

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1st Sunday of Advent (anticipated)
November 26 **Is 2:1-5/Rom13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44**
 5:00 PM Richard M. Meyers (30th anniversary of death)
r/b grandchildren

Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent
November 27 **Is 2:1-5/Rom13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44**
 7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 9:00 AM Margaret Bird
r/b John and Carolyn
 11:00 AM Lowery/Toczek Families
r/b Family

Monday, Advent Weekday
November 28 **Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11**
 8:00 AM Arthur George, Jr.
r/b Anthony Ulecka and Nicole Adams

Tuesday, Advent Weekday
November 29 **Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24**
 8:00 AM Jim Glancy (living)
r/b wife, Eileen

Wednesday, Saint Andrew, Apostle
November 30 **Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22**
 8:00 AM Anthony Liberto
r/b wife, Florence, Rick & Regina Gower & family

Thursday, Advent Weekday
December 1 **Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27**
 8:00 AM Margaret Hoff
r/b daughter, Sharon

Friday, Advent Weekday
December 2 **Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31**
 8:00 AM Those enrolled in the Memorial Fund

Saturday, 2nd Sunday of Advent (anticipated)
December 3 **Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12**
 5:00 PM Polzer Siblings
r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4 **Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12**
 7:00 AM Sheree Quartararo
r/b Quartararo Family
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
 11:00 AM Pat Gillich
r/b Toczek Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 1st
8:30 AM-9:00 PM in Church
Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

is burning from
 November 25 through December 8
 for the repose of the souls of
Theresa and John McManus
r/b Natalie, Cathryn and family

**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 25 through December 1
 for the



Living members of the Women's Guild
r/b Women's Guild

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from
 November 25 through December 1
 for the repose of the souls of



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

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from
 November 25 through December 1
 for the repose of the soul of



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

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Roles*

12/3-12/45:00 PM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM**Lectors**Tom Rothrock
William Doncsez
Beth Beers
Deb Hayes**Deacons/EMHCs**Deacon Edward Saukulak
Deacon Edward Saukulak
Deacon Lewis Ferris
Deacon Lewis Ferris**Altar Servers**TBA
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TBA**SUNDAY READINGS****NOVEMBER 27****First Reading** -- This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. (Is 2:1-5)**Psalm** -- "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."
(Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)**Second Reading** -- Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
(Rom 13:11-14)**Gospel** — Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." (Mt 24:37-44)**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>

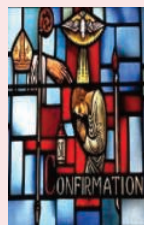


**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF**
Pamela Amato
of Sacred Heart Parish
and
Iolanda Reginelli
aunt of Fiorella Mirabito
of Sacred Heart Parish

**REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONE**

Oh, I will try but I tell you it not easy using only words.
 So I'll begin, but I'll start at the end,
 the day I said so long my friend.
 I still remember well your smile that would not die
 and the tears begin to swell.
 Tears I dare not fight cause now I'm alive,
 I'm taking my first breath.
 Oh, how I realize and this time I won't forget.
 Now as I look back, wish I'd known that someday
 soon they'd long be gone.
 So, I will try to remember the end,
 the day I said so long my friend
 They go by many names mother, father, brother, sisters,
 son and daughters and the tears begin to swell.
 Tears I dare not fight cause now I'm alive,
 I'm taking my first breath.
 Oh, how I realize and this time I won't forget. (Kongos)

How often does life move on and we forget. We need to realize never ever let a chance go by to tell someone you love them. And never ever let a chance go by to remember them. Don't waste these precious gifts Our Lord gave us, love and memories.

