

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	JULY 4
9:00 AM	Anthony Pecelli
TUESDAY	JULY 5
9:00 AM	Jack Wiggins
WEDNESDAY	JULY 6
9:00 AM	Mary McAfee-Christman
THURSDAY	JULY 7
7:00 PM	Robert D. Redmond
FRIDAY	JULY 8
9:00 AM	Gregory Oswald, Jr.
SATURDAY	JULY 9
4:30 PM	George & Anna Pukak People of the Parish
SUNDAY	JULY 10
8:00 AM	Alice Meder
10:00 AM	Jack Wiggins

ADORATION will continue to be in the Chapel one hour before each daily Mass.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Amelia Buchman	Amelia Marie Fisher
Frank Crampsie	Rose Tauber
Joanne Yankowy	Christopher Hood
Casey Ann Perry	Jordan Kish
Carlos DosSantos	Laurie Bus
Dorothy Folajtar	Rita Kline
Melissa Kropf	Kirsten Bickert
Robert Nedzel	Marie DalMaso
Jennifer Berger	Timothy O'Neill
Phyllis Laky	Victoria Gaffney

*NOTE: Please let church know if you are admitted to the hospital. Names will be **removed after three months** and may be resubmitted at that time.

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant will know to prepare the host. A priority seating chart is available; please ask an usher for seating options. Call our parish office at 610-266-0695. Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 399 for the emergency mailbox.

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READINGS FOR 14TH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Isaiah 66: 10 – 14c
Responsorial Psalm:	66
Second Reading:	Galatians 6: 14 – 18
Gospel:	Luke 10: 1 – 20

Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

- Adult Choir** – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled
 - Baptism Class** – 3rd Sunday morning by appointment
 - Bible Study** – Wednesday 10 am in LMR* (Sept to May)
 - Friendly Visitors** – 3rd Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
 - Parish Breakfast** – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8:30 – 11:30 am Hall
 - Prayer Shawl** – 2nd Wednesday 2 pm LMR*
 - PREP** – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School
 - RCIA** – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR*
- *LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2nd floor.

INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Kathleen Hartsock requested by
Aunt Mary Ann & Uncle Dick.

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Friday starting Friday, June 17th.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment starting Tuesday June 14th. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

OFFICE will be CLOSED
Monday, July 4th



MAINTENANCE MONDAY



Come and Join Us!

The first and third Monday of the month from 9 - 11 am. Meet Tom Shak at the parish hall entrance at 9 am. Pull weeds, minor repairs, or painting. 610-266-0695

PASTOR'S CORNER

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus sending out his followers in pairs from town to town; blessing households with peace, curing the sick, and proclaiming the kingdom of God is at hand. But before he tells them to do all of that, he tells them to 'Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals.'

We can debate why Jesus told them not to take these particular things with them. And yet what seems quite clear is that, if we want to be faithful disciples, if we want to preach Jesus' message in an authentic way, there are some things we need to leave behind, some things we simply can't take with us if we truly want to do the Lord's work. Like space exploration, we need to travel light.

And so, what should we leave behind? What can we not allow ourselves to get weighed down by?

Maybe we need to leave behind our own agendas; and do our best to make sure that the things we're working towards are things Jesus would work towards too.

Maybe we need to leave behind our egos; and see doing the Lord's work as an end in itself, not as an accomplishment for ourselves.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to always be right; and stop seeing the sharing of our faith as some sort of argument to be won.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to be recognized or liked; and instead choose to do things for God even if not a single soul ever knows about it.

Maybe we need to leave behind our need to be comfortable; and have the courage to do the risky thing, the scary thing, the unpopular thing, the thing that has nothing in it for us.

The list could go on and on. We have to figure out for ourselves what might be holding us back and weighing us down from truly doing what God is asking of us. Every grudge, every fear, every moment of indecision or laziness, every act of selfishness, every impure motive, and yes, every sin matters.

The infinite force that can change not only individual lives, but the world as a whole is nothing short of the Spirit of the Living God dwelling within each of us. And it is a power beyond our wildest imagination. But because of the freedom God gives us, because of that precious gift, we, through a myriad of things, can actually weigh down and hold back that power from propelling us as far as God intends.

And so that's the challenge we face this day. May each of us have the faith and wisdom and courage to let go of the countless things we need to let go of, let ourselves be stripped of everything that can hold us back from going where the Lord wants us to go, and thereby let God reach incredible heights of love, mercy, compassion, and generosity through us. God bless you, Fr. Stan.

THINGS TO PONDER

We are an exceptional people. What makes us exceptional is that God has called us to be His own. At weekday masses this week, we hear from the book of the prophet Hosea. His life experience and his faithless wife parallel the relationship between God and the nation of Israel. It echoes to this day in the faithless behavior of our society, our world, in response to the love of God.

All that makes us exceptional is to be present to our God in humility and faith. God is love and He calls us to truth, to obedience and to love. Our country is not a theocracy but was founded upon some religious principles. In many ways, then, our nation has been exceptional throughout its history. Recent court decisions seem to highlight a developed trend from exceptionalism toward exemptionalism over the course of many decades.

Possession of weapons considered to be unlawful for most ... the connected and the elite to be held exempt in some jurisdictions. The fearfulness in encountering an unexpected pregnancy obscures the heart to be open to all options. In a desperate response, some have chosen or assisted in even infanticide as a further exemption.

In so many ways over so many decades society has drawn us away from faithfulness to God and His law of love. The beauty is that just as Hosea's wife returned to him, just as Israel was restored to loving and serving the Lord in faithfulness, we too, individually, and collectively, are not without hope as we turn our minds, our hearts and our wills to the love and mind of God.

Let us move away from exemptionalism and restore exceptionalism by the mercy and grace of God.



