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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"As the family of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, we come together in faith to renew ourselves through the celebration of sacraments and strive to be the welcoming hands of Christ in our community."

SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist / Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Sunday Morning 9:30 AM

March 3, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Sandy Miller	<i>Bookkeeper/Secretary</i>
Bonnie Lazorick	<i>Secretary</i>
Dan Podorsky	<i>Part Time Maintenance</i>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office 610-826-2335

St. John Neumann Regional School

Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354
Palmerton Campus www.sjnrschool.org

Allentown Central Catholic High School 610-437-4601
www.acchs.info

Marian Catholic High School 570-467-3335
www.marianhighschool.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday: 7:00-8:00 AM

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM.

First Friday of the Month: 6:00-7:00 PM

By appointment call the Rectory Office

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Classes are held on an as needed basis.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married should inform the Church as soon as possible (at least one year) prior to the wedding to begin marriage preparation. Marriage Preparation Class must be taken prior to six months before the marriage is celebrated.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Anyone wishing to arrange for a home visit is to contact the Parish Office. Please do not wait for an emergency.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Private church visits Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Please contact the Chairperson of committee or the Rectory Office for details/contact info.

Altar Guild	Cass Chies	Pro Life Coordinator	Veronica Scarpati
Altar Servers	Father Mullins	Safety, Security and	
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson	Maintenance Committee	Jim Matsko
Bible Study/Prayer Group/ Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Vocation Promoter	Rectory Office
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Catholic Charities:	
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercksmar	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Protecting God's Children	
Financial Council	Joe Koma	Safe Environment Coordinator	
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Roseann Heydt/Peg Duell	Pamela Russo	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	Victim Assistance Coordinator	
Knights of Columbus	Joe Koma	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC800-791-9209	
Men of Good News	Ed Sidleck		
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact	
Pastoral Council	Jerome Scarpati	Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
	Lisa Kistler	www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or	
		call: 1-800-276-1562.	

March 3 – Third Sunday Of Lent

MASS Intentions

Saturday 8:30 AM	(March 2): FIRST SATURDAY Manuel R. Amorim by Joe and Teresa Amorim
5:00 PM	Peter Haja, Sr. by wife Helen and family
Sunday 9:30 AM	(March 3): Frank Kravetz by wife Shirley and family
Monday 8:30 AM	(March 4): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Wednesday 8:30 AM	(March 6): Deceased members of the Wilk and Homyak families by Mary Ellen and Alice
Thursday 8:30 AM	(March 7): Dr. John Nicholson by Matthew Carty
Friday 8:30 AM	(March 8): Michael Heery by Knights of Columbus Lafayette Council
Saturday 5:00 PM	(March 9): Mary Sander by Manuel and Sofia Mendes
Sunday 9:30 AM	(March 10): Rebecca Massey-Ake' by Georgia and Joe Mach

Sacrament of Penance Schedule

Saturday:	4:00-4:45 PM
Before weekday Mass:	7:00-8:00 AM
First Friday of the Month:	6:00-7:00 PM
Confessions also by appointment, please call the Rectory Office.	



Let us continue to remember and pray for all our deceased relatives, friends, benefactors, and parishioners, those serving in the military, those struggling with addictions, the homebound and those who are sick and have asked for our prayers. Individual names will be added to the list of Prayers for the Sick upon request from the individual or from the sick person's Power of Attorney.

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*Daylight-savings time starts
Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 AM.*

Remember to set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night or Sunday Morning. Also check your batteries in your smoke detectors.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17, or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Yahweh asserts Himself as the only deity for Israel. Three commands pertain to Him, and seven apply to human behavior.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

Paul declares that God's foolishness is a crucified Christ, and that it is far superior to human wisdom.

The Gospel: John 2: 13-25

After angrily cleansing the Temple of any commercialism practiced there, Jesus predicts His death and resurrection. The disciples will remember His words after the Resurrection.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newest parishioner, *Thomas Bartholomew*. May you continue to be spiritually enriched and your membership in the Church be long, happy and fruitful.



Sanctuary Candle:

Gerald Reenock by daughter

Marian Altar:

Mary Berk by
son George and daughter Janet
Rhodora Dumajel by
cousin Lizette Johnson

St. Joseph Altar:

Rhodora Dumajel by
cousin Lizette Johnson.