**CONFIRMATION AND
INDULGENCES**

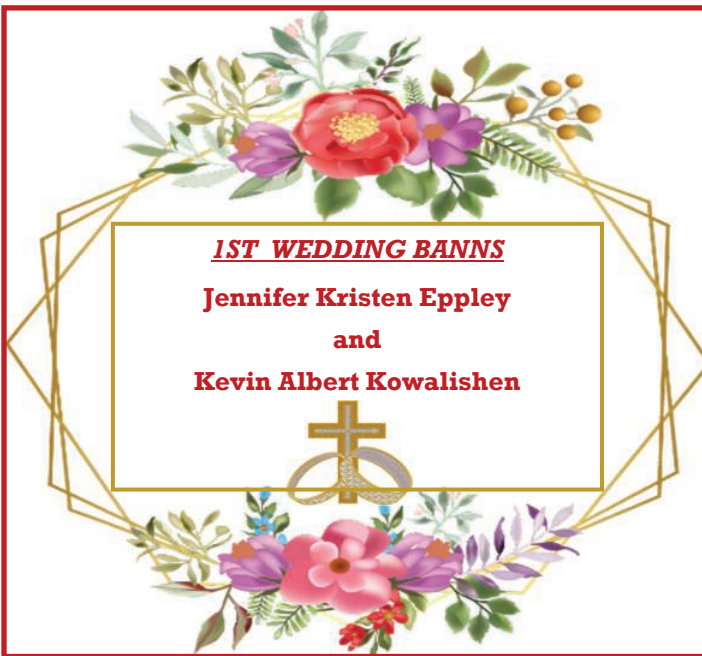
**Bishop Schlert will administer the
Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

**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.**



HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Are you or your family in need of help? Do you know a parishioner family in need? Food? 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. Also, the Knights are sponsoring a children's coat drive again 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.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW Feast Day—November 30th

O glorious Saint Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God, Jesus. With Saint John you remained with our Messiah, throughout your life, and now, till eternity.

As you drew your brother Peter to him and then many others, draw us too, to Jesus. Teach us to lead others to Christ, out of pure love for Him and dedication in service. Help us to know the true meaning of the Cross and to carry our crosses courageously and without complaint, that we may be led to Jesus. Amen."



GIVING TREES ARE HERE!

Our trees have tags for Valley Youth House, Cay Galgon Life House, and Turning Point. We will follow the

protocol set by the agencies, which may mean more gift cards than actual wrapped gifts.

Many gift cards can be purchased at the office in the lower level of the Burkhardt Building, as well as during the Sacred Heart Stop Shop on December 10 & 11.

We also hope to collect for Catholic Charities for Babies and the Ecumenical Kitchen (we need volunteers). We always reach out to our fellow parishioners who may be homebound or in nursing homes to remind them they are still a part of our parish community.

It's Easy To Give!!!!

1. Take a tag!
2. Purchase the item on the tag.
3. Put the tag on the outside of the gift or envelope with gift cards.
4. Place the gift under the trees in church; Gift Card purchases may be put in the offertory collection or dropped in the box inside the Burkhardt Building (upper office).

****Giving Option: We are also collecting (unwrapped) hats, gloves, and socks****

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

\$2 per envelope

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



WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 5th at 6:00 pm

Reception Hall of the Bath American Legion
Dinner will be catered by Lattemann Deli.
Cost is \$17.00. Please bring a \$10.00 **WRAPPED** Gift for game gift exchange. Call 610-762-1986 for reservations before November 30th.

All women of the parish are invited!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you interested in lending a hand in sharing a small task once a week? If so, please consider helping with washing and ironing the cloths Father uses on the altar during Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, please call Jean Schmalzer at 610-462-4141. Thank you.



Save the date!

Sacred Heart's 2nd Annual Shop Stop

Saturday, December 10th

Following 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 11th

Following 7:00am Mass-12:30pm

New this year... Tricky Tray Christmas Baskets

(see insert in today's bulletin for details on donating baskets)

Join us in the auditorium for Christmas shopping!
Purchase gift cards, January lottery calendars, fleece
jackets, Oplatky wafers and more! Enjoy Women's Guild
baked goodies, Pasties, hot chocolate and coffee.

