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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 30, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins *Pastor*
Steven Uhnak *Coordinator, Religious Education*
Hy (James) Gia Ngô *Summer Seminarian*
Sandy Miller *Bookkeeper/Secretary*
Bonnie Lazorick *Secretary*
Dan Podorsky *Part Time Maintenance*

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.

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| 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 | | Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services | |
| High School Ministry | Peg Duell | PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538 | |
| Knights of Columbus | Tricia Matsko | prusso@allentowndiocese.org | |
| Palmerton Festival | Joe Koma | Diocesan Youth Protection Programs | |
| Pastoral Council | Dana Massey | www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/ | |
| Pro Life Coordinator | Jerome Scarpati | Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic | |
| | Lisa Kistler | Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at: | |
| | Veronica Scarpati | www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562. | |

June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS Intentions

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| Saturday 5:00 PM | (June 29): Sharon Minnich by Susie and Gary Shinsky |
| Sunday 9:30 AM | (June 30): Edgardo and Erlinda Salazar by family |
| Monday 8:30 AM | (July 1): Gerry Reenock by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lazorick |
| Wednesday 8:30 AM | (July 3): Parishioners of Sacred Heart |
| Thursday 8:30 AM | (July 4): Antonio G. Dias by wife and sons |
| Friday 8:30 AM | (July 5): First Friday Horvath family: John, Anna, Arlene, Ed and Ethel by Debbie |
| Saturday 8:30 AM | (July 6): First Saturday Leonard and Antoinette Homlak by grandchildren |
| 5:00 PM | Sharon Minnich by Rosa, Gary, Sarah and Jessica Sander |
| Sunday 9:30 AM | (July 7): Leonard and Antoinette Homlak by son Gerald |

Sacrament of Penance Schedule

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| 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.

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2:23-24

"God did not make death." So, the writer insists. Rather was it the devil's envy and consequent sin that brought death into the world.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Our Lord Jesus made Himself poor that we might become rich. Not rich by worldly measure but in the measure of eternal life.

The Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43, or 5:21-24, 33b-43

Here Mark uses his trademark "sandwich" device to tell two stories of healing, both of which share components.



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| Monday: | Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 Mt 8:18-22 |
| Tuesday: | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4B-6A, 6B-7, 8 Mt 8:23-27 |
| Wednesday: | Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1BC, 2 Jn 20:24-29 |
| Thursday: | Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 9:1-8 |
| Friday: | Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13 |
| Saturday: | Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 9:14-17 |
| Sunday: | Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6 |

Sanctuary Candle



Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday Father Mullins. May God's love and peace be with you always!



Join us First Friday, July 5
4:00-7:00 PM
Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.

Plan to join us Thursday, July 4, for our 8:30 AM Mass in observance of Independence Day. Our Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.



| 7/6-7/7 | Lector | EM | Altar Servers |
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| 5:00 PM | C. Chies | Fr. Mullins/S. Berger | H. Werner |
| 9:30 AM | J. Dobias | Fr. Mullins/C. Wehr/T. Gades (choir) | A/C/D Gowin |



July 4th is a national holiday commemorating our freedom from foreign rule. In Philadelphia in 1776, the 2nd Continental Congress representing the

13 American colonies signed the Declaration of Independence. Among the best known statements within this document: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

We should pray and give thanks to God for these gifts; we should fight to preserve these gifts and share them with others. Because these gifts come from God, we should pray and daily give thanks. We should teach our children their value. We need to fight to protect these gifts by making our voice heard through voting and prayer, because these truths are being attacked by Satan and sin. Life--many politicians and courts promote the destruction of the life of the unborn which takes the lives of over one million children a year through abortion. Liberty--our religious freedoms are being dismantled in favor of tolerance of evil. Pursuit of Happiness--our public schools prevent children from learning about God who is the source of our eternal happiness.

God gave us free will not to do whatever we want, but the freedom to do what is right. May we carry out His Holy Will and help our nation to do the same.

Word of the Week: **Archives of Vatican** - collections of documents pertaining to the affairs of the Holy See. Since apostolic times, the popes preserved writings of importance, but most of the material before Pope Innocent III (1161-1216) has been destroyed or has disappeared. Pope Paul V (1552-1621) established a central repository of documents of the Holy See. In 1881, Pope Leo XIII opened these archives to scholars for consultation. The Vatican Archives are connected with the Archivist School, which before 1968 was the annual Archivist Institute, first established by Pope Pius XI in 1923. The archives of the Holy See contain tens of thousands of documents and are the most important center of historical research in the world.



