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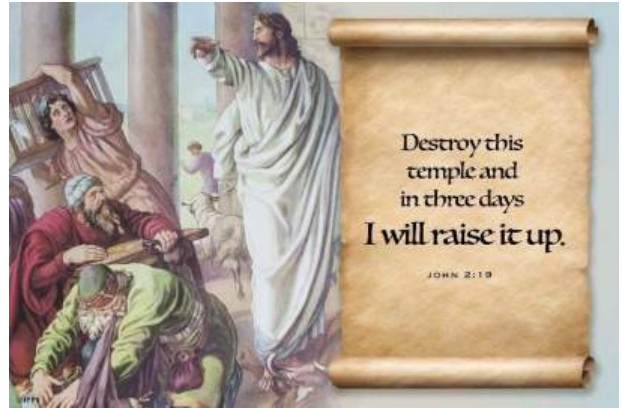
# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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

**April 14, 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>
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### 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.*

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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
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Financial Council	Joe Koma	Safe Environment Coordinator	
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Roseann Heydt/Peg Duell	Pamela Russo	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
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Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey		
Pastoral Council	Jerome Scarpati		
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# April 14– Third Sunday Of Easter

## MASS Intentions

- Saturday 5:00 PM (April 13):**  
Anita Harry by husband, children and grandchildren
- Sunday 9:30 AM (April 14):**  
Katherine Bowman by Joann and Joe Kercsmar
- Monday 8:30 AM (April 15):**  
Manuel R. Amorim by Janco family
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (April 17):**  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Thursday 8:30 AM (April 18):**  
Richard Rauch, Sr. by wife Nancy and son Ricky
- Friday 8:30 AM (April 19):**  
Sharon Minnich by Deborah Cebrosky
- Saturday 5:00 PM (April 20):**  
Ludevit and Helen Uhank by daughter Helen Haja and family
- Sunday 9:30 AM (April 21):**  
Ethel DeSousa by children

### 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.**

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.



*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.*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Peter's sermon theme is that the suffering Messiah was raised from the dead. This implies our personal need for repentance and conversion.

### Reading II: I John 2: 1-5a

The author connects knowledge of Christ with observance of His commands. This in turn leads to a deep love of God.

### The Gospel: Luke 24: 35-38

The main point is not the reality of Jesus' body as much as it is His victory over death by His renewal of the table fellowship with His disciples. Preaching repentance "to all nations" becomes their mission.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18



### Marian Altar

*Florence Boose, Geraldine and Lester Tarnopolski by Sharon Boose*

### St. Joseph Altar

*Stanley, Frances, Walter and Violet Tarnopolski*



### Every First Friday of the Month.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus. **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. Mark your calendar now for May 3.



Repetition is one of the keys to learning. As we hear or experience something over and over again, it can create a deeper imprint on our minds, hearts and even in our behaviors. Again and again, the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples for forty days revealing to them what He taught them previously: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." (Luke 24:35-48) Moses, the prophets, the psalmists, Christ Himself, and also the apostles and evangelists repeated the same things over and over, that we may all enter into eternal life. You too are to be witnesses of these things. Over and over again, through different means, in different ways, through words, but mostly through actions, we are to repeat the good news, until it penetrates into the hearts of those around us and transforms lives.

We are blessed to have Bishop Alfred Schlert celebrate Mass with us at Sacred Heart Church on **Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 AM**. He will come to teach our students at Saint John Neumann School and reveal the faith in action throughout our diocese through the Because We Are Catholic annual appeal. After Mass, there will be a light reception with the Bishop in our Parish Center. Come celebrate Mass with the shepherd of our diocese on Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton!

**BINGO!!!** will take place this weekend in our Parish Hall on Sunday, 14 April 2024, with doors opening at 12 PM. \$25 per packet. Cash prizes. Food and baked goods will also be available.

