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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 7, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Sandy Miller	<i>Bookkeeper/Secretary</i>
Bonnie Lazorkic	<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. Cemetery	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Vocation Promoter	Rectory Office
Choir/Music Liaison	Frank Hager	Catholic Charities:	
Disability Advocates	Joann Kercsmar	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Financial Council	Marian Carty	Protecting God's Children	
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Joe Koma	Safe Environment Coordinator	
	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	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
Pastoral Council	Jerome Scarpati	www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or	
	Lisa Kistler	call: 1-800-276-1562.	

April 7– Sunday Of Divine Mercy

MASS Intentions

- Saturday 8:30 AM** (April 6): *First Saturday*
For the repose of Leonard and Jacqueline Lauchnor by a friend
- 5:00 PM** Deceased members of Bennett and Uhnak families by Joe and Sue
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (April 7): *Divine Mercy Sunday*
Dr. John Nicholson by Pat and Jack Woginrich
- Monday 8:30 AM** (April 8):
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** (April 10)
John Domant by Tom Muldoon
- Thursday 8:30 AM** (April 11):
Alvina Serfass by Johnette and Shane Kralik
- Friday 8:30 AM** (April 12):
Maria and Joao Fernandes by daughter Lourdes and family
- 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 Kericsmar

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.



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially *Elizabeth Kinsella*. May she be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort her family.

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 4: 32-35

This selection is a summary of the community's support for each other and the power of the Apostles' witnessing the Resurrection.

Reading II: 1 John 5: 1-6

True obedience to the Lord's love command is shown by interaction with others. Faith opposes the world's ideas about how to live.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

The author identifies the crucified Jesus with the risen Lord. Thomas' doubt turns into a beautiful act of faith. Jesus' blessing on those "who have not seen" encourages believers down through the ages.



- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Sanctuary Candle:



Health of Terry O'Neil by wife
Marian Altar
Andrew and Irene Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice



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.



Christ prepared His disciples to inherit great treasures of mercy and grace after His death and resurrection. He assures them of peace, He breathes the Holy Spirit on them and He gives them the ability to continue His mission of forgiving sins.

What are we leaving behind for future generations?

Are we being wasteful? Do we have a proper concern for the environment? Have we made the world a better place? Even more important, have we led our families and those around us to the eternal blessings of our Lord? Are we teaching the youth to be saints of God? There are so many people, like Saint Thomas, who are filled with doubt. Doubts are never resolved by staying away from the Lord or His Church. The only way to help overcome doubt is to search for the Truth; pray with them, pray for them, teach them, and reveal a joyful witness of faith.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#328 "What is the effect of ordination to the priesthood?"

The anointing of the Spirit seals the priest with an indelible, spiritual character that configures him to Christ the priest and enables him to act in the name of Christ the Head. As a co-worker of the order of bishops he is consecrated to preach the Gospel, to celebrate divine worship, especially the Eucharist from which his ministry draws its strength, and to be a shepherd of the faithful."

#329 "How does a priest carry out his proper ministry?"

A priest, although ordained for a universal mission, exercises his ministry in a particular Church. This ministry is pursued in sacramental brotherhood with other priests who form the "presbyterate." In communion with the bishop, and depending upon him, they bear responsibility for the particular Church."

#330 "What is the effect of the ordination to the diaconate?"

The deacon, configured to Christ the servant of all, is ordained for service to the Church. He carries out this service under the authority of his proper bishop by the ministry of the Word, of divine worship, of pastoral care and of charity."



Saint of the Week: John Baptist de la Salle (1651 - 1719) Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. John Baptist was the eldest of 11 children in a noble French family. His studies in Paris were interrupted by the death of his

parents. He returned to Reims, where he finished his education and was ordained in 1678. After settling into the comfortable life of a cathedral canon, he was challenged by a layman who had opened free schools for the poor in Rouen to do the same in Reims. This led to greater involvement with poor children and the founding, growth and operation of his order, which survived opposition and innovated classroom teaching and the use of popular language. Canonized in 1900, he was declared the patron saint of teachers in 1950. Feast day: April 7.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Teachers who are not actively involved in the learning process themselves, force their students to drink from stagnant water."* - St. John Baptist de la Salle.

"Learning without piety produces a proud device; piety without learning produces a useless one." - St. John Baptist de la Salle.

Word of the Week: Apocalypse - the Book of Revelation, commonly attributed to St. John the Apostle. It was written to encourage the persecuted Christians be foretelling the fall of Rome and the final victory of Christ and His church. It is also a prophetic work, describing in anticipation the many trials of the followers of Christ and their eventual triumph over Satan and the forces of Antichrist. It is also eschatological, in predicting the glories of the Heavenly Jerusalem in the City on High. The Apocalypse is the most image-laden book of the New Testament, rich in allegory, and subject to numerous, legitimate interpretations.



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.

Today we will celebrate this great feast day with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 9:30 AM Mass, 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 altar servers will guide the procession through the church. Come participate in God's mercy and help free souls from Purgatory.



All are invited for cake and coffee in the social hall, after the Divine Mercy Eucharistic Procession, to celebrate

the 100th Anniversary of our Knights and their good works. 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. **Please plan on joining us.**

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.

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.



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.

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.

Time to spring clean and update our records!

Parishioners—please contact the Rectory Office by email at: shpmtn@ptd.net or phone at: 610-826-2335 with your change of address, phone number, email, etc.

College students—Please call the Rectory Office or email us at: shpmtn@ptd.net with the name of the College you attend. Thank you.

Thanks for helping us keep our records accurate.

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 8th. Please contact Dr. Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com for details.

Save the date for SJNRS 27th 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 or phone at: 610-657-7850 or Dana Massey at 484-725-8378.

Weekly Collection

4/6-4/7 and 4/13-4/14: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450

Actual:

Palm Sunday: 317	Holy Thursday: 135
Easter: 409	Good Friday: 103



Online giving . . . Visit our parish website at: 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.

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 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 official BWAC Kick-Off mailing will land in your mailboxes this week. 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.



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

Continue to save your treasures and watch for the next drop-off date in the bulletin. 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.



Next Sunday, April 14

\$\$ CASH BINGO.

Spread the word...Sacred Heart Church will be hosting BINGO the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning next Sunday, April 14 in the Social Hall. Doors open 12 Noon and BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. Kitchen will be serving Haluski, BBQ, Hot Dogs, baked goods and beverages. Cost: \$20 Regular BINGO and \$5 for a book of specials. Cash Prizes. For 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.

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.

History of Coca-Cola of Palmerton

The Palmerton Area Historical Society welcomes Frank and Steve Vlossak, who will delight and educate us on what Coca-Cola meant to Palmerton. Join us tomorrow, **Monday, April 8, 2024** in the Knight's Gallery of the Palmerton Library (handicap accessible) beginning at 6:30 PM. The event is FREE and open to the public! For more information, contact the Heritage Center at: 610-824-6954.

Fun Corner Word Search:

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Words:

Blood	Faustina
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