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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

April 28, 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.sjnrnschool.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/		Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Vocation Promoter	Rectory Office
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Catholic Charities:	
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar	Protecting God's Children	
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Safe Environment Coordinator	
Financial Council	Joe Koma	Pamela Russo	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
Funeral Luncheon Committee		Victim Assistance Coordinator	
	Roseann Heydt/Peg Duell	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC800-791-9209	
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko		
Knights of Columbus	Joe Koma		
Men of Good News	Ed Sidleck		
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey		
	Jerome Scarpati		
Pastoral Council	Lisa Kistler		

Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or
call: 1-800-276-1562.

April 28– Fifth Sunday Of Easter

MASS Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	(April 27): Mary Sander by Isolina Mendes
Sunday 9:30 AM	(April 28): Antonia and Edward Janco by family
Monday 8:30 AM	(April 29): Antonio and Piedade Amorim by Orlando and Samiera Amorim
Wednesday 8:30 AM	(May 1) Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Thursday 8:30 AM	(May 2): Nancy Herzog by Funeral Luncheon Ministry
Friday 8:30 AM	(May 3): First Friday Living and deceased members of the Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday 8:30 AM	(May 4): First Saturday Manuel R. Amorim by Isolina and Bladino Mendes
5:00 PM	John, Mary and David Uhnak by Haja family
Sunday 9:30 AM	(May 5): Intentions of our First Holy Communicants

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.



First Friday, May 3 Adoration **Anytime between 4:00 – 7:00 PM.**

Come spend quiet time with Jesus. 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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31

Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.



Monday:	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



Sanctuary Candle

Manuel Amorim by
Susana Barrows

St. Joseph Altar (2)

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife



May 9: Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil, May 8: 5:00 PM

Feast Day: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

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.



Countless men and women gave their lives for our country and to protect our freedoms, we are called to remember them and their sacrifice. We are also called to continue to use these gifts, teach them to our children, and protect them so we can remain free. If we fail to defend our freedoms and those around us, we could easily lose them.

Similarly, in today's Gospel (John 15:1-8) Jesus proclaims, "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own, unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." This reveals the importance for us to receive the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday. Vines provide nourishment and life to its branches that they may grow and live; in the same way, our souls need the Precious life blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist for our souls to grow holier and enter eternal life.

As the weather gets warmer and people enter into vacations, be sure to plan to attend Mass wherever you travel. The website: www.MassTimes.org is an excellent resource, but it is also helpful to follow up with a phone call to the Church in the area to confirm the Mass times. Christ desires to remain in us; He never takes a vacation from us. May we never separate ourselves from Him, so that we can remain in Him always and enter eternal life.

Receiving the Traveling Chalice

Traveling Chalice

Our program to pray for vocations continues. Each week at the end of Mass, the family who signs up for this program will be invited to come forward to receive the chalice, a card of our seminarians with a prayer on the back and a special blessing from Father Mullins. The family takes the chalice and prayer card home and puts them in a place of honor. Each day, for a week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations. The following week, the family returns the chalice in the box before Mass for another family to take home. Sign-up sheets are on the Communion Rail in the front of church.



Congratulations to Henry Troxell who received Holy Baptism last week!

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#337 "What is the plan of God regarding man and woman?"

God who is love and who created man and woman for love has called them to love. By creating man and woman he called them to an intimate communion of life and of love in marriage: "So that they are no longer two, but one flesh" (*Matthew* 19:6). God said to them in blessing "Be fruitful and multiply" (*Genesis* 1:28)."

#338 "For what ends has God instituted Matrimony?"

The marital union of man and woman, which is founded and endowed with its own proper laws by the Creator, is by its very nature ordered to the communion and good of the couple and to the generation and education of children. According to the original divine plan this conjugal union is indissoluble, as Jesus Christ affirmed: "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (*Mark* 10:9)."

#339 "How does sin threaten marriage?"

Because of original sin, which caused a rupture in the God-given communion between man and woman, the union of marriage is very often threatened by discord and infidelity. However, God in his infinite mercy gives to man and woman the grace to bring the union of their lives into accord with the original divine plan."



Saint of the Week:

Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was born near Milan, Italy. Gianna was one of 13 children in a deeply Catholic family.

She married Pietro Molla in 1955. They had three children while she continued working as a doctor. When she was pregnant with her fourth child, doctors discovered a large uterine tumor. She insisted that the surgeons not remove the entire uterus, which would have aborted the baby, but only what was necessary to allow the baby to come to term. She died seven days after giving birth in 1962. Her husband and three of her children were present in 2004 when the Pope proclaimed her a saint. Feast day: 28 April.

Saint Quote of the Week: "O Jesus, I promise you to submit myself to all that you permit to happen to me; make me only know your will." - Saint Gianna Beretta Molla.

"If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child — I insist on it. Save him." - Saint Gianna Beretta Molla.