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

#### **#331 "How is the sacrament of Holy Orders celebrated?"**

The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred, in each of its three degrees, by means of the *imposition of hands* on the head of the ordinand by the Bishop who pronounces the solemn *prayer* of consecration. With this prayer he asks God on behalf of the ordinand for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for the gifts of the Spirit proper to the ministry to which he is being ordained."

#### **#332 "Who can confer this sacrament?"**

Only validly ordained bishops, as successors of the apostles, can confer the sacrament of Holy Orders."

#### **#333 "Who can receive this sacrament?"**

This sacrament can only be validly received by a baptized man. The Church recognizes herself as bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. No one can demand to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, but must be judged suitable for the ministry by the authorities of the Church."

#### **#334 "Is it necessary to be celibate to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders?"**

It is always necessary to be celibate for the episcopacy. For the priesthood in the Latin Church men who are practicing Catholics and celibate are chosen, men who intend to continue to live a celibate life "for the kingdom of heaven" (*Matthew 19:12*). In the Eastern Churches marriage is not permitted after one has been ordained. Married men can be ordained to the permanent diaconate."

**Word of the Week: Apocrypha** - a well-defined class of literature with scriptural or quasi-scriptural pretensions, but lacking genuineness and canonicity, composed during the two centuries before Christ and the early centuries of our era. Protestants apply the term improperly to denote also Old Testament books not contained in the Jewish canon but received by Catholics under the name of deuterocanonical.



Please continue to pray for all Priests. Ask God for new Vocations. The Diocese is in need of Vocations and your continued prayers are 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. In Jesus' name. Amen.**



#### **Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Thank you to all who participated last week in the procession and joined us afterwards to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Knights and their good works. God Bless you all.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"The deeper a tree sinks its roots into the soil, the greater are its chances of growing and producing fruit."* - Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin.



**Saint of the Week: Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin** (1809-1890) was born in Canada into a family of illiterate but deeply Christian farmers. From her mother she inherited a piety centered on Divine Providence and the Eucharist

and, from her father, a deep faith and strong patience in suffering. At age 23, Esther enrolled as a boarder at the Convent of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame to learn to read and write. She later became a novice in the Congregation, but had to leave due to health problems. In 1833, Esther became a teacher at a parochial school. At that time, the law stated that women could only teach girls and men only boys. Unable to finance two schools, many parish priests chose not to have any, resulting in illiteracy for many. In 1848, Esther presented her bishop with a plan to found a religious congregation "for the education of poor rural children, both girls and boys in the same schools." A fairly new project for the time! The bishop authorized a modest attempt and the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne in Vaudreuil was founded in 1850. Esther, now called "Mother Marie-Anne," became its first superior. The rapid growth of this young Community soon required larger premises. Unfortunately, there were fights between the chaplain priest and Mother Marie-Anne, so the bishop asked her to resign from any leadership position. Marie-Anne obeyed and was assigned a mostly hidden job in the laundry and ironing room, where she led a life of total self-denial. Her humility, obedience and love were well known and inspired many young girls to follow her example. Like every prophet invested with a mission of salvation, Mother Marie-Anne lived the persecution by forgiving without restrictions, convinced that "there is more happiness in forgiving than in avenging." Sensing that the end was approaching, Mother Marie-Anne left her daughters her spiritual testament in these words that are the summary of her entire life: "May the Holy Eucharist and perfect abandonment to the Will of God be your heaven in the world."

She then died peacefully. Feast day: April 18.

**Help to reengage Catholics** who have fallen away from the faith by simply extending an invitation to them to come with you to Confession, Mass or Adoration. 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.

## Weekly Collection

4/13-4/14 and 4/20-4/21: In Support of the Parish

**Attendance Weekly Goal: 450**

Actual 4/6-4/7: **279**



Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving at: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) with "MyEoffering." Call Sandy with questions at: 610-826-2335.