Saint of the Week: Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336) was born a princess, being the daughter of King Pedro III of Aragon, Spain. She was named after her great-aunt St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Her childhood days were regularly divided between her studies, her sewing, and her prayers—

kneeling, she accompanied her chaplain at the Divine Office on a daily basis. She was taught that, in order to be truly good, she ought to include mortification of her likes and whims along with her prayer. For example, she did not eat between meals. She was careful to order her life toward the love of God and neighbor, disciplining her habits of life. She was deemed a great beauty, very early in life. Several European monarchs sought her hand in marriage. As was the custom, Elizabeth's parents weighed the political advantages of each proposed match. The greatest benefit, they concluded, would ensue from a matrimonial alliance with King Dinis of Portugal. This was a great cross for Elizabeth because he was a man of little morals, being violent and unfaithful. But she endured heroically this trial. She prayed and offered many sacrifices for him. She always treated him with goodness. The king, for his part, admired her and permitted her to live an authentic Christian life, to a certain degree. She would rise very early in the morning and read six psalms, attend Holy Mass and dedicated herself to manage the duties of the palace. In her free time, she met with other women to make clothing for the poor. She dedicated the afternoons to visiting the elderly and ill. She made possible the construction of hostels, a hospital for the poor, a free school, a home for women repenting from a sinful life and a hospice for abandoned children. She also constructed convents and did other good works for the people. She would lend her beautiful dresses and even one of her crowns for the weddings of poor young women. She bravely intervened on the battlefield of her son vs her husband and brought about their reconciliation. She also brought about the conversion of her husband. Feast Day: 5 July.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Not with weapons, my son, we cannot fix the problem with weapons, but rather with dialogue, continuing negotiations to fix these conflicts."* - St. Elizabeth of Portugal.
"God made me queen so that I may serve others." - St. Elizabeth of Portugal.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#360 "Why are the beatitudes important for us?"
 The beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching and they take up and fulfill the promises that God made starting with Abraham. They depict the very countenance of Jesus and they characterize authentic Christian life. They reveal the ultimate goal of human activity, which is eternal happiness."

#361 "What is the relationship between the beatitudes and our desire for happiness?"
 The beatitudes respond to the innate desire for happiness that God has placed in the human heart in order to draw us to himself. God alone can satisfy this desire."

#362 "What is eternal happiness?"
 It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4), of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things."


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| <p><i>Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark</i> <i>Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 PM</i> <i>Parish Center</i></p> |
| <p>Please join us as we continue our Bible Study series on the Gospel of Mark, led by our seminarian, James. This enriching study will take place Wednesday evenings through July at 7:00 PM 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.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome, 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.</p> |




6/29-6/30: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Peters Pence
7/6-7/7: In Support of the Parish
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
 Actual 6/22-6/23: 256

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please support these charitable works with a donation today. For more information, please visit their website at: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

| May Month-End Financials Update Annual Budget 7/1/23-6/30/24 | |
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| Fiscal Year Goal: | \$215,000 |
| Year-to-date, 5/31/24, Actual: | \$210,678 |
| Monthly Sunday Budget Goal: | \$ 17,917 |
| Weekly Sunday May Offerings: | \$ 17,735 |
| <p><i>Our Sunday Offering</i> is our main source of income. <i>Our Parish Financial Fiscal Year closes today, June 30.</i> We thank all who have sacrificed so generously to continue to support our Parish and its ministries during this year.</p> | |

 **Did you know** Sacred Heart has **Online Giving?** Visit our Parish website, www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the "MyEoffering" icon. If you are already using MyEoffering and would like to stop receiving envelopes in the mail, please contact Sandy in the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

 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. We are grateful to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the Appeal.

As of June 24: **Parish Goal: \$22,196**
of Donors: 80 **Total Committed: \$17,673**

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 or visit the Appeal website at: BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach 100% participation.



Calling all children going into grades K-6th to register for our VBS: **Marvelous Mystery – The Mass Comes Alive.**

July 22-26 from 12:00 – 3:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish Gym.

The VBS will immerse kids in the greatest mystery on earth as they learn about the incredible treasure of the Mass and develop a deeper love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 or SJNRS Office at: 610-826-2354 to register.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, July 3 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details or stop by this Wednesday, July 3!

SJNRS 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. Registration is currently being accepted for:

PreK: Children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024.

Kindergarten: Children who will be age 5 by October 15, 2024.

New Student: Grades 1 through 8.

For details and to register, please call: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com.

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

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.



Thanks to all who donated and volunteered to make our parish Flea Market a success. For those who missed out, SJNRS is continuing to run the Flea Market this weekend! Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You'll get a second chance to uncover some new and great treasures!



You could win \$1,000 Cash!! Tickets were mailed to parishioners for our "Christmas in July Raffle." If you did not receive your tickets or would like additional 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.** All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church. Good Luck! **Thank you to Harold Schisler and Campton Funeral Home for sponsoring the tickets!**



Sunday, July 14.
Doors Open 12 Noon.
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 the drawing. Mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers: **We will have Bingo every Second Sunday of the month!**



Join us this Sunday, June 30 in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by Galena Brass, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.

Fun Corner: Bill of Rights declaring our Freedoms

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Word Search:

- (Freedom of): **Assembly** **Petition** **Press**
- Religion** **Speech**
- (Right to): **Bear Arms** **No Quartering**
- Equal Justice** **Private Property**
- Other Freedoms**



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