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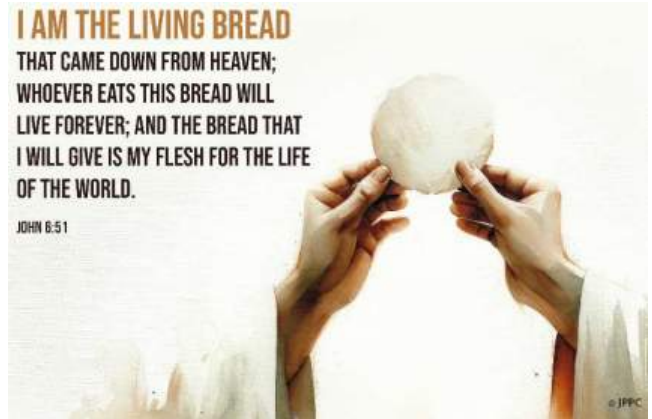
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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



August 11, 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

Steven Uhnak, Coordinator

St. John Neumann Regional School

Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354
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

Altar Servers

Bereavement Sharers

Bible Study/Prayer Group/
Prayer Chain

C.A.C.P.A.C.

Cemetery

Choir/Music Liaison

Disability Advocates

Financial Council

Funeral Luncheon Committee

High School Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Palmerton Festival

Pastoral Council

Pro Life Coordinator

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Father Mullins

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Peg Duell

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Joann Kercsmar

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Joe Koma

Peg Duell

Tricia Matsko

Joe Koma

Dana Massey

Jerome Scarpati

Lisa Kistler

Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands

Safety, Security and

Maintenance Committee

Catholic Charities:

Tom Miller

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC: 800-791-9209

Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator

Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S. 610-871-5200, ext. 2204

Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Youth Protection Programs

www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/

Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic

Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:

www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.

August 11 – Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS Intentions

- Saturday (August 10):**
5:00 PM Michael Becker by wife Mary Ann and family
- Sunday (August 11):**
9:30 AM Elzbieta and Jerome Palms
 Wedding Anniversary
- Monday (August 12):**
8:30 AM Todd Boyer by family
- Wednesday (August 14):**
8:30 AM George Duell by Joann and Joe Kericsmar
- Holy Day of Obligation Vigil**
5:00 PM Sharon Minnich by Karen and Joe Pelc family
- Thursday (August 15): The Assumption**
8:30 AM Gerry Reenock by Joann and Joe Kericsmar
- 7:00 PM** Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Friday (August 16):**
8:30 AM Joseph Bakos, Jr. by James and Barbara Nemecek
- Saturday (August 17):**
5:00 PM Russell and Emily Krawchuk by Andy and Sally Krawchuk
- Sunday (August 18):**
9:30 AM Antonio and Gloria Amorim by daughters and sons

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 **Lori Beltz**. May she be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort her 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, especially **Joe Koma**. 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: 1 Kings 19: 4-8

Elijah runs away from danger and heads to the southern desert. There God provides him food and water for his journey to a sacred place.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 30- 5:2

Any offense against a brother also offends the Holy Spirit. A Christian should be known for his/her love of neighbor.

The Gospel: John 6: 41-51

Jesus' origins cause a dispute. He ignores it and instead focuses on the Bread from Heaven which is Himself given to them as a guarantee of eternal life.



- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56
- Friday:** Ez 16:59-63 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58



LIGHT A CANDLE FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Candles will burn this week for:

St. Joseph Altar:

In memory of David Smiley by Paul and Margaret Carpenito.

Marian Altar (2):

Health and welfare of Angela and Evelyn Devisser from dad/pop-pop.



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.

Date	Time	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
Wed. 8/14	5:00 PM	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil	B. Cornmesser
Thurs. 8/15	8:30 AM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk	H. Werner
Thurs. 8/15	7:00 PM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/T. Gades	S/B Goodbred
Sat. 8/17	5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	M/N Cuyler
Sun 8/18	9:30 AM	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/S. Miller (choir)	C. Davis/C. Sebelin



August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady entered heaven with an incorruptible body and soul. We are called to honor her and seek to

follow her example of welcoming Christ always in our life. By participating in Mass, body and soul, we welcome heaven (life with God) into our lives. Only when we unite ourselves with God, can we be raised up with Christ. By turning away from sin and seeking union with God through prayer, good works and the worthy reception of the sacraments, we prepare ourselves for eternal life. May we rejoice at this gift, this opportunity, this solemnity to be with Our Blessed Mother and celebrate a foretaste of heaven. Masses for the Assumption are:

Wednesday, August 14, Vigil Mass, at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, August 15, Mass at 8:30 AM and at 7:00 PM.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Fly to the Catholic Church! Adhere to the only faith which continues to exist from the beginning, that faith which was preached by Paul and is upheld by the Chair of Peter."* - Saint Hippolytus (3rd century).

