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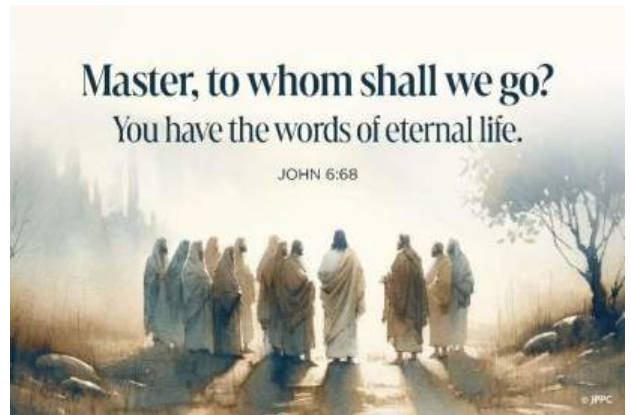
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM



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 25, 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	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@allentowndioocese.org	
Palmerton Festival	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pastoral Council	Dana Massey	www.allentowndioocese.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.	

August 25 – Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



- 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
- Monday 8:30 AM** (August 26): Alex and Anna Molnar by James and Barbara Nemecek
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** (August 28): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Thursday 8:30 AM** (August 29): Teresa and Frank Vargo by daughter Kathleen
- Friday 8:30 AM** (August 30): Mary Berk by son, George
- Saturday 5:00 PM** (August 31): Manuel R. Amorim by Gloria Cunha
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (September 1): Anne Erskine by Trish and John DeSousa 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.	



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially *Evelyn Plechavy*. 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: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua summons all the tribes at Shechem and asks them whom they will serve. Joshua and his family chose Yahweh and not the idols of the nations.

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 21-32, or 5:2a, 25-32

Let us profess our faith in Jesus who gave Himself up for us all on the Cross.

The Gospel: John 6: 6-69

The desertion of the many disciples was a prelude to the coming paschal mystery. Our Lord's teaching of the Eucharist was "hard saying" for them. St. Peter speaks for us when He asked, "Master, to whom shall we go?"



- Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 6:17-29
- Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Sanctuary Candle:

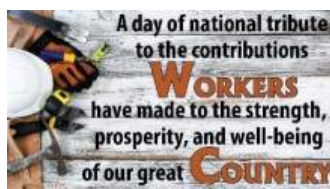
In memory of George Duell by a friend.

Marian Altar:

Mary Berk by son George and daughter Janet.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.



**Labor Day Mass:
Monday, September 2
at 8:30 AM.**

8/31-9/1	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/T. Gades (choir)	B. Cornmesser/C. Davis



Some people come to Christ and His Church when they are in need. Others leave the Church when things get difficult. When questioned by our Lord whether they too will leave, Simon Peter responds, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Simon Peter recognized that no one else and nowhere else can they experience eternal life. Even though there may be confusing or difficult times, it is only with Christ and His Church that we can pass through the darkness and enter into the fullness of Truth, Life and Love. To return to our former way of life would just lead us to emptiness, heartache and death. May we remain always with Christ.

Prayer for Teachers and Students in the new school year:

Heavenly Father, you are the Holy Teacher who not only reveals Truth, but also expresses it in Love such that we can experience it in Life. Help us to be open always to your Word which protects us, heals us and strengthens us with your grace and enables us to grow in wisdom, virtues and nurtures healthy relationships. May we recognize others as your beloved children and may we be a clear reflection of your love to them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

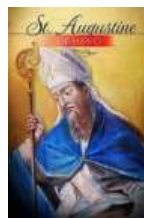
Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#380 "What is prudence? Prudence disposes reason to discern in every circumstance our true good and to choose the right means for achieving it. Prudence guides the other virtues by pointing out their rule and measure."

#381 "What is justice? Justice consists in the firm and constant will to give to others their due. Justice toward God is called "the virtue of religion."

#382 "What is fortitude? Fortitude assures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It reaches even to the ability of possibly sacrificing one's own life for a just cause."

#383 "What is temperance? Temperance moderates the attraction of pleasures, assures the mastery of the will over instincts and provides balance in the use of created goods."



Saint of the Week: St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD) was born in Roman North Africa, Augustine was given a Christian upbringing by his mother, Saint Monica. But he led a dissolute life, living for years with a woman who bore him a son. He taught rhetoric in Carthage, Rome and Milan, where a conversion of the heart led to his baptism by Bishop Ambrose in 387. He returned to North Africa and served as Bishop of Hippo for 35 years. An influential doctor of the church, Augustine fought against various heresies and left numerous writings, including his still widely read book "Confessions." Feast Day: 28 August.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Late have I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I abroad, and there I searched for you; I was deformed, plunging amid those fair forms, which you had made. You were with me, but I was not with you. Things held me far from you—things which, if they were not in you, were not at all. You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness. You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness. You breathed odors and I drew in breath—and I pant for you. I tasted, and I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace"* (St. Augustine, speaking of his conversion later in life in his book "Confessions").

Word of the Week: Atonement - The satisfaction of a legitimate demand. In a more restricted sense, it is the reparation of an offense. This occurs through a voluntary performance that outweighs the injustice done. If the performance fully counterbalances the gravity of the guilt, the atonement is adequate. And if the atonement is done by someone other than the actual offender, but in his stead, it is vicarious. Applied to Christ the Redeemer, through his suffering and death he rendered vicarious atonement to God for the sins of the whole human race. His atonement is fully adequate because it was performed by a divine person. In fact, it is superabundant because the positive value of Christ's expiation is actually greater than the negative value of human sin.

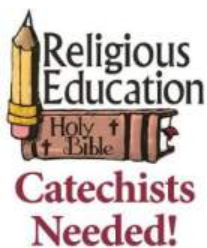
Back to School

St. John Neumann Regional School opens for the 2024-2025 School Year this **Monday, August 26, 2024**. There is a desk waiting for your child. Consider giving your child (children) the gift of a Catholic School education. **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. For details, please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354. **Scholarships are available.**



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 religious education program. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8 following the 9:30 AM Mass. **PREP registration packets** are available on the church website at: www.shcpalmerton.org under the 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.



WE NEED YOU!! The Religious Education Program is looking for Catechists. Looking for a fun and rewarding way to serve in the Church and strengthen your own faith? Teaching in the Religious Education program on Sundays

following the 9:30 AM Mass is for you. Contact Father Mullins at: 610-826-2335 for further details..



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.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newly registered members: **Dallas and Marissa Miata**. 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.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, August 28 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.



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.

Tabella: The #1 FREE Catholic App for Parishes is a catholic communication platform. Listen to prayers, the daily gospel, the holy rosary, Catholic podcasts and much more. **If you would like to receive FREE Catholic communications watch your emails (within the next two weeks) for your invitation to join.**



CYO sign-ups for Cross Country and Fall girls volleyball.

Volleyball Girls: Grades 4 to 8.

Cross-Country Boys/Girls: grades K-8
Open to all Sacred Heart Parish and St.

John Neumann School students. Contact Carolyn Gowin at: 610-751-3744. Also, interested in coaching please contact Carolyn.

Palmerton Festival-September 6, 7 and 8:

Thank you to all who have signed up! A few spots remain. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church for various volunteer opportunities:

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

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.



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