ENROLLMENT OPEN

- **St. Elizabeth Regional School** Pre-K (4 yr.) through Eighth Grade. Call the school today to enroll your son or daughter for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Call 610-264 – 0143.
- **R.C.I.A.** for adults wishing to strengthen their faith or convert to Catholicism starting in September call 610-266-0695 ext. 208
- **P.R.E.P.** religious instruction for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade starting in September. 610-266-0695 ext. 208
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for those who knit, crochet and embroider and enjoy the company of parishioners with similar interests. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 208
- **Breakfast Club** for parishioners who love the smell of a good breakfast and are handy in the kitchen. Breakfast starts in November and goes to April. Call the parish office. 610-266-0695 ext. 208
- **Altar Server Training** for students Fifth through Eighth Grade. Learn to serve at Mass on weekends and daily Mass. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 208
- **Bible Study** for adults seeking to explore and discern the bible readings and passages. Held Wednesday mornings after Mass from Sept to May. Call 610-266-0695 ext. 202.

OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY!

It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever themed basket idea! Mark your calendar for our **Annual Basket Social** during Columbus Day Weekend, October 7 – 8 - 9!



Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start collecting your items now. Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office for our spectacular committee to make-up a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!

We will take them filled



OR



Ready to be filled.....

BULLETIN INFO: e-mail all bulletin submissions ten days ahead to info@sercc.org

OUR COMMUNITY



Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday July 9th, please join us at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8 am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Rd., Bethlehem and continues with The Rosary at the Allentown Women's Center located at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission is that through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.

2022 Church Festival



Maronite Catholic Mission will hold a festival at 924 N. Front St., Allentown on July 23rd from 4 pm to midnight & July 24th from noon to midnight. Middle Eastern food & Pastries, 'Saj' flatbread, Music, Dancing, Raffle, Beverages, and Kid's games.

JOIN US FOR THE SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC!!!

FRI. JULY 8th and SAT. JULY 9th

Picnic Grounds 5 pm to 10 pm
Live bands, kid's games, Bingo, Sacred Heart's traditional foods, food trucks, The Angel Walk and much, much more!
CASH Prize drawings to be held Saturday at 10 pm!

FRI. JULY 8th, SAT. JULY 9th, SUN. JULY 10th
Auditorium/Burkhart Building
Yard Sale in the Auditorium and Tricky Tray in the Burkhart Building
Tricky Tray closed drawing Sunday at 1!

Your Sacred Heart food favorites are back!
Fri. & Sat. in Picnic Grounds

Clams * Beer * Pork & Turkey BBQ * Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Sausage Sandwiches * Cabbage & Noodles * Handmade Pierogies
Cake & Coffee * Soda, Water, Iced Tea

Food Trucks, too!
Fri. & Sat. in Picnic Grounds
"Maldonado Steaks"
"Roger's Pizza"
"Mattie's Strudel Haus"
Ice Cream

Fun for kids of all ages!
Bounce Houses
The Dunk Tank Returns!
Kid's Games
Prizes and more!

PLUS: ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL!

FRIDAY, JULY 8th "Still Kick'n" 6:00 – 9:00	SATURDAY, JULY 9th "Desire" 5:00-7:00 "Zaire" 7:30-9:30
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SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR
Enter to win a BBQ grill on Friday and a "BBQ Fixin'" gift card on Saturday!
Enter often for more chances to win!

GOLF CART SHUTTLES will take you back and forth between the Picnic Grounds and the Auditorium so everyone can enjoy the whole picnic!!

Join us for food, fun and family!



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June 24, 2022

Bishop Schlert Issues Statement on Supreme Court Abortion Decision

The following is a statement by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case:

“In light of the Supreme Court decision on Dobbs, we are reminded that since God is the author of all life, all human life must be protected and respected at every stage, especially the most defenseless.”

“The past half century has consisted of dark days of human and judicial error that manipulated the Constitution to allow humans to play the role of the Creator and the arbiter of who deserves to live. I commend the justices for their courageous willingness to reexamine the right to terminate a life.”

“We see how the abortion issue has coarsened our society and civil discourse. This will continue as the issue returns to the states. Now is a time of renewed prayer and engagement with the legislative process to continue the work reinforced by today's decision.”

“To those who have procured an abortion in the past or are contemplating one, our opposition to abortion is not an opposition to you, but rather a call to embrace you. The Diocese of Allentown stands ready to assist you in a spirit of love, mercy, charity, and compassion, through our prayers and the services of Catholic Charities and its partner agencies.”



VBS - MONUMENTAL

Thanks Our Volunteers!

Lord,

Thank you for all those you have sent to bring us help and support to accomplish so much during our Vacation Bible School program. Help us to remember and cherish the many lessons and friendships we experienced. Although we look ordinary, we know we carry the Priceless Treasure of Your love within our innermost being. Give us the courage to share this gift everywhere we go and with everyone we meet.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13



2022 Participant Totals
11 Adults, 17 High School & 37 Jr. High
62 Children - 4 yrs. old to 5th grade
Totalling – 127 Participants!



This year's VBS Donations collected \$201.85 for the Allentown Diocese Chew Street Soup Kitchen in Allentown. Putting our faith into action to help those in need in our own neighborhoods.



**Saint Elizabeth Parish Vacation Bible School:
A heartfelt thanks goes out to Father Stan, Father
Potts, Deacon Mike, all our volunteers and donors:**



Anonymous Friends	Brandon & Paul Araque	Marilyn Bair	Cindy Bear
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Thanks to all who helped in anyway, we could not do it without you! Mark your calendars for next year's Vacation Bible School: "STELLAR" Shine Jesus' Light!
Tentatively scheduled for June 26-30, 2023!

All are welcome!