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#374 "How is a moral conscience formed to be upright and truthful?" An upright and true moral conscience is formed by education and by assimilating the Word of God and the teaching of the Church. It is supported by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helped by the advice of wise people. Prayer and an examination of conscience can also greatly assist one's moral formation."

#375 "What norms must conscience always follow?" There are three general norms: 1) one may never do evil so that good may result from it; 2) the so-called *Golden Rule*, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them" (*Matthew 7:12*); 3) charity always proceeds by way of respect for one's neighbor and his conscience, even though this does not mean accepting as good something that is objectively evil."

#376 "Can a moral conscience make erroneous judgments?" A person must always obey the certain judgment of his own conscience but he could make erroneous judgments for reasons that may not always exempt him from personal guilt. However, an evil act committed through involuntary ignorance is not imputable to the person, even though the act remains objectively evil. One must therefore work to correct the errors of moral conscience."

Word of the Week: Assumption - The infallible doctrine of Mary's entrance into heaven, body and soul. As defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950, the dogma declares that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven." While there is no direct evidence of the Assumption in the Bible, implicitly the Church argues from Mary's fullness of grace (Luke 1:28). Since she was full of grace, she remained preserved from the consequence of sin, namely corruption of the body after death and postponement of bodily happiness in heaven until the last day. The Church does not rely on the Scriptures for belief in Mary's Assumption. The doctrine is rather part of the oral tradition, handed down over the centuries. It was therefore certainly revealed because, in reply to the questions, the Catholic bishops of the world all but unanimously expressed the belief that this was part of the divine revelations. In explaining the grounds for the Church's belief, Pius XII singled out the fact that Mary was the Mother of God; as the body of Christ originated from the body of Mary (*caro Jesu est caro Mariae*); that her body was preserved unimpaired in virginal integrity, and therefore it was fitting that it should not be subject to destruction after death; and that since Mary so closely shared in Christ's redemptive mission on earth, she deserved to join him also in bodily glorification.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, August 14 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.

Saint of the Week: Hippolytus (c. 170 – c. 235)

Theologian and martyr who died of mistreatment in the quarries of Sardinia. Hippolytus was an important Christian in 3rd century Rome. In his early writings, he attacked several popes for their lax doctrinal teaching and discipline. His followers even went so far as to prepare him to rival Pope Calixtus I, making him the first antipope. However, during a Roman persecution, he was exiled to Sardinia; there, Hippolytus repented and was reconciled back to the pope and the Catholic Church. His work "The Apostolic Tradition" preserved details about Christian life and customs in the early church. Feast Day: 13 August.



Confirmation Meeting: All students registered in our parish who have successfully completed their 7th grade in Catholic School or in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) are encouraged to participate in classes in order to be Confirmed by our bishop. There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of those children this Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Confirmation is scheduled for **Monday, October 21, 2024.**



Registration for the 2024-2025 School year for children who are entering first to eighth grade, and not enrolled in Catholic School, are required to be registered in a parish education program. **Religious Education PREP registration packets** are available on the church website at: www.shcpalmerton.org under Religious Education Tab or at the Rectory Office. Questions, contact Steve Uhnak at the Rectory Office: 610-826-2335 or email your questions to: shccre@ptd.net.



THE RCIA Program is a journey of faith, designed for those adults who wish to become members of the Catholic faith community. **Adults interested in becoming Catholic** or have not received all their sacraments, should join us for our weekly classes beginning in September (either Tuesday or Thursday evenings TBD) at 7:00 PM. Please contact Father Mullins at the Rectory Office for details and/or to register at: 610-826-2335.

Many of our college students will soon be returning to school and we wish them all the best and also remind them if they are out of the area to find their local Church or Newman Center to worship weekly.



Traditional Values, Quality Education. Enroll today for the 2024-2025 School Year. The distinctive purpose of SJNRS is to create Catholic-centered education enlivened by the Gospel spirit of love. The school community exists to maintain academic standards and to foster catholic values, and to empower children to be all that they can be.

