



# May 26 – The Most Holy Trinity

## MASS Intentions

- 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
- Monday 8:30 AM** (May 27): **Memorial Day** Peter Kern by Phil and Sue Steigerwalt
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** (May 29) Peter Kern by a friend
- Thursday 8:30 AM** (May 30): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Friday 8:30 AM** (May 31): John and Josephine Banas by Joann
- Saturday 5:00 PM** (June 1): Mary Sander by Altar Rosary Society
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (June 2) Manuel Amorim by Susie and Gary Shinsky

### 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 **George Duell**. May he be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort his 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.



*Plan to join us tomorrow, Monday, May 27* for our 8:30 AM Memorial Day Mass as we remember in our prayers the men and women who served our country faithfully.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

Israel's unique vocation is to declare the uniqueness of the one and only God.

### Reading II: Romans 8: 14-17

Through the Spirit, a Christian becomes a child of God, so that he/she can, in turn, has the right to call God "Abba," which is often translated "Daddy."

### The Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

This section contains the "Great Commission," which is given to the eleven disciples despite their doubt.



- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52
- Friday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday:** Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



LIGHT A CANDLE FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### Sanctuary Candle

*Health of Terry O'Neil by wife*

### Marian Altar

*Marianne Berk by husband George*



**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**

Memorial Day			
	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5/27/24	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	TBD
Weekend Masses			
	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
6/1-6/2/24	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	D. Erickson
5:00 PM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Wehr/T. Gades	J/J Scarpati
9:30 AM			



Our parish Feast Day approaches!

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion made popular by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. She was inspired by visions of Jesus to spread this devotion. Unite yourself to Christ who accepted all sufferings and difficulties as a way to bring us even closer to the Father's love—with a real and physical heart, symbolizing his eternal and infinite charity. Saint Margaret stated our Lord made the following 12 promises to those who honor His Sacred Heart:

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will give peace in their families and will unite families that are divided.
- I will console them in all their troubles.
- I will be their refuge during life and above all in death.
- I will bestow the blessings of Heaven on all their enterprises.
- Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall rise quickly to great perfection.
- I will bless those places wherein the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored and will imprint My love on the hearts of those who would wear this image on their person. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.
- I will give to priests who are animated by a tender devotion to my Divine Heart the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.
- I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they will not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



**NOVENA  
TO THE  
SACRED  
HEART OF  
JESUS**

**Pray each day for nine days  
starting Wednesday  
29 May 2024:**

***In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you."

Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of . . . *(Mention your Intention Here)*. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of . . . *(Mention your Intention Here)*. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of . . . *(Mention your Intention Here)*. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)  
#348 "When does the Church allow the physical separation of spouses?"**

The Church permits the physical separation of spouses when for serious reasons their living together becomes practically impossible, even though there may be hope for their reconciliation. As long as one's spouse lives, however, one is not free to contract a new union, except if the marriage be null and be declared so by ecclesiastical authority."

**#349 "What is the attitude of the Church toward those people who are divorced and then remarried?"** The Church, since she is faithful to her Lord, cannot recognize the union of people who are civilly divorced and remarried. "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" (*Mark 10:11-12*). The Church manifests an attentive solicitude toward such people and encourages them to a life of faith, prayer, works of charity and the Christian education of their children. However, they cannot receive sacramental absolution, take Holy Communion, or exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities as long as their situation, which objectively contravenes God's law, persists."

**Receiving the Traveling Chalice** *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 the following week before Mass.

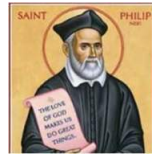
**PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS**  
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for our future priests

Father Mullins is pleased to announce that Sacred Heart has been assigned a seminarian for the summer. Please extend a warm welcome to "**James**" (Hy James Ngo) when he arrives. He will be with us for two months, Tuesday, June 4 to Tuesday, August 6. James has completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology at St. Charles Seminary.

**ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY**

Father Mullins is pleased to announce that 4 new Altar Servers have been trained. We welcome: *Mason Cuyler, Nash Cuyler, Benjamin Goodbred and Jack Scarpati.*

**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.




**Saint of the Week:** Philip Neri (1515-1595) grew up in Florence, Italy and his family had plans to become a merchant, but he preferred to serve God, and in 1533 he went to Rome to study philosophy and theology. He lived as a layman for 17 years, founding a lay brotherhood for common worship and caring for the sick and pilgrims. He experienced an ecstasy in the catacombs, and was later ordained. With priest friends he founded the Congregation of the Oratory in 1575. Something of a celebrity to all Romans, rich and poor, Philip was known as "the apostle of Rome." Feast Day: 26 May.

**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.

**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. Accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year for:  
**PreK Registration:** Children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024.  
**Kindergarten Registration:** Children who will be age 5 by October 15, 2024.  
**New Student Registration:** Grades 1 through 8.  
 For details, to schedule a tour or to register call: 610-826-2354 or email: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com).

## Weekly Collection

5/25-5/26 In Support of the Parish  
**Second Collection:** Cemetery Maintenance  
 6/1-6/2: In Support of the Parish  
**Attendance Weekly Goal:** 450  
 Actual 5/11-5/12: 297


 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.

*This 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 support 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.

*Because we are Catholic*  
 We are grateful to our parishioners who have pledged their support to the 2024 *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*.


<b>As of May 20:</b>	Parish Goal:	22,196
# of Donors: 67	Total Committed:	\$15,440


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](http://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.

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

 **Save the Date!**  
**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.

**FLEA MARKET** As you know, numerous volunteers are needed and welcomed for our Flea Market! Bernice will be available after Mass next weekend, June 1 and 2, in the back of Church to answer your questions and to sign you up to help. Thank you to Bernice and all the volunteers who have been sorting and pricing items. We cannot have a successful fundraiser without your help! ***Our Flea Market is scheduled for June 21 through June 23, 2024.***

 **The Knights of Columbus Lafayette Council #2522** appreciates your support of the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem. Please pick-up a baby bottle as you leave Mass today 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.

 Join us after 9:30 AM Sunday, 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!

### Fun Corner: Memorial Day

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