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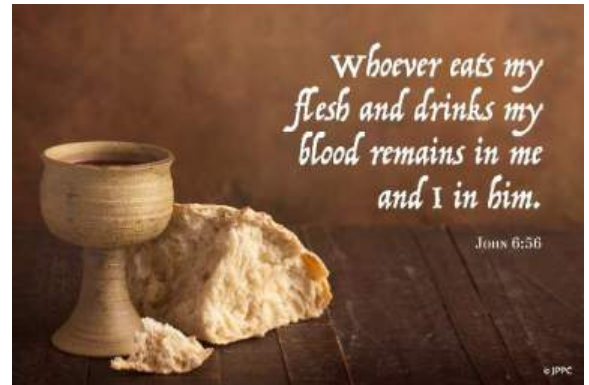
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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

August 18, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

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

August 18 – Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



- Saturday 5:00 PM** (August 17):
Russell and Emily Krawchuk by
Andy and Sally Krawchuk
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (August 18):
Antonio and Gloria Amorim by
daughters and sons
- Monday 8:30 AM** (August 19):
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** (August 21):
Denise Homlak by
Jose and Charla Mendes
- Thursday 8:30 AM** (August 22):
Raymond Lawrence by
John and May Glowacki
- Friday 8:30 AM** (August 23):
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Saturday 5:00 PM** (August 24):
Anthony Rezeli by
daughter Rose Ann
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (August 25):
Paul and Mary Svetik by
daughter Louise and family

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, 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.



**Confirmation is scheduled for:
 Monday, October 21, 2024
 at 4:30 PM**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

The "house" mentioned is the school of Wisdom. The "banquet" is her teaching. She invites "simple and humble" people to enjoy it.

Reading II: Ephesians 6: 15-20

In communion with the Lord, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Our daily lives are meant to reflect this truth.

The Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Jesus clearly equates eating His flesh and drinking His blood as the only true access to salvation.



- Monday:** Ez 24:15-23 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10 De 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

Sanctuary Candle:

In memory of George Duell by a friend.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.



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
8/24	5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	TBD
8/25	9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/L. Koons/C. Wehr (choir)	A/C/D Gowin



My mom likes to use Facebook to connect with friends and play games; every so often she sees an article and questions if it is true.

Based on some Facebook articles over the past 10 years, Sylvester Stallone's funeral occurred about 50 times already. Facebook is not a very reliable source of news. Unfortunately, even the major newscasts don't always present the truth either. Much is filled with opinions and attacking the opposition instead of a clear presentation of the facts. In contrast, we hear in the Scriptures today, Wisdom has been presented to us all. There is a great banquet of truth awaiting us. "Therefore, do not continue in ignorance but try to understand what is the will of the Lord." God gave us His Holy Word, so we are called to delve deep in it; He gave us the Church as the Magisterium to teach the Truth, and we have the example of Christ Jesus and the saints to show us how to live it.

Consider sending your children or grandchildren to Catholic school where the Truth is revealed; Saint John Neumann Regional School (Pre-K to 8th grade) has abundant scholarship opportunities available. Consider learning more about our faith by reading the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church or the Lives of the Saints. For those who don't have time to read, Father Mike Schmitz has podcasts: "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" so that each day you can grow in wisdom and truth. For those adults who desire to become Catholic, to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or desire to learn more about our faith, we will soon begin classes on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in our parish center from September to June. Please contact Father Mullins if you are interested.

Word of the Week: Astrology - a false belief that the planets and stars influence human affairs based on one's time of birth using the chart of the zodiac. It claims that the sign in the ascendancy at the time of one's birth determines one's temperament, tendencies to disease, and liabilities to certain fortunes or calamities. Astrology has been more than once formally condemned by the Church because it is against the true belief in divine providence, divine grace and the value of intercessory prayer. Those who follow or believe in astrology expose themselves to a weakening of their Christian faith.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #377 "What is a virtue?"

A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. "The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God" (Saint Gregory of Nyssa). There are human virtues and theological virtues."

#378 "What are the human virtues?"

The human virtues are habitual and stable perfections of the intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They are acquired and strengthened by the repetition of morally good acts and they are purified and elevated by divine grace."

#379 "What are the principal human virtues?"

The principal human virtues are called the *cardinal* virtues, under which all the other virtues are grouped and which are the hinges of a virtuous life. The cardinal virtues are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance."