Word of the Week: Apologetics - a defense of the faith using reason. Apologetics is the science that aims to explain and justify religious doctrine. It shows the reasonableness of such doctrine in the face of the objections offered by those who refuse to accept any religion, especially Christianity and more particularly Roman Catholicism. Also called fundamental theology as the science that establishes the credibility of Christian revelation on the evidence of miraculous phenomena and the testimony of unbiased history.



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.



It is time for us to spring clean our database!! Parishioners—please contact the Rectory Office by email at: 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.

Make your reservations now for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert and Father Hoffa, Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. Cost: \$5,499.00 per person. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa at: ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

Weekly Collection

4/27-4/28: In Support of the Parish

5/4-5/5: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450

Actual 4/20-4/21: 282



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

3rd Quarter Fiscal Year Financials Update Annual Budget 7/1/23-6/30/24

Fiscal Year Goal:	\$215,000
3 rd Quarter YTD Goal:	\$161,250
3 rd Quarter YTD Actual:	\$172,678
Monthly Sunday Budget Goal:	\$ 17,917
Weekly Sunday Envelope Offerings:	
January Offerings:	\$ 28,226
February Offerings:	\$ 18,199
March Offerings:	\$ 17,627

Our Sunday Offering is our main source of income.

Your support to our Parish is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU for Giving generously in your continued weekly tithes and offerings.



The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal, (BWAC) is Underway. Our parish support is

a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. Take a moment to visit the website at: becausewearecatholic.org to watch the **BWAC Kick Off video** to learn more about the program and where the donations are going. Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment to the **BWAC**.

If you have not done so, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend and drop it in the collection basket. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. *Our Parish Goal is \$22,196.* The Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office thanks you for your continued support of this important campaign and is counting on your support for this year. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at: becausewearecatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at: 800-831-4443.



A perfect gift!
Purchase your tickets for
MOTHER'S DAY CASH BINGO
Sunday, May 12
Doors open 12 Noon
Bingo starts 1:00 PM

Cost: \$25 includes Regular BINGO, specials and door prize ticket. \$20 without Specials. All Mothers will receive an extra door prize ticket. **Minimum payout of \$40 for regular games and \$60 for special games.** To purchase tickets in advance please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.



Continue to save your treasures for our next drop off date of Monday, May 6, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the Church parking lot. Items needed:

baby and childrens clothes, games and toys. Also accepting: books, puzzles, craft items, clothing, Christmas and kitchen items, jewelry, purses, CD's, DVD's and gift cards. **NOTE: We will NOT BE ACCEPTING: mugs, glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits and electronics.** If possible, please place your donated items in boxes.

This is a big event and volunteers are needed in many areas. It is a wonderful way to meet people from the Parish. Volunteer opportunities include helping to get donations ready to sell, set-up gym, clean-up afterwards, kitchen help, raffles, and various other ways to get involved. Questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Our Flea Market is scheduled for June 21 through June 23, 2024.



Join us for our Cinco De Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 4, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in the Social Hall. SJNRS will be serving up Taco Platters. Cost \$15. Your choice of chicken, steak or carnitas Tacos with beans and rice. Eat in or take out. All proceeds benefit SJNRS.

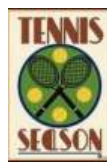
St. John Neumann Regional School
 27th Annual
BASKET RAFFLE
 Saturday April 27: 1pm -630pm
 Sunday April 28: 9am- Noon
 \$5.00 / sheet or \$20.00/5 sheets
 Kitchen will be open !!
 Location: St. John Neumann Regional School
 259 Lafayette Ave. Palmerton



Applications for SJNRS New Pre-K Program for the Fall (2024-2025) are being accepted. 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 8th. Please contact Dr. Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com for details.



CYO Tennis for grades 4-8, practice Saturday mornings 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at Tamaqua Area High School beginning May 4. \$20 registration fee. For details, contact Carolyn Gowin as soon as possible

at: carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com or via phone at: 610-751-3744.

CYO MASS and AWARDS BANQUET for participating students and families is planned for Sunday, May 19 at SS Peter and Paul, Lehighton 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: 610-751-3744 or at: carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com.**

Saturday, May 11, 2024, Diocese of Allentown Chess Tournament at St. Elizabeth Regional School (gym entrance)
433 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall

9:30 AM check-in. 10:30 AM matches begin. Chess Club Members or CYO eligible Chess Players in Grades 5, 6, 7 or 8 are invited. Registration fee \$4.00. Checks payable to District 2 CYO. RSVP to Mrs. Georgia Mock at: ghodyl@hotmail.com. Provide participant names and grades, parent contact info (email and phone) by May 3, 2024.

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, is coming for the first time to **Malvern Retreat House on May 10-12, 2024,** for a Co-Ed Marian Retreat. Fr. Alar, a Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, is the host of the EWTN show "Living Divine Mercy," and author and producer of the YouTube series "Explaining the Faith." Space is limited for this Co-Ed Retreat. Register today at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/.../fr-chris-alar-marian.../>



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