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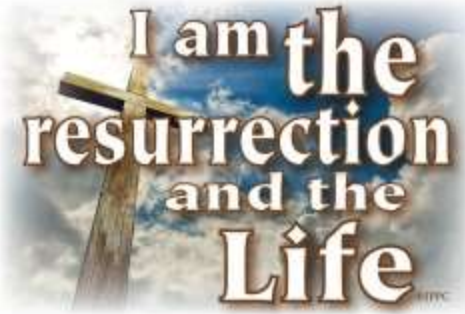
# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM



## 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 31, 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](http://www.sjnrschool.org)

Allentown Central Catholic High School                      610-437-4601  
[www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info)

Marian Catholic High School                      570-467-3335  
[www.marianhighschool.org](http://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 Kercsmar	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	<a href="http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or	
		call: 1-800-276-1562.	


# March 31 – Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord



<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>(March 30): Easter Vigil</b> All living and deceased parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>(March 31): Easter Sunday</b> All living and deceased parishioners
<b>Monday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 1):</b> Rebecca Massey-Aka by Joann and Joe Kerksmar
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 3)</b> Deceased members of the Mazerolle Family by Andress family
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 4):</b> Manuel and Maria Dias by son and family
<b>Friday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 5): First Friday</b> Living and deceased members of the Slovak Catholic Sokols
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 6): First Saturday</b> For the repose of Leonard and Jacqueline Lauchnor by a friend
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deceased members of Bennett and Uhnak families by Joe and Sue
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>(April 7):</b> Dr. John Nicholson by Pat and Jack Woginrich

## Sacrament of Penance Schedule

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

 *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.

**NOTE:** *The Rectory Office* will be closed on Easter Monday and will reopen Easter Tuesday for regular office hours of 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Acts 10:34a; 37-43

Peter's sermon builds on the revelation he received and as a special witness to the resurrection that he became. The promised forgiveness of sins is now certain through Jesus.

### Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4

This selection, addressed to the citizens of an important city, urges them to think from a heavenly perspective, not an earthly one. Your Christian life is a hidden one but is made manifest by your lifestyle.

### The Gospel: John 20: 1-9, or 41

The empty tomb is discovered, and the risen Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene. She in turn becomes His messenger to Peter and John. They in turn enter the tomb and see the burial cloths in one place and the head cloth neatly rolled up in another.



<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

### Paschal Candle:

*DeSousa and Bohunicky families* by Joann Kerksmar and John DeSousa

### Sanctuary Candle:

*Health of Terry O'Neil* by wife



*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!*



A great transformation occurs: horror and sadness gives way to overflowing joy and wonder; light shines in the darkness; the emptiness of the tomb brings forth the fullness of life. Jesus Christ is risen; He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Christ emerged victorious over suffering, hatred, evil and death. It is a time of celebration in our God, but we must keep up our efforts of prayers and sacrifices to unite ourselves to the Victor, Christ Jesus. Over the next 50 days of this Easter Season, we will hear how the Apostles and other disciples of our Lord continued to struggle in their faith and understanding. The battle continues for us as well. May we allow ourselves to be transformed by Christ's saving sacrifice that we may enter into eternal joy. May we not turn back to our former ways of sin, but may we go forth sharing the light, the joy and the love of our Lord to all.

**Thank you** to all who participated and worked to make it a beautiful Holy Week for our parish. On behalf of our parish staff and myself, we pray that everyone has a Happy and Holy Easter!



**Divine Mercy Sunday** - (April 7, 2024): We will celebrate this great feast day with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday while praying the Divine Mercy chaplet. If we have good weather,

the altar servers and Knights of Columbus will lead us all through the park and back to Church. If it's bad weather, the servers alone guide the procession through the church. Come participate in God's mercy and help free souls from Purgatory.