Christmas spirit and fellowship included!

Lottery calendars \$10.00 each or 3/\$25.00.

They make great stocking stuffers!

Fleece jackets on sale for \$40.00

(Women's sizes only)

Oplatky (Christmas) wafers \$2.00 each



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Monday November 28 - Planning Meeting at 7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom
 Saturday December 3 – KofC Christmas Party at 6:30pm -9:00pm Sacred Heart Church Social Hall
 Saturdays December 3 & 10 “Drive Through Donation Station”
 Food drop off for Donated Christmas Baskets – 9 to 11:00am
 Monday December 12 – Membership Meeting
 7:00pm Rosary; 7:30pm Meeting Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom

 As November comes to an end, we begin to think about the Blessed Christmas Holiday. In addition to the roll out of the **Coats for Kids Program** and the planning for the distribution of the **Christmas Food Baskets**, we begin to consider “**Purposeful Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas.**” Over the next few weeks we will put forward 10 ways to accomplish this.

Give God One Very Special Gift Just From You To Him

Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. Maybe your gift to God will be to forgive someone you've needed to forgive for a long time. You may discover that you've given a gift back to yourself. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending time with God daily, or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up. Make this your most important gift of the season.

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

Saturday December 3rd and 10th

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Church Council is soliciting for supplies to fill our **Christmas Food Baskets** for needy families of our Parish. We will have a “**Drive-Through Donation Station**” in the Church's Lower Parking Lot on Saturdays December 3rd and 10th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

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 these times, please drop your donations in the Food Bin at the ramp entrance of Church or the Church Envelope drop-off area in the Burkhart Building.

To make other donation arrangements, or if you are aware of a family in need who would be willing to accept this gift from the Knights, please contact Bob Wilkin at nancinator@aol.com or (610) 746-4211.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 174 pounds of non-perishable items to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank at St Paul's Catholic Church in South Allentown on November 16; this is the fifth donation for our Council's 2022-2023 fraternal year, bringing the total year-to-date to **897 pounds**. Our next donation will be made to the Bath Area Food Bank mid-December. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; **THANK YOU** for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Please check the “Best By” date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a “Best By” date earlier than 2020.

NIGHT OF “KNIGHTS” MONDAY, JANUARY 9th



On Monday, January 9th our Monthly Membership Meeting will become a Night of Knights.” We will begin the evening at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Rosary, followed at 7:30pm by a “short” review of Council business. **ALL Men of the Parish** are encouraged to attend; wives are also most welcome. This is a time for Brother Knights to re-engage with our Council and for other Catholic Gentlemen to find out if they wish to join in this journey to become stronger “Catholic Men.”
 The event will be held in the Burkhart Building.

If you would like to attend or just want information about the event, please **RSVP, ANightofKnights@kofc14464.org**

Your Stewardship Report - November 13

First Collection	\$8,533	<i>Other collections</i>
Cemetery	\$1,334	<i>- from envelopes</i>
Other Collections	\$1,093	<i>dated other than</i>
		November 13
Total Collections	\$10,960	<i>Other - dona-</i>
		<i>tions, candles, etc.</i>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH
Next Week's Collections - December 4**First**
Sunday Collection**Second**
Parish Improvement**SUPPORT THE RETIRED AND INFIRMED
PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN****Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund,
"Chosen, Blessed, Shared"**

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. The special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Any act of violence is portrayed in movies and TV, with one exception. All networks, even the one conservative one will not show an abortion.

The only movie that we saw that showed an abortion was "Unplanned." The actor who played the doctor was actually a repentant doctor who used to perform abortions. As he was doing the "suction" abortion procedure he sarcastically said "beam me up Scotty". You could have heard a pin drop in the movie theater. An older gentlemen across the aisle from us wept through the whole movie. - - Deacon Lewis Ferris

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

Anticipating carrier delivery delays, our bulletin publishing company has provided updated deadlines for our bulletin submissions. These shortened time frames **run through January 15th 2023**. Please send any articles for publication in the bulletin as far in advance as possible. We will do our best to get the article in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you for understanding!

