First
Sunday Collection

Second
None

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$774**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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

⇒ 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!

ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED

Have you ever wondered who takes care of the sanctuary area in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church? Who replaces burned candles with new? Who changes the altar cloth and sets the altar for weekend Masses? Who vacuums the vestibule and dusts the floor? The answer to all these questions is the Sacred Heart's Altar Guild! The guild is currently comprised of 4 parishioners who volunteer 1-2 hours a week (on Friday mornings) to make sure the altar is adorned properly and ready for Masses. We are currently looking for a replacement guild member. If you have a few hours a week and would like to volunteer time and spend it in the Church, please contact the parish office to learn more at 610-837-7874.

Thank you!

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to **Diane Babernitsh**, daughter of Chuck Gorrie of Sacred Heart Parish who baked and decorated a delicious cake for our Holy Hour reception! Diane generously donated her time and talent to Sacred Heart and provide the cake at no charge! Thank you Diane!

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





**HOLY HOUR IN HONOR AND
CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY AND REDEDICATION
OF THE PARISH TO THE SACRED
HEART OF JESUS
JUNE 11, 2021**

**Thank you to all who assisted in any
way to the Holy Hour and Reception. It
was a very special and holy evening for
our parish!**





UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART:

Saturday, July 10 – Church Picnic Celebration, 4:00pm to 9:00pm, Sacred Heart Picnic Grounds

Monday, July 12 – Monthly Membership Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Meeting

Monday, July 26 – Monthly Officers' Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm, All Brother Knights are welcome to attend.

Saturday July 31 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 7:30am

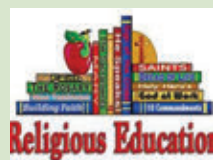
Continuing with “Into the Breach” video topics:

Sacramental Life - Christ offers his grace through the sacraments. The Eucharist and Confession need to be central to every man's life. Jared Zimmerer explores how his experience as a bodybuilder helps him understand aspects of the sacramental life.

Spiritual Warfare - The life of a believer is a spiritual battle. Men have multiple spiritual weapons in the fight against Satan, and the stakes are high. Don O'Mara recounts his experience with abuse and addiction and finding forgiveness and freedom in Christ.

To view, go to: www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html

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. Contact our Grand Knight, Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.



ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Currently Open for Children from 1st-8th Grade

Registration forms can be found on the church website under “Parish Life” and “Religious Education” or by contacting the parish office at office@sacredheartbath.org. Please submit **all new and re-registration forms** by **August 6** to the parish office during business hours. Classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 14 at 6:15 pm**.

For those interested in assisting by being a catechist or aid, please pray and consider giving your time to help foster the faith to the children of our parish. For more information, please contact Tom Weber at dre@sacredheartbath.org.



MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT NEEDED AT SACRED HEART Part-time position Possibly leading to full time

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. 610-837-7874. Resumes may also be submitted to office@sacredheartbath.org.

Parish family of the Month for June 2021

Father Jacob W. Post Council 14464 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that the family of **Michael & Virginia Olivi** has been selected as the parish's **Family of the Month for June, 2021**. Please join us in congratulating them for their great example. This monthly award is given to a parish family that models Christian values and visibly lives them each day. Your nominations for other families to be considered for the award in the coming months will be greatly appreciated. To be selected Family of the Month, each family should stand out as a model to others in the parish. Your nominations can be put in the collection basket or sent to the parish office. Put “Family of the Month nomination” on the envelope. It should be noted that all parish families are eligible for nomination not just families of Knights of Columbus. All honorees receive a framed certificate. If you haven't pick yours up yet, they are in the first conference room in the Burkhart building.



FOOD BANK

The food in the Food Bank bins is donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Bath Area Food bank at St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Cay Galgon Life Center on a rotating basis. Non-perishables or monetary donations are greatly needed. The next food distribution is **July 20th from 9:30-11am and from 6-7 pm (one week later than normal due to the July 4 holiday)** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bath. Access is at the rear of the church; food will be brought to you. **Thank you for your donations!**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

According to National Right to Life, approximately 2,400 abortions are committed every day in the U.S. Especially now with the modern medical equipment that shows the baby in the womb, one wonders how this atrocity continues.

Our goal as anti-abortion individuals is to change the hearts and minds of those around us. Those that we encounter every day. Why do otherwise good people either approve of abortion or are indifferent to it? Some may be atheist, although I am sure not all atheists approve of abortion. The Church's teaching definition of murder is: "the taking of innocent human life." Notice not guilty human life by the proper authority and not non-human life, but "innocent human life."

We read in the Book of Genesis, Ch. 1:26; "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...' Man, human kind is made in the image of God. That differentiates us from the rest of the animal kingdom. One who does not believe in the inerrant Word of God may believe that man is just a higher animal and may be treated as such.

The atheist may have to be converted before they can accept that abortion is wrong. But not necessarily. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, one of the leading proponents of legal abortion in the early days of the movement, had a change of heart about abortion before his eventual conversion to Catholicism. He was a non-believing Jew before that.

A second type of pro-abortion person which is probably more numerous is the indifferent. Many of those may be weekly Church goers; either has never given the subject serious thought or just doesn't want to be bothered. These types may be harder to change than the atheist. Jesus says in the Book of Revelation; "I wish you were hot or cold, but because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth." Nothing tastes good lukewarm.

The point is; we anti-abortion folks need to make the teaching of the Church on abortion known to those we encounter in a loving but clear way.

- Deacon Ferris

**NURSES AID/HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED**

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers.

We are looking for a part time

Nurses Aide/Housekeeper

8am-2pm every other weekend

Thursday nights from 2pm-8pm.

No experience necessary. Competitive pay.

Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
SAINT THERESA CHURCH
HELLERTOWN, PA

Full-time Position With Benefits and Salary

Available position for a **DRE/CRE** to assist with the Religious Education of our parish members.

Please contact the rectory for a job description.

It will be necessary to submit clearance documentation, a resume and participate in an interview. **Please call 610-838-7045.**

Saint Theresa Pre-School
Part Time Position

Available position for a **Pre-school Secretary.**
 Mon-Fri from 8:00 am-1:00 pm during the school year.
 Summer hours are flexible.

Full job description is available at the school.
 Please call the preschool **610-838-8161** for more information or **secretary@sttheresaotcj.org.**

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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

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

PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING

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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: 610-334-9147

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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