



# May 12 – Seventh Sunday Of Easter

## MASS Intentions

- Saturday 5:00 PM (May 11):** All living and deceased mothers of Sacred Heart
- Sunday 9:30 AM (May 12):** All living and deceased mothers of Sacred Heart
- Monday 8:30 AM (May 13):** Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (May 15):** Sharon Minnich by Andrea Zavilla
- Thursday 8:30 AM (May 16):** Antoinette and Leonard Homlak by children
- Friday 8:30 AM (May 17):** Antonio G. Dias by wife and sons
- Saturday 5:00 PM (May 18):** Frank and Helen Kurtz by children and families
- Sunday 9:30 AM (May 19):** Leonard and Susan Zupon by Cook family



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26

The Apostles elect Matthias to replace Judas, who had "turned away to go to his own place." Thus, the sacred number of 12 is once again denoting those who had witnessed the resurrection.

### Reading II: 1 John 4: 11-16

"We must love one another" because God remains in each of us.

### The Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Jesus offers His high priestly prayer after the Last Supper in which He not only asks His Father to protect His Eleven, but also has in mind Judas who is about to betray Him.



- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5, 7 Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



### Main Altar:

**Sharon Minnich** from:  
Adam and Andrew Minnich  
and Cathy and Marshall Boyer

### Pray the Rosary



*May is the month dedicated to Mary and we honor her especially in the praying of the Rosary.*

### 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, May 26. 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.

**Please join us as we will pray the rosary a half-hour before every Mass during May.**

5/18-5/19/24	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	D. Erickson
9:30 AM	HSM	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/S. Miller	A. Tubbs/C. Davis



A day to celebrate our mothers is not enough. Mothers celebrated us in their wombs for nine months. They push us forth into life and light not just at our birth, but at each moment of our life. They encourage us, correct us, teach us, guide us, and love us into existence. Mothers often clean up after us, tend to our wounds, wipe away our tears, nourish us, and play with us. The Lord commands us to remember the total commitment, sacrifice and struggles our mothers make for us when He issued the fourth commandment: Honor your father and mother. Jesus gives us the perfect example of respect for His mother. As a child at the age of 12, Jesus obeyed His mother when He was lost in the Temple. Even as an adult at the age of 30, Jesus listened and obeyed His mother at the wedding at Cana. Even as He was dying on the cross, Jesus cared for His mother's needs when he commended Saint John to her care. May we recognize the gifts and sacrifices our mothers have made for us and respond with grateful hearts throughout our lives.

**Grateful to our Blessed Mother,** we will pray the Rosary in Church one half an hour before Mass every day in May. Come together as a family of faith to honor the Mother of Christ, and our spiritual mother.

**Altar Server Training:** Saturday, 18 May 2024 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Church. All parishioners who received First Holy Communion and older are eligible to serve.

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

**#343 "How is the sacrament of Matrimony celebrated?"** Since Matrimony establishes spouses in a public state of life in the Church, its liturgical celebration is public, taking place in the presence of a priest (or of a witness authorized by the Church) and other witnesses."

**#344 "What is matrimonial consent?"** Matrimonial consent is given when a man and a woman manifest the will to give themselves to each other irrevocably in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love. Since consent constitutes Matrimony, it is indispensable and irreplaceable. For a valid marriage the consent must have as its object true Matrimony, and be a human act which is conscious and free and not determined by duress or coercion."

**#345 "What is required when one of the spouses is not a Catholic?"** A *mixed* marriage (between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic) needs for liceity the permission of ecclesiastical authority. In a case of *disparity of cult* (between a Catholic and a non-baptized person) a dispensation is required for validity. In both cases, it is essential that the spouses do not exclude the acceptance of the essential ends and properties of marriage. It is also necessary for the Catholic party to accept the obligation, of which the non-Catholic party has been advised, to persevere in the faith and to assure the baptism and Catholic education of their children."




**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"I went back each day for fifteen days, and each time, except one Monday and one Friday, the Lady appeared and told me to look for a stream and wash in it and to see that the priests build a chapel there. I must also pray, she said, for the conversion of sinners. I asked her many times what she meant by that, but she only smiled. Finally, with outstretched arms and eyes looking up to heaven, she told me she was the Immaculate Conception."* - St. Bernadette Soubirous




**Saint of the Week: Bernadette Soubirous** - (1844-1879) As a child from a poor French family in the city of Lourdes, Bernadette suffered from asthma and cholera. Uneducated, she had not made her first communion in 1858, the year she experienced

18 visions of a beautiful lady called the Immaculate Conception who asked for penance and pilgrimage. Bernadette remained unchanged by this extraordinary experience, and in 1866 she became a member of the Sisters of Charity. Chronically ill after 1875 with worsening asthma and tuberculosis of the bones, she died at age 35. When she was canonized in 1933, it was not because she was the visionary of Lourdes, but because of her simple life of prayer, devotion and obedience. Feast Day: 16 April.

