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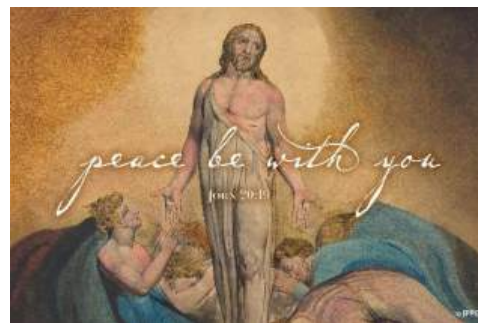
# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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

May 19, 2024

### PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins *Pastor*  
Steven Uhnak *Coordinator, Religious Education*  
Sandy Miller *Bookkeeper/Secretary*  
Bonnie Lazorick *Secretary*  
Dan Podorsky *Part Time Maintenance*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office 610-826-2335

### St. John Neumann Regional School

Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354  
Palmerton Campus [www.sjnerschool.org](http://www.sjnerschool.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  
Altar Servers Father Mullins  
Bereavement Sharers Olivia Erickson  
Bible Study/Prayer Group/  
Prayer Chain Peg Duell  
C.A.C.P.A.C. Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth  
Cemetery Frank Hager  
Choir/Music Liaison Joann Kercsmar  
Disability Advocates Marian Carty  
Financial Council Joe Koma  
Funeral Luncheon Committee  
Roseann Heydt/Peg Duell  
High School Ministry Tricia Matsko  
Knights of Columbus Joe Koma  
Men of Good News Ed Sidleck  
Palmerton Festival Dana Massey  
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Lisa Kistler

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Maintenance Committee Jim Matsko  
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Tom Miller 610-435-1541 ext. 374

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Pamela Russo 610-871-5200, ext. 2204  
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[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or  
call: 1-800-276-1562.

# May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

## MASS Intentions

- 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
- Monday 8:30 AM (May 20):**  
Antonio G. Dias by brother and family
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (May 22)**  
Edgardo and Erlinda Salazar by family
- Thursday 8:30 AM (May 23):**  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Friday 8:30 AM (May 24):**  
Tommy McCarthy by Ed and Eileen
- Saturday 5:00 PM (May 25):**  
Charles and Joann Nemeth by Jim and Lori Nemeth
- Sunday 9:30 AM (May 26):**  
Deacon Bill and Irene Pitts by Duane and Carol Costenbader

### 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.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Acts 2: 1- 11

St. Luke provides us a dramatic episode for Pentecost which illustrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the universal Church via multiple foreign languages understood by the Apostles for preaching purposes.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Each and every one of us receives the power of the Holy Spirit, by which we can do some particular good in the Church. Our baptism has placed us within the one Body of Christ.

### The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus appears to the disciples showing them His risen body, now bearing the scars brought about by His crucifixion. He then confers the power of forgiveness on the disciples.



- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14  
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 Mk 9:30-3
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20



### Sanctuary Candle

*Health of Terry O'Neil by wife*

### Pray the Rosary



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

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

5/25-5/26/24	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/A. Krawchuk	H. Werner
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/S. Miller	C. Tubbs/S. Goodbred



On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus so that they may carry on the mission of Jesus to all the world.

Please pray for the success of our diocesan campaign: "Because We Are Catholic" so that we may continue Jesus' mission in our diocese. This campaign seeks to spread the teachings of Jesus to all by supporting our Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs. It trains young men to serve our diocese as priests, to forgive sins, to heal the sick and nourish God's people with the Bread of Life. This annual campaign cares for sick and the elderly through our Catholic Institutions like Holy Family Manor. It provides food to the hungry through diocesan soup kitchens and food pantries. It cares for the health needs of those retired priests who have served so faithfully in our diocese. Please pray for the success of the "Because We Are Catholic" appeal, that the rivers of living water of God's grace may flow throughout our diocese and bring forth great fruit.

***Saint John Neumann Regional school recently was officially approved by Pennsylvania to begin a Pre-School as well as an Extended Care program.***

Consider sending your child, grandchild or even godchild to our Catholic School (Pre-K to 8th grade) where they will receive outstanding academics, develop strong faith, and become good leaders who apply the Gospel message to their lives. In our Catholic School, we pray together every day, we celebrate Mass once a week, learn about our faith, prepare for the sacraments, and practice works of charity to benefit our Church and community. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your child. Call 610-826-2354 to register, or to receive a tour.

Check out the Make a Joyful Noise video by SJNRS and vote for our school by May 31. Visit: [WeLoveOurCatholicSchools.com/fundraising/st-john-neumann-regional-school](http://WeLoveOurCatholicSchools.com/fundraising/st-john-neumann-regional-school) to watch and vote.

***Grateful to our Blessed Mother***, we will continue to pray the Rosary a half-hour before every Mass during the month of May. Come together as a family of faith to honor the Mother of Christ, and our spiritual mother.

**BINGO:** Thanks to all who made our Bingo fundraiser last Sunday a great success! We gave out prizes of \$40 for regular games and \$60 for special games and the 50/50 Bingo game gave out a prize of \$105. With the income we received, we will purchase new lightweight tables for the gym so we can use them for more fundraising activities. As we get more players, the prizes will increase and we can continue to improve our parish! Please mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers: ***we will have Bingo every Second Sunday of the month! Hope to see you on June 9<sup>th</sup>!!***

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

**#346 "What are the effects of the sacrament of Matrimony?"**

The sacrament of Matrimony establishes a perpetual and exclusive *bond* between the spouses. God himself seals the consent of the spouses. Therefore, a marriage which is ratified and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. Furthermore, this sacrament bestows upon the spouses the grace necessary to attain holiness in their married life and to accept responsibly the gift of children and provide for their education."