Saint of the Week: John Eudes

(1601-1680) was born on a farm in northern France. At the age of 24, John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest. For 20 years he preached the basic tenets of the faith to unschooled Catholics

throughout northern France, distinguishing himself especially by ministering to the sick during plague epidemics. But in 1643 he left the French Oratory and with companions founded a new congregation of priests whose charism was the training of priests. The Congregation of Jesus and Mary, also called the Eudistes, was reconstituted after the French Revolution and today specializes in secondary education. Devout from childhood, John helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and was the first to call for an official feast. He also organized an order of nuns to care for former prostitutes. He was canonized in 1925. Feast day: 19 August.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, August 21 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 Quote of the Week: *"Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires, and his disposition live and reign there. All our religious exercises should be directed to this end. It is the work which God has given us to do unceasingly."* - Saint John Eudes.

"The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus" - Saint John Eudes.



**Register by September 1, 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. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8 following the 9:30 AM Mass. **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.

Is God calling you to serve as a Catechist (or teacher) for our youth? Your gifts and talents are needed to help form our young disciples in the faith. We have a good team that will help you to be a great Catechist. For the safety and protection of our parish children, any adult who volunteers to work with children at Sacred Heart Church in any capacity must comply with both the State laws and Diocese policies that govern volunteers including attending mandatory training, passing background checks and being fingerprinted. If you have any questions, contact Father Mullins at: 610-826-2335.



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.



Students in Grades 1 through 8 and all prospective Kindergarten and PreK students enrollment applications are being accepted for the 2024–2025 school year. **Scholarships are available.** 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.

To answer your questions and to arrange for a tour email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com or call the school office at: 610-826-2354.

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

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.



Blessed with 90 years or more we offer our prayers and best wishes to **Helen Haja**. May God be your guiding light and the angels from heaven above shower endless joy on you.



We extend a warm and grateful appreciation to **Garrett Buck**, Altar Server and **David Klitsch**, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Ministers who were recently trained to assist Father on the Altar. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are interested in a Liturgical Ministry, please contact Father Mullins to discuss. **May God bless you today and always.**

Weekly Collection

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

Second Collection: Shrine Infrastructure Renewal

8/24-8/25: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450

Actual 8/10-8/11: 275

Our Second Collection today is 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 this special collection and 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.



Because we are Catholic

As of 8/7/24

Parish Goal: \$22,195.75
Received: \$21,775.00
of Donors: 96

We need the support of all our parish families. With 100% participation, we can make an impact on the lives of our friends, family and neighbors in need. If you have not yet made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. To make your gift go to: BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Every gift counts!

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. Classes start Monday, September 30 through November 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Brogan Room, St. Joseph Rectory, 526 North Street, Jim Thorpe. Trained Grief Ministers are available. Space is limited. **Register by September 15 by calling: 570-325-2791. No Charge.**



Free Family Photo and Parish Directory is available if you register to get your photos taken on October 3rd, 4th or 5th in our Parish Center. See our parish website for details and to schedule an appointment: www.SHCPalmerton.org.

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. 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 Alfred Schlert, will take place in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on **Sunday, September 22, 2024.** Doors open at 2:00 PM. Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions at: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org or register online at: www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass.

Malvern Retreat House invites all men and women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives. The men's retreat is scheduled for September 6, 7 and 8 and the women's retreat is scheduled for September 13, 14 and 15. Register at: OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com or contact Anthony Scarselletti at: 610-393-4671.

Save the Date: September 20, 2024: "My Heart—A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus." The Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee invites all the faithful in the Diocese to the first local pilgrimage to The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, Berks County, Pennsylvania. 8:15-9:00 AM – Arrival & Welcome; Pilgrimage events: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM; Free Time: 2:00-4:00 PM. To learn more about the National Centre for Padre Pio visit: www.padrepio.org.

All are invited to the Palmerton Park on Sunday, August 18 beginning at 4:00 PM. The Palmerton Area Historical Society welcomes **Bob Swaim, The Bicycle Guy**, to delight and educate us on unique human powered vehicles. The event is FREE!!

STAY AND ENJOY!!

Join us afterwards for music performed by **the Palmerton Band at 6:30 PM.** This performance will close out the Concourse Club's Summer Concert Series in the Park. Sit back and enjoy a summer evening in the Park. Hope to see you all!!



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