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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

June 16, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Hy (James) Gia Ngô	<i>Summer Seminarian</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
Steven Uhnak, Coordinator	
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

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	Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Altar Servers	Father Mullins	Safety, Security and	
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson	Maintenance Committee	Jim Matsko
Bible Study/Prayer Group/ Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Catholic Charities:	
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator	
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC:	800-791-9209
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator	
Financial Council	Joe Koma	Pamela Russo, M.S.W, M.S.	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Roseann Heydt/Peg Duell	Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services	
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
Knights of Columbus	Joe Koma	prusso@allentowndioocese.org	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pastoral Council	Jerome Scarpati	www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	
Pro Life Coordinator	Lisa Kistler	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
	Veronica Scarpati	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
		www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

June 16 – Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS Intentions

- Saturday (June 15):**
5:00 PM All living and deceased fathers of Sacred Heart Parish
- Sunday (June 16):**
9:30 AM Antonio G. Dias by wife and sons
- Monday (June 17):**
8:30 AM Antonio and Rosa Sousa by daughter and family
- Wednesday (June 19):**
8:30 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Thursday (June 20):**
8:30 AM Antonio and Gloria by daughter and sons
- Friday (June 21):**
8:30 AM Deceased parents of Elzbieta and Jerome Palms
- Saturday (June 22):**
5:00 PM Gerald Niehoff by family
- Sunday (June 23):**
9:30 AM Darryl Moyer by Lori and Jim Nemeth

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.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newly registered members: **Peter and Marcie Ondrasik and daughter Olivia Grace.** May your stay with us be spiritually enriching, long and happy!

If you are new to our Parish and would like to Register, please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826 2335. New Parishioners are always welcome!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

The newly cut twig from the treetop represents a future king from the House of David.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Paul points out that we walk by faith and not by sight. We need to be courageous facing death.

The Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

We have two "kingdom parables." The first is about seeds that grow. The second is about encouraging believers because the coming of the kingdom is inevitable.



- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sanctuary Candle



John "Jack" Porambo by wife and family

St. Joseph Altar - 2

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie

This weekend we celebrate **Father's Day.** Reminder: If you want to remember your Father(s) in a special way, please print their name(s) on the Father's Day offering envelope and place the envelope in the collection basket. Envelopes are placed on the St. Joseph's Altar for the month of June.

Remember God doesn't take a Summer vacation! So, you shouldn't forget Him on your Summer vacation. He will be home in every Parish and any Parish can be your home away from home for weekend Mass. Visit masstimes.org for a Church near you.

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule			
6/22-6/23/24	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	K. Erickson/James	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/L. Koons/James (choir)	A. Tubbs/C. Sebelin



On this Father's Day weekend, it is good to reflect on good Saint Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph didn't have all the answers. He didn't know what to do when he discovered his wife, the Blessed Virgin Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. He was filled with anxiety when the child Jesus was lost in the Temple. But it was critical for Saint Joseph to be the foster-father of Jesus. He sought the best for His family by discerning God's Will. He protected the Christ child and His mother from King Herod. He provided for the family through his work as a carpenter. He led the family in prayer as they went every sabbath to the synagogue and every year to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. Saint Joseph revealed a pure, chaste love to His wife. Finally, Saint Joseph prepared himself and thereby his family to prepare for their own death and entrance into eternal life with God our Father. We ask Saint Joseph to intercede for our fathers: may the Lord bless them for all their labors, guide them in their decisions, protect them from all harm, and one day rejoice to receive them in the heavenly kingdom. Happy Father's Day!



Saint of the Week: Romuald (950-1027AD) was born in Italy. Though he had always desired virtue and sanctity, he wasted the early part of his life in the service of the world and its pleasures. Then, when his father wished him to be present at a duel he was fighting, Romuald saw his father kill his enemy in the duel. The killing made such an impression upon Romuald that he decided to expiate it for forty days, as though he had committed the crime. In order to do this, Romuald retired to a Benedictine monastery of Saint Apollinare, near Ravenna, where he became the Abbot. He founded several monasteries, and also laid the foundations for the Order of the Camaldoli in Tuscany. Romuald was assailed by many temptations in the beginning of his spiritual life, but over time he conquered them through vigilance and prayer. Attempts were made on Romuald's life more than once as well, but God kept him safe. He also became the victim of calumny, which he bore in patience and silence. As he got older, Romuald increased his austerities instead of decreasing them. Feast Day: 19 June.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#354 "What is the relationship between the sacraments and the death of a Christian?" The Christian who dies in Christ reaches at the end of his earthly existence the fulfillment of that new life which was begun in Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished in the Eucharist, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The meaning of the death of a Christian becomes clear in the light of the death and Resurrection of Christ our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus goes "away from the body to be at home with the Lord" (2 *Corinthians* 5:8)."

#355 "What do funeral rites express?" Although celebrated in different rites in keeping with the situations and traditions of various regions, funerals express the paschal character of Christian death in hope of the resurrection. They also manifest the meaning of communion with the departed particularly through prayer for the purification of their souls."

#356 "What are the main moments in funerals?" Usually, funeral rites consist of four principal parts: welcoming the body of the deceased by the community with words of comfort and hope, the liturgy of the Word, the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and the farewell in which the soul of the departed is entrusted to God, the Source of eternal life, while the body is buried in the hope of the resurrection."