**#347 "What sins are gravely opposed to the sacrament of Matrimony?"**

Adultery and polygamy are opposed to the sacrament of matrimony because they contradict the equal dignity of man and woman and the unity and exclusivity of married love. Other sins include the deliberate refusal of one's procreative potential which deprives conjugal love of the gift of children and divorce which goes against the indissolubility of marriage."





**Saint of the Week: Bernardine of Siena** (1380-1444) was born in Italy and studied at university there. He was ordained a

Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who attracted huge crowds by focusing on honest, penitential living and reverence for the holy name of Jesus, who led him to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism, and rejected three applications to become a bishop. This renowned Italian preacher was canonized just six years after his death. Feast Day: 20 May.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"You must know that when you 'hail' Mary, she immediately greets you! Don't think that she is one of those rude women of whom there are so many — on the contrary, she is utterly courteous and pleasant. If you greet her, she will answer you right away and converse with you!"*  
 - Saint Bernardine of Siena

**Word of the Week: Apostolic Succession** - the uninterrupted lineage of bishops that goes back to the time of the Apostles. In Acts 1:15-22, Saint Peter as the first pope declares the need to replace Judas Iscariot to continue Jesus' mission until the end of time. Saint Matthias succeeded the Iscariot in his office. The Apostles laid hands upon Matthias and with the Holy Spirit consecrated him as bishop and apostle. At every new bishop's ordination, there are at least three other bishops who "lay hands" upon the head of the new bishop, thereby signifying the successors of the Apostles appointing another to serve God's people as a shepherd. Only the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church have Apostolic Succession.

 **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.

 **Last weekend the Knights of Columbus kicked 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.



**Plan to join us on Monday, May 27** for our 8:30 AM Memorial Day Mass as we pray for our deceased loved ones.



**SJNRS PreK Registration:** Children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll. Please contact the Palmerton Office at 610-826-2354 or email: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com) for info.

**Kindergarten Registration:** SJNRS is accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who will be age 5 by October 15th are eligible to register.

**New Student Registration:** SJNRS accepting applications for Grades 1 through 8 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please contact the Palmerton Office email at: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com) or phone at: 610-826-2354 for a registration packet and schedule a tour with Dr. Heery.

### Weekly Collection

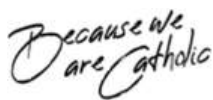
**5/18-5/19:** In Support of the Parish  
**5/25-5/26** In Support of the Parish  
**Second Collection:** Cemetery Maintenance  
**Attendance Weekly Goal:** 450  
**Actual 511-5/12:** 312



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.

**Next weekend our Second Collection** is to assist with our Cemetery maintenance, including lawn care. The Parish is responsible for maintaining 3 Cemeteries: Holy Cross (Fireline Road) and the Old and New Sacred Heart Cemeteries (3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Stoney Ridge Road). Your generous donation, especially if your loved ones are buried in any of our Cemeteries, would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in purchasing a plot as part of your Pre-Planning, please call the Parish Office or Frank Hager at 610-826-3178.

**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).



**Many thanks** to those who have made a commitment to the **Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal.**

To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or pick-up an envelope at the entrances to the Church or visit the Appeal's website at: **BecauseWeAreCatholic.org** or call the Appeal Office at: 800-831-4443. You may drop off your pledge form/donation at the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket. You are Invited: Because we Are Catholic Daily Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, May 22 at St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield - 8:30 AM.



**Save the Date! Our next BINGO, Sunday, June 9! Doors open 12 Noon – Bingo starts 1:00 PM**

Cost: \$25 includes Regular BINGO games, specials and door prize ticket. Call Rectory Office at 610-826-2335 with questions or to purchase advance tickets.



Thank you to Bernice and all the volunteers who have been sorting and pricing items. We cannot have

a successful fundraiser without your help! As we get closer to the date of sale, numerous volunteers are needed and welcomed! Bernice will be available after Masses the weekend of June 1 and 2 in the back of Church to answer your questions and to sign you up to help. Please let her know when you would be available to help. **Our Flea Market is scheduled for June 21 through June 23, 2024.**

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert and Father Hoffa, Tuesday, March 25, – Saturday, April 3, 2025.** Cost: \$5,499.00 per person. Contact Father Allen Hoffa to make your reservations at: **ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org** or **610-921-2729, ext. 2205.**

**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** or at: 610-751-3744.



Join us Sunday, May 26 following 9:30 AM Mass for coffee and donuts in the Social Hall as we kick off summer. A special thank

you to all the volunteers who helped each month for providing our parishioners this social event. We will be off for the summer but look forward to restarting the program in the Fall. Enjoy your summer!

Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend this **Free event: Third Annual Tennis Carnival** Saturday, May 25, noon-3:00 PM at 738 Mahoning Drive East, Lehighton. Rain Date: May 26. RSVP to: **hello@valleyroyale.com**.



**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**

**VOLUNTEERS** *What would we do without them?* **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:**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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