**Word of the Week: Apostles' Creed** - a formula of belief, in twelve articles, containing the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, whose authorship Church tradition ascribes to the Apostles. Its full text reads: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

 **Thank you to the families who have signed up for this program, as we continue to pray for vocations.** At the end of Mass, you will be invited to come forward to receive the chalice and a prayer card with pictures of our seminarians. Father Mullins will give a special blessing to the family. The family will take the chalice and prayer card home and place the chalice in a place of honor for the week. Each day, the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals). The family returns the chalice in the box, the following week, before Mass for another family to take home.

 **A special welcome to all Mothers today. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter.**  
**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Amen."**

**Sunday, May 19, CYO Mass and Awards Banquet** for participating students and families at SS Peter and Paul, Leighton at 10:00 AM. For details, please contact **Carolyn Gowin at: 610-751-3744 or at: [carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com).**



**This weekend the Knights of Columbus kick off the Baby Bottle Campaign** to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem. Their mission is to prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. The Knights ask that you pick up an empty baby bottle, as a reminder to support life; and fill it with spare change (coins, cash or checks). Return the bottle to the box in Church by Father's Day, June 16. Questions, email Andy Goodbred, Campaign Coordinator at: [agoodbred@gmail.com](mailto:agoodbred@gmail.com). The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

**SJNRS KINDER KAMP**, explore learning with us, on Wednesday, May 15 from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Slatington Campus (641 Washington Street) for any interested and incoming students who will be 5 years old by October 15. Call 610-826-2354 to reserve your spot today!

**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.



**Applications for SJNRS New Pre-K Program** for the 2024-2025 program are being accepted. All children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll. Enroll today call: 610-826-2354.

**Dine in or take out at Sapore Restaurant Leighton** this Wednesday, May 15 and 10% of proceeds will benefit SJNRS. Must mention St. John Neumann School when ordering.

**Palmerton Swim Team 2024.** Swimmers between age 6 and the summer following 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are able to comfortably swim one length of the pool are eligible to register for the 2024 swim season! Practices begin on Tuesday, May 28. First week of practice is free for new swimmers. Cost \$65 with season membership to Palmerton Pool, and \$90 for non-memberships. For details, contact Carolyn Gowin at: [Carolyn.L.Gowin@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.L.Gowin@gmail.com) or at: 610-751-3744.

**The Palmerton Area Historical Society** invites you to join them tomorrow, Monday, May 13 in the Knight's Gallery of the Palmerton Library at 6:30 PM. George Elliston will give a presentation on the history of the Palmerton Pool (PMPA). This is a FREE event and open to the public! Questions, please contact the Heritage Center at: 610-824-6954.

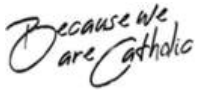


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5/11-5/12 and 5/18-5/19

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450  
Actual 5/4-5/5: 298



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.



On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance. 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. Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment.. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at: [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or call the Appeal Office at: 800-831-4443.



A sincere thank you to everyone who dropped items off last week and a special thank you to the Knights-Of-Columbus, for helping load the truck. Also thank you to all who have been sorting and pricing items. Volunteer opportunities are available to help either before, during or after the Sale. Please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM to let her know when you would be available to help. **Our Flea Market is scheduled for June 21 through June 23, 2024.**

**Fun Corner: Happy Mother's Day!**

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**Word Search:**

care love matron mommy parent  
gift madre maw mother  
kind mami momma mum



A perfect gift! Still time to join us!  
**Today Sunday, May 12**  
**Doors open 12 Noon – Kitchen Open**  
**Bingo starts 1:00 PM**

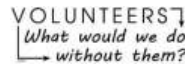
Cost: \$25 includes Regular BINGO, specials and door prize ticket. \$20 without Specials. All Mothers will receive an extra door prize ticket. **Minimum payout of \$40 for regular games and \$60 for special games.**

**Monday, June 14, 2024 Holy Family Senior Living Annual Golf tournament Southmoore Golf Club.** Visit: [www.holyfamilysl.org/golf](http://www.holyfamilysl.org/golf) or contact Michele Mullikin at: 610-871-5200 x2282 or [mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org).



**June 7, 2024**  
**Sacred Heart Feast Day**  
**First Friday**  
**Adoration: 3:00-6:00 PM**  
**Feast Day Mass: 6:00 PM**

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner following Mass in the Social Hall**



**Volunteer Appreciation: There will be a free dinner for all volunteers who supported our parish over the past year;** (Altar Servers, Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, EMs, Choirs, Altar Guild, Catechists, Counters, Gardeners, all who help in parish events: Funeral Luncheons, Service Day, Flea Market, Festival, Bingo and all who provide a hidden service). We will have this celebration on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7, 2024) after the 6:00 PM Mass in the Social Hall. Menu: Breaded Cod fish, Vegetable Lasagna, Eggplant Parm, coleslaw, garden salad, desert. Reservations are required. Please return the registration form below by placing in the collection basket or calling the Rectory Office by Noon on Monday, May 20. Questions contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
**Friday, June 7, 2024 following the 6:00 PM Mass**  
**Registration Form:**

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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