In the first reading, God gave to His chosen people the Ten Commandments. It's important to note that they are not simply suggestions. They are rules to live by such that all can live in the greatest harmony with one another. God gave those commandments not to spoil our fun, but to safeguard our eternal happiness. The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen had a great analogy: "When you buy an automobile, the manufacturer gives you a set of instructions that cover tire pressure, type of engine oil and proper fuel. The manufacturer has nothing against you by giving you these instructions, as God had nothing against you in giving you commandments." God wants us, to get the maximum happiness out of life. Such is the purpose of his commandments." When Jesus came, He didn't discard the Ten Commandments. Instead He revealed their perfection in love. When we travel down the pathway towards breaking these commandments, we are on the wrong path. We are encouraged to turn around, repent, and enter the path of love again. In cleansing the Temple, our Lord revealed His desire for us all to clear ourselves of all sin that we may offer true worship again. Consider going to the sacrament of Confession, that you may be on a secure path with Christ.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#313 "How was sickness viewed in the Old Testament?"

In the Old Testament sickness was experienced as a sign of weakness and at the same time perceived as mysteriously bound up with sin. The prophets intuited that sickness could also have a redemptive value for one's own sins and those of others. Thus sickness was lived out in the presence of God from whom people implored healing."

#314 "What is the significance of Jesus' compassion for the sick?"

The compassion of Jesus toward the sick and his many healings of the infirm were a clear sign that with him had come the Kingdom of God and therefore victory over sin, over suffering, and over death. By his own passion and death he gave new meaning to our suffering which, when united with his own, can become a means of purification and of salvation for us and for others."

#315 "What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick?"

Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (*James 5:14-15*)."

Saint of the Week

Juan José de la Cruz (1654-1793 AD) was born on the island of Ischia, Italy. His father sacrificed a noble future for his love for a weaver's daughter. St Juan's early life was one of poverty, homelessness and searching for work. At the age of 16, Saint Juan joined the Franciscans wishing to live a life of poverty, austerity and prayer. At the age of 20 and at the request of his superior, he founded a convent in Piedmont and was later ordained a priest. He also created a conventual community and became master of novices.

Saint Juan was noted for his many miracles, but also for his numerous efforts to keep the miracles secret. Feast Day: 5 March.

Saint Quote of the Week: "*Where there is no love put love . . . and you will find love.*" - St. Juan Jose de la Cruz

Word of the Week: **Annunciation** - The feast, observed on March 25, commemorating the announcement of the Incarnation by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. There are references to the feast as early as the fifth century. Its date was finally determined by calculating 9 months from the date we celebrate Christ's birth. It is considered a feast of the Blessed Virgin and is a solemnity. It is also celebrated as the first mystery of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.



The liturgical rite of the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday takes its inspiration from the Last Supper, where Jesus first washed the feet of his apostles and commanded them to do likewise (see Jn 13:4-14). During Holy Thursday Mass on March 28, **Father Mullins will wash the feet of 7 parishioners. If you would like to volunteer to share in this meaningful ritual, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.**

Lenten Reminders:

- Abstain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent.
- Fast, eat only 1 full meal on Good Friday.
- Stations of the Cross occur every week during Lent on Wednesday at 6:30 PM and School Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 1:30 PM.
- Confessions are on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 7:00 AM; Saturdays from 4:00-4:45 PM and First Friday of the month 6:00-7:00 PM.
- Lenten Confessions with extra priests:
March 10: 3:00 PM Assumption BVM
March 11: 7:00 PM Sacred Heart
March 12: 7:00 PM St. Nick's
- The DMI Survey to help our parish plan for future activities is available on our website at: www.SHCPalmerton.org until March 27. Paper copies are also available in the Parish Center until March 22.

The Lenten Obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our Bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Good Friday. The Law of Abstinence is to be observed on all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Who must abstain? All Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting means taking only one full meal. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

Abstinence forbids eating meat, including poultry by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Consider adding one (1) daily Mass each week to your spiritual journey.

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "***Easter Duty***." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. This obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

Catholics are also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in ***Operation Rice Bowl*** each week of Lent by having a sacrificial meal (something less than usual) and then share your savings with the poor through Operation Rice Bowl. Place an envelope with your name in any collection during the Lenten Season or in the collection bowl that is placed in the center aisle towards the back of Church or through online giving. Thank you for your support of this Lenten charity.