**Happy Anniversary!** Our local **Knights of Columbus** council was established 100 years ago and is growing strong! Founded on

the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, they seek to bring the faith alive in works. Recently, our council sponsored a Basketball Free Throw competition to support youth, donated coats to children in need, sponsored the Special Olympics and set up our parish Nativity displays. To celebrate the anniversary of the Knights and their good works, there will be **cake in the social hall after the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Procession. All are invited.**

## **Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)**

### **#325 "What are the degrees that make up the sacrament of Holy Orders?"**

The sacrament of Holy Orders is composed of three degrees which are irreplaceable for the organic structure of the Church: the episcopate, the presbyterate and the diaconate."

### **#326 "What is the effect of episcopal ordination?"**

Episcopal ordination confers the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. It makes the bishop a legitimate successor of the apostles and integrates him into the episcopal college to share with the Pope and the other bishops care for all the churches. It confers on him the offices of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling."

### **#327 "What is the office confided to a Bishop in a particular Church?"**

The bishop to whom the care of a particular Church is entrusted is the visible head and foundation of unity for that Church. For the sake of that Church, as vicar of Christ, he fulfills the office of shepherd and is assisted by his own priests and deacons."

### **Saint of the Week: *Melito of Sardis* (180 AD)**

was the bishop of Sardis near Smyrna and held a foremost place among the early Christian bishops in Asia due to his personal influence and his literary works, most of which have been lost. What has been recovered however, has provided a great insight into Christianity during the second century. Melito is remembered for his work on developing the first Old Testament Canon; he identified those scrolls and books which were inspired by God and belonged in the Bible. Many saints testified to Melito's holiness and esteemed him as a prophet, including Saints Jerome, Tertullian, Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius. Feast Day: 1 April.

### **Saint Quote of the Week:** *"Prayer in Praise of*

*Christ: Born as a son, led forth as a lamb, sacrificed as a sheep, buried as a man, He rose from the dead as a God, for He was by nature God and man. He is all things: He judges and so He is Law, He teaches and so He is Wisdom, He saves and so He is Grace, He begets and so He is Father, He is begotten and so He is Son, He suffers and so He is Sacrifice, He is buried and so He is man, He rises again and so He is God. This is Jesus Christ, to whom belongs glory for all ages."* - St. Melito of Sardis

**Word of the Week: Apathy** - the opposite of love; a lack of feeling in circumstances that call for a show of emotion. It involves a failure to care. The Book of Revelations (Rev 3:15-16) reveals what God will do to those with apathy: "I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."



Please continue to pray for all Priests. Ask God for new Vocations. The Diocese is in need of Vocations and your continued prayers is needed and appreciated.

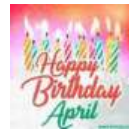
**Dear Father God, we pray for those in the religious life. Help them to stay on a righteous, humble path that honors Christ and spreads His loving light throughout the world. We beg you for new vocations that honor God's World. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration.** Come spend time with Jesus. Open your heart and let Him make a difference

in your life. **Join us for First Friday Adoration, April 5, anytime between 4:00 – 7:00 PM. All are welcome to stop by for a few minutes, an hour or for however long you are able.** Father Mullins is also available for Confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.



Blessed with 90 years or more we offer our prayers and best wishes to: **Elizabeth Kropf and Salvador Rios. Have a blessed and Happy Birthday.**



**We extend a warm welcome** to all those visiting with us for the Easter season. We are glad you have come to worship with us. Are you new to

the area? If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please contact the Parish Office at: 610-826-2335. New Parishioners are always welcome!

**Help to reengage Catholics** who have fallen away from the faith by simply extending an invitation to them to come with you to Mass, Stations, Adoration, Confession. This simple gesture may be all it takes to welcome back a person who has been away. Don't be surprised at the positive response you may receive.

**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.

**The Easter (or Paschal) Candle** is located near the Baptismal Font, the exception being during the Easter season when it is placed next to the Ambo. Originating around the fourth century, this large Candle represents the Light of Christ and a new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit during each Easter Vigil. It is lit for every Baptism and the flame, the Light of Christ, is transferred to a candle given to the Baptized individual or to an adult family member when an infant is Baptized. The Candle is burned at every Mass during the Easter Season and will be lit at every Baptism and Funeral until next year's Easter Vigil.