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 27TH

Come, Lord Jesus! Come! May this Advent be a time of deep renewal in my life, dear Lord. May it be a time in which I strive with all my heart to seek out Your gentle and profound voice. Give me the grace, dear Lord, to turn away from the many noises of the world that compete for my attention and to turn only to You and to all You wish to say. Come, Lord Jesus, come into my life more deeply during this Advent season. Jesus, I trust in You.

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!

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!

CLOTHING SHED**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 Rags Toys

SACRED HEART FLEECE JACKETS FOR SALE!

Looking for a great gift for a friend or a loved one? We got you covered! Keep them warm and looking stylish with a Sacred Heart fleece while also supporting Sacred Heart Parish.

Full-zip fleece jacket embroidered with Sacred Heart's logo! Navy blue with bright blue contrast piping.

**Sizes: Adult Women: XS-SM-MED-LG-XL
\$40 each**

To Order: Please stop by the Parish Office during regular Office Hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am – 4 pm; closed 12-1 for lunch) to pick out your size. Cash or Checks made payable to "Sacred Heart Church"

Thank you for your support!

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**

St. Mary's Church 122 Union St., Catasauqua, PA

Christmas Cash Bingo on Sunday, December 4th.

\$15 for 15 games, six specials, and a jackpot round.

Seating is first come/first serve; you may reserve a table for eight players with full payment in advance by emailing the

Parish Office: kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or calling 610-264-0332.

The kitchen and doors will open at 11:30 AM. Bingo begins at 1:00 PM.

Please no outside food or beverages. Additional game sheets and specials will be available for purchase.

**Bring your daubers *no hard boards.*
We look forward to seeing you!**

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC THEATRE

Bethlehem Catholic Auditorium



Presenting "A Fairy Tale Christmas Story"

December 2nd & 3rd at 7:00 pm

December 4th at 3:00 pm

Bethlehem Catholic Theatre Department Invites you to come get into the Christmas Spirit by watching our Youth Theater Students present:

A Fairy Tale Christmas Story

**Tickets are available at the door
We hope to see you there!**

A FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS

**St. Francis Retreat House
3918 Chipman Road,
Easton, PA**

Celebrate "A Franciscan Christmas" with us at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton on Monday, December 12, beginning with a meal at 6:00 pm.

The presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 by the retreat committee will focus on Our Lady of Guadalupe as a way to see the story of Incarnation continuing in our world.

**Donation for onsite participation is \$35
Virtual participation is \$20**

Please register by December 5 at stfrancisretreathouse.org or call 610-258-3053 ext. 10

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**You are cordially invited to The Bath Area Community Chorus Christmas Music Festival
"A Christmas Fa La La!"**

Sunday, December 4th, 2022 at 4:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 206 E. Main St., Bath, PA 18014



SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**



Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

**Make grocery shopping more convenient by
purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office
Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's**



OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

**Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from sales of the
gift cards listed below that we have on hand.**



**Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building
(Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards
or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.**



**For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or
call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!
For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to:
www.sacredheartbath.org**

Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Sheetz	3%	\$25
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25	Starbucks	4.5%	\$5/\$10
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Red Robin	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Land's End	15%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Visa	1,25%	\$50
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Cabela's	10%	\$25
Amazon	1.7%	\$10/\$25	CVS	6%	\$10/\$25

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.

SUPPORT SACRED HEART CHURCH BY SHOPPING AT AMAZON SMILE

- ⇒ When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Sacred Heart Church. Support us every time you shop.
- ⇒ Use this link (smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0799592) when buying on Amazon!
- ⇒ By using our link, Amazon donates a percentage of your total purchase amount to our Parish.
Your donations help us carry out our mission.



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

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