Join us for the Stations of the Cross Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 PM. The Stations are a beautiful expression of the core of our faith, that is, Jesus embraced the experience of human life, our triumphs and failures, our joys and our sorrows. Jesus walks with us, trips with us when we stumble and helps us to our feet again. When we carry our Cross, Jesus is with us; so please arrange your Lenten schedule to share in this devotion.

Some Ways to Improve Your Lent:

- Pray by name for someone who has hurt you.
- When you see, hear or read about people experiencing hardships, pray for them for relief or offer your assistance.
- Attend a weekday Mass in addition to your Sunday obligatory Mass.
- Take 5 minutes a day in quiet to let the Lord speak to you.
- Fast from gossip.
- Pull the rosary out of your drawer at home and pray it for the intention of peace.

Join us throughout the Diocese of Allentown, for a special Lenten retreat series held at different parishes every Monday until March 18. Each will feature adoration and confession (6:30-7:30 PM), a speaker (7:30 PM) and refreshments at 8:00 PM. The locations and topics are as follows:

March 4: St. Catharine of Siena, Reading, Topic "***Sacrifice***" by Rob Johnson.

March 11: SS. Peter and Paul, Leighton, Topic "***Promise***" by Kristin Osenbach.

March 18: Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, Topic "***Holy***" by Fr. Trigilio.

Visit the Diocesan Flocknote page to sign up at: allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup152184.

Weekly Offering



3/2-3/3 and 3/9-3/10: In Support of the Parish

Attendance weekly goal: 450

Actual 2/24-25: 285



Online giving . . . Visit our parish website at: www.shcpalmerton.org to sign up for online giving with "MyEoffering."

Questions, contact Sandy Miller in the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

Let your voice be heard!

Disciple Maker Index (DMI):
Please remember to take the DMI survey. The survey is available on our website until March 27 at: shcpalmerton.org.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey in the Parish Center. To submit the completed survey, please drop off in the box located in the Parish Center by Friday, March 22.

Computers are also available for those who don't have access to a computer and would like to complete online. Please call the Rectory Office to schedule. The Diocese is asking all active parishioners to participate in the survey. Your input helps strengthen our parish. Results help leadership prepare for the future. Questions, please call the Rectory Office.



Consider giving your child the gift of a catholic education. SJNRS is accepting applications for Kindergarten. Children who will be age 5 by October 15, 2024, are eligible to register. **Also accepting** new enrollments up to Grade 8 for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Dr. Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com for details.

Purchase your discounted Hershey Park Tickets from SJNRS 8th Grade Class by 3/27/24. Checks made payable to SJNRS. Tickets are valid during the 2024 season only and expire on January 1, 2025. Admission 3 & up: \$46. Contact the School Office at: 610-826-2354.

Marian Catholic High School Information Session Monday, March 11, 4:00-6:00 PM. Tour the school with our Student Ambassadors and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Contact Mary Milosh with any questions at: 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or email: mmilosh@mariancatholics.org.



Deadline to purchase your Show Tickets for the presentation of *Daniel* at Sight and Sound Theater on April 13 is this **Friday, March 8..** Show time is 11:00 AM. Please contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 to purchase your tickets. Cost: \$85/ticket.



We will have our first drop off on April 1 at 5:00 PM in the church parking lot. We will **NOT BE ACCEPTING** the following: single mugs, stuffed animals, single glasses, men's suits and single dishes, and electronics. If it is possible for you, please place your donated items in boxes.

Flea Market is scheduled for Friday, June 21 through Sunday June 23, 2024. **We will accept any** unwanted Christmas gifts and gift cards that you received that you will not use. If you have any questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Community Event: The Palmerton Area Library and the Concourse Club of Palmerton are hosting a Cash Bingo, Sunday April 7 at the Aquashicola Fire Company. Doors open at 12:00 PM, games start at 1:00 PM. Tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 day of event. Tickets can be purchased at the Library. All proceeds benefit the Library.

The 33rd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the diocesan "**We Are Remembered**" Ministry will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall. Monday, March 20 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed in the AD Times. A \$5 donation for each name enrolled is requested to cover expenses. To register, send the following info and check to: We Are Remembered Ministry, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052; Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount, Address, Phone number, Email, and Name(s) of the deceased. For questions, contact Mary Spieker at: dirreled@sercc.org or by phone at: 610-266-0695.



High School Ministry will be selling Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars after Mass this weekend. **Cost \$2.00 per bar.**



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