**To be eligible to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation** you must be an active, registered parishioner, minimum of 3 months, who is:

1. Fully Initiated (received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.)
2. Minimally 16 years of age.
3. Attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
4. In a valid marriage, if married.
5. Supporting your Church.

**Time to spring clean and update our records!**

**College students**—Please call the Rectory Office or email us at: [shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net) with the name of the College you are attending. Thank you.

**Parishioners**—please contact the Rectory Office by email at: [shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net) or telephone at: 610-826-2335 with changes to your address, phone number, email, etc. Thanks for helping us keep our records accurate.

**Catholic Cemeteries** trace their roots to the first Christians who provided a separate burial ground for their community members of faith. Then as now, the Church desires it's faithful departed to be buried in a Catholic cemetery making a statement about the reverence of the human body in death and a belief in sharing in Jesus Resurrection! For details on our Cemetery Plots, contact Frank Hager at: 610-826-3178 or the Rectory Office at 610-826-2335.

ALLELUIA

REJOICE

HE IS RISEN!

## Weekly Collection

3/30-3/31: Easter

**Second Collection:** In Support of the Parish

4/6-4/7: In Support of the Parish



**Online giving . . .** Visit our parish website at: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) to sign up for online giving with "MyEoffering." Call

Sandy with questions at: 610-826-2335.

**May God Bless Your Generosity! Many thanks to all who volunteer and support the Parish faithfully each week! May all in our Parish come to know the peace and grace of God that is felt by generous stewards who return their time, talents and treasure to the Lord.**



**Spread the word...Sacred Heart Church will be hosting BINGO the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month beginning April 14 in the Social Hall. Doors will open at 12 Noon and BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. Kitchen will be open serving Haluski, BBQ, Hot Dogs, baked goods and beverages. BINGO cost: \$20 for Regular BINGO and \$5 for a book of specials. Cash Prizes. For additional information or to purchase your ticket in advance call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335. Come out and join us for an afternoon of fun. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.**

**WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!**



**We will be happy to accept your donations on Monday, April 1st 5:00 PM for our Flea Market.**

Donations may be dropped off in the Church parking lot. As a reminder we will **NOT BE ACCEPTING** the following: single mugs, single glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits, and electronics. We will be **accepting: books, puzzles, craft items, clothing, Christmas and kitchen items, jewelry, purses, CD's, DVD's and gift cards.** If possible, please place your donated items in boxes. **Flea Market** is scheduled for Friday, June 21 through Sunday June 23, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



**CYO Track and Field Registration.** All registered students in our Parish in grades K-8 should contact Carolyn Gowin at: [Carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com) to register for Track and Field immediately.

**SJNRS announces New Pre-K Program** for the Fall (2024-2025). All children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll. Students will have the option to attend full or half days. Enroll today call: 610-826-2354.

**Consider giving your child the gift of a catholic education.** SJNRS is accepting applications for 2024-2025 school year for Grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dr. Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 or email: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com) for details.

**Mother - Daughter Tea:** April 28, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Allentown. Mother and daughters ages 9 to 13 are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of femininity. The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style. Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included. Register at: [allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407).

**Why Do we have to attend Mass every Sunday?**

Throughout our two thousand years of Church history, Sunday has been set aside as "the Lord's Day," to celebrate God's greater creation of the world. According to the *"Catechism of the Catholic Church,"* The Sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2172*). Observing Sunday as the Lord's Day helps us to keep our worship of God outward, visible, public and regular. Sunday is also the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. The Church instructs us to attend Mass each Sunday because that is where Jesus gives us what we need to stay strong in the world. Just as we take food into our bodies, so we take in Christ through the Eucharist. His body is real food and His blood is real drink (John 6:55-57). The resulting grace helps us to overcome our daily temptations and fulfill our responsibilities. Our faithful Communion will bring us eternal life.

**May your heart sing with the joy of the Risen Lord on His Resurrection Feast.**

**"This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice."**



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