Scholarships are available: Consider sending your child, grandchild or even godchild to our Catholic School (Pre-K to 8th grade). Accepting applications for:

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

Kindergarten: Children age 5 by October 15, 2024.

New Students: Grades 1 through 8.

Questions/register call: 610-826-2354 or email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com.

SJNRS Summer Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



Register for your photo session on-line today! To grow together as a community of disciples and not simply a nameless crowd, our parish will update our Picture Directory. There hasn't been one in over **16 years**. Universal Church Directory Photos will create the directory free for our parish. We simply need at least 36 households to schedule their photos. Photos will be taken October 3-5, 2024 (Thursday-Saturday) in our Parish Center. Those households which participate will receive a free 8"x10" photo and a parish directory. To register for your photo session, **visit our website at: schpalmerton.org, scroll down and click on the icon "Church Directory Schedule Photo today"** and follow the prompts. Our Church code is: **pa1089**. And Password: **photos**. Select day and time. Please note: If you have more than six members in your family for the photo, please schedule two connecting appointment times. If you are unable to register online, please call the Rectory Office for assistance.



C.Y.O. sign-ups for basketball and Cross Country. Open to all Sacred Heart Parish and St. John Neumann School students.

Basketball: boys/girls grades 4 to 8.

Cross-Country: boys/girls all grades.

Call or email District 5 C.Y.O. Commissioner Phil Liszka at: 610-217-4768 or phill@ptd.net.

Weekly Collection

8/10-8/11: In Support of the Parish

Second Collection: Mission Co-op

8/17-8/18: In Support of the Parish

Festival Startup

Second Collection: Shrine Infrastructure Renewal

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450

Actual 8/3-8/4: 285

This weekend our second collection is in support of the work that Father John Tawan, Missionary priest of the Sacred Heart, shared with us last weekend.

Second Collection 8/17-8/18/24: To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, DC, Bishop Schlert has authorized a special collection be taken up in the Diocese of Allentown next weekend. This collection will be part of a larger fundraising endeavor that will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal. Please note: there are no envelopes included in your envelope packet for this collection.



Sacred Heart provides **Online Giving through software called myEoffering.**

This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Visit our Parish website at: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the **online giving** icon to create your account and schedule your donation or recurring gift online.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. Those couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50-plus years of marriage will receive special recognition. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Albert Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Doors open at 2:00 PM. Please visit the following link to register and for more info visit: www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass. For details or questions, please contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, at: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org.



This Sunday, August 11th, doors open at 12 PM Noon. BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. Cost: \$25 per packet (includes 15 regular games, 5 specials and a raffle ticket). Invite your friends, neighbors and family for a fun time, great food, air conditioned and friendly atmosphere!

Palmerton Festival-September 6, 7 and 8

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the festival. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church for various volunteer opportunities:

Phase I Set-Up in Park: Saturday, 8/24 meet in Park at 9:00 AM. Begin to assemble shell and roof for stand.

Phase II Complete Stand set-up: Wednesday, 9/4 meet at 6:00 PM in Park. Assemble floor, lights, last minute items.

Friday to Sunday, September 6-8 Festival:

Sign-up for day and time (2-3 hour shifts) to volunteer in the Kitchen and/or Stand.

Take Down Stand: Monday, September 9 meet in Park at 6:00 PM.

Questions contact: Veronica Scarpati at: 610-349-3691 or Dana Massey at: 484-725-8378.

If you have lost a loved one through death and feel you need support on your grief journey please **call to Register for the Fall Bereavement Support Group** at Immaculate Conception Parish, Jim Thorpe. Begins Monday, September 30 through November 11 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Brogan Room, St. Joseph Rectory, 526 North Street, Jim Thorpe. Space is limited. **Register by September 15 by calling 570-325-2791.** Trained Grief Ministers are available. **No Charge.**

Malvern Retreat House would like to invite men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff," fortify yourself, increase your personal communion with the Lord. Come join the men's weekend, September 6, 7 and 8 or a women's weekend, September 13, 14 and 15; Friday night to Sunday morning. Contact Anthony Scarselletti at: 610-393-4671 or OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com.



Join us this Sunday, August 11 in Palmerton Park at **6:30 PM** to enjoy music performed by **the MudFlaps**, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.



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