**2024 Because We Are Catholic Appeal, (BWAC) is Underway.** Join Bishop Schlert April 25, who will be celebrating our daily Mass at 8:30 AM in our Church. Take a moment to visit the website at: [becausewearecatholic.org](http://becausewearecatholic.org) to watch the **BWAC Kick Off video** to learn more about the program and where the donations are going. Thank you to every generous person who has given to the BWAC Appeal. Every penny helps those in need. The Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$3.6 million to support community programs, senior services, retired priests, vocation efforts, parish projects, Catholic schools and more. These efforts cannot take place without funds from the Appeal. *Our Parish Goal is \$22,196.* The Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office thanks you for your continued support of this important campaign and seeks your support for this year.



**Are you new to the area?** If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please contact the Parish Office at: 610-826-2335.

**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.



**Parishioners**—please contact the Rectory Office by email at: [shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net) or phone at: 610-826-2335 with change of address, phone number, email, change in household, etc.

**Thanks for helping us keep our records accurate.**



**\$\$ CASH BINGO**  
**This Sunday, April 14**  
**Doors open 12 Noon**  
**Bingo starts 1:00 PM**

Spread the word...Sacred Heart Church will be hosting BINGO the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month beginning this Sunday, April 14 in the Social Hall. Kitchen will be serving Haluski, BBQ, Hot Dogs, baked goods and beverages. Cost: \$25 Regular BINGO and specials. Cash Prizes. Come out and join us for an afternoon of fun. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.



**Thank you to all who recently donated items for our Flea Market.**

Continue to save your treasures. The ladies are busy sorting and pricing items. The next drop-off date will be posted in an upcoming bulletin. **NOTE: We will NOT BE ACCEPTING:** mugs, glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits and electronics. **We will ACCEPT:** *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. If you have any questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. **Flea Market** is Friday, June 21 through Sunday June 23, 2024.

**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).

**Marian Catholic High School** invites our Marian Alumni to our 2024 Alumni Appreciation Mass on April 24 at 9:30 AM in the John P. "Jack" Malarkey Gymnasium! After Mass, you are welcome to stay and enjoy tours of the school. We look forward to welcoming you back home to Marian. Kindly RSVP by Friday, April 19 by contacting Dr. Erin Marek at: 570-467-3335, ext. 115.

**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.

**Save the date for SJNRS 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Raffle April 27 & 28 in our Social Hall.** Great prizes, food and baked goods available. Ticket Cost \$5/sheet or \$20/5 sheets. Questions, contact Pam Keer at [pamkeer@yahoo.com](mailto:pamkeer@yahoo.com) or phone at: 610-657-7850 or Dana Massey at 484-725-8378.

**DISTRICT 5 SPELLING BEE:** Students from grades 4 and 5 will be competing in the upcoming District 5 Spelling Bee at SSPP Lehigh on April 21. Registration at 12:30 and 1:00 PM is start time.

**CYO MASS and AWARDS BANQUET** for participating students and families is planned for Sunday, May 19 at SSPP, Lehigh at 10:00 AM.

**For more info on an event** or if you are interested in being involved with CYO, please contact **Carolyn Gowin** at: [carolynlgowin@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlgowin@gmail.com) or phone at: 610-751-3744.

**Diocese of Allentown Chess Tournament**  
**9:30 AM check-in. 10:30 AM matches begin.**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
**St. Elizabeth Regional School (gym entrance)**  
**433 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall**

All Chess Club Members or CYO eligible Chess Players in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited. Registration fee \$4.00. Checks payable to District 2 CYO. RSVP to Mrs. Georgia Mock at: [ghodyl@hotmail.com](mailto:ghodyl@hotmail.com). Provide participant names and grades, parent contact info (email and phone) by May 3, 2024.

**Spring is here and in Palmerton** our street sweeping program is in effect from April 1 to October 31. Signs are posted on each street to indicate the day for the street schedule. Please be alert to this when parking in town. For details go to [www.palmertonborough.com](http://www.palmertonborough.com).



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