Word of the Week: Archangel - a chief or ruling angel. The term occurs twice in the New Testament (Jude 5:9; I Thessalonians 4:16) and has two meanings in the Catholic vocabulary. In its wider sense, an archangel is any angel of higher rank, so that St. Michael is an archangel although he is the prince of the Seraphim. But more strictly, archangels are those angelic spirits who belong to the eighth or second last of nine choirs of angels. As distinct from guardian angels, archangels are messengers of God to men in matters of greater significance. Thus Raphael delivered Tobias' wife from demonic obsession (Tobit 12:6, 15) and traditionally is identified with the angel who moved the waters of the pool, where Christ worked his miracle (John 5:1-4). Gabriel was the angel of the Annunciation. St. Michael is the leader of the heavenly host, who fought and won against the rebellious spirits (Revelation 12:7-9).

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction."* - Saint Romuald.

Weekly Collection

6/15-6/16: In Support of the Parish
6/22-6/23: In Support of the Parish
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
Actual 6/1-6/2: 276
Actual 6/8-6/9: 270

Last weekend our Second Collection to support our *Helping Hands* ministry amounted to: \$1,175. These volunteers do many behind the scenes works of charity for our Parish and community. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Our Parish Financial Fiscal Year closes June 30, 2024. We thank all who have sacrificed so generously to continue to support our Parish and its ministries during this year. We ask that all back envelopes be returned by June 30 to be included for this fiscal year.

In Loving Memory **The Parish** gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the *Sacred Heart Memorial Fund* made in memory of **George H. Duell** by: Teresa and Joe Amorim, Tom and Betty Lou McBride.

Because We are Catholic We are grateful to our parishioners who have pledged their support to the 2024 **Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal**. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your pledge form at the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket anytime this month or visit the Appeal website at: **BecauseWeAreCatholic.org**. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach 100% participation.



You could win \$1,000 Cash!! *Tickets were mailed to parishioners for our "Christmas in July Raffle."* If you did not receive your tickets, please call the Rectory Office. Every Parish family is asked to buy or sell 5 tickets at \$10/ticket. Sell all 5 tickets and automatically you will receive a FREE ticket. Return ticket stub by Friday, July 26. Prize winners will be drawn Sunday, July 28 after 9:30 AM Mass. Cash prizes: **1st prize: \$1,000; 2nd prize: \$500; 3rd Prize: \$150, 4th Prize: \$50 and 5th Prize: \$50.** Additional tickets are available at the Rectory Office. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church. Good Luck! **Thank you to Harold Schisler and Campton Funeral Home for sponsoring the tickets!**

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark and Catechism Series on Virtues

We are excited to announce a Bible Study series on the Gospel of Mark, led by our seminarian, James. This enriching study will take place every Wednesday evening throughout the summer at 7:00 PM. Please join us this Wednesday, June 19. Each session will be held at the Parish Center. James will guide us through the dynamic narrative of Mark, offering insights into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth, deepening your understanding of the scriptures, and fostering our community.

Also, there will be a special Catechism series on the Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. This series will be conducted over four evenings, from June 25 to June 28 and will begin at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Our seminarian, James, will lead these sessions offering insights into these foundational virtues that shape our Christian life. Each evening will focus on one of the virtues, with the final session synthesizing how they work together in our spiritual journey.

This series is a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding and practice of these essential virtues. It is open to everyone, regardless of where you are in your faith journey.

We look forward to seeing you there and growing together in faith. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days (two separate retreats for young men and women) will be held on July 7-11 at Muhlenberg College! All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend these discernment retreats to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. The retreats will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship! Sign up for Quo Vadis (young men's retreat) at: **allentowndiocese.org/quo-vadis**. Sign up for Fiat Days (young women's retreat) at: **allentowndiocese.org/fiat-days**.

Saint John Neumann Regional school recently received a huge scholarship donation. If money was the only issue that prevented you from sending your child to our school, there is no longer any excuse. 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. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your child.

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.

To register or to receive a tour call: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com.

NOTE: SJNRS SUMMER HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

June 20 Barn Door Pizza located at Country Junction. Dine in or take out only all day and mention SJNRS for them to receive Credit.

SJNRS Summer Camps: Monday through Thursday 12 Noon – 3:00 PM starting week of: July 8-11: Chess; July 15-18: Basketball and Technology; July 22-25: Vacation Bible Study and Cooking. Details call: 610-826-2354.



Sunday, July 14
Bingo starts 1:00 PM.

Call the Rectory Office to purchase your advance ticket today. \$25 will give you a Regular Bingo Packet, a Specials Packet and a Ticket for a drawing. Mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers: **We will have Bingo every Second Sunday of the month!**



Thank you to all who participated in the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign to support the pro-life efforts at the Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem. Your spare change will change lives! If you still have your bottle or extra change, you can drop it off at the rectory office or with the ushers at Mass this weekend. Questions contact: Dr. Andy Goodbred at: agoodbred@gmail.com.

Join us this Sunday, June 16 in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by *Joey and The T-Birds*, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.



Come find some great treasures at great prices this weekend in our Parish Hall.
Friday-Saturday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

We will also have some delicious food (eat-in or take-out) and a basket raffle.

We want to thank everyone who has donated their treasures and/or their time! We know that with hard work and prayers, we will make the flea market a success. Set-up continues in the gym throughout this week. 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: before, during or after the Sale.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love In Your Marriage: Struggling in your marriage? There is help. Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Fun Corner: Happy Father's Day!

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Word Search

Abba Daddy Padre Pappy Paw Pop
Dad Father Papa Parent Patriarch

Father's Day Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, As a Father, help me to follow Your example to be patient, to be caring, to be understanding, to be forgiving, to be firm, to be compassionate, to be a teacher, to be loving, to be a good listener and most importantly, to be there as a parent, as You are always there for me. Amen.



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