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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

September 1, 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.sjnschool.org](http://www.sjnschool.org)

Allentown Central Catholic High School 610-437-4601  
[www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info)

Marian Catholic High School 570-467-3335  
[www.marianhighschool.org](http://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	<a href="mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org">prusso@allentowndioocese.org</a>	
Palmerton Festival	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pastoral Council	Dana Massey	<a href="http://www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/">www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/</a>	
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
	Lisa Kistler	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
	Veronica Scarpati	<a href="http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

# September 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



**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

**Monday 8:30 AM** (September 2)  
Carolina Florez by  
Michael and Marian Carty

**Wednesday 8:30 AM** (September 4):  
Father Campion by Mary Ellen

**Thursday 8:30 AM** (September 5):  
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Friday 8:30 AM** (September 6): **First Friday**  
Living and deceased members of the  
Slovak Catholic Sokols


**Saturday 8:30 AM** (September 7): **First Saturday**  
For the repose of Harry Jackson III  
and for the strength and healing of his  
fiancé, Jennifer Solly

**5:00 PM** Rev. Vincent Cronin 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of his death by family

**Sunday 9:30 AM** (September 8):  
Darryl Moyer by wife Mary Lou

## 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.*

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



*First Friday, Sept. 6*  
**4:00-7:00 PM**  
**Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Moses presents the Law of Yahweh to the people. He stresses that no alterations are allowed, and that observance of the Law is the surest way to experience the fullness of life.

### Reading II: James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Just as Creation came about by God's Word, so the new creation announced by Jesus will come about by "the word of truth." It is important that this word take root in our hearts.

### The Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The casuistry used by the Pharisees against Jesus about the laws of purity for the Jews must yield, according to Jesus, to the higher law of internal purity within the soul.



**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

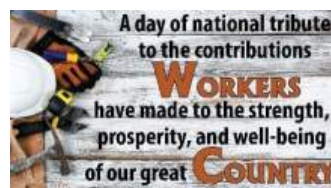
**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

### Marian Altar:

*Michael Furby by Joe and Sue*  
**St. Joseph Altar (2):**  
*Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.*



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

**The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day and will reopen on Tuesday for normal business hours 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.**

<b>Labor Day</b> 9/2/24 8:30 AM	<b>Lector</b> J. Uhnak	<b>EM</b> Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	<b>Altar Server</b> TBD
<b>9/7-9/8</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/F. Hager	L. Matsko
<b>9:30 AM</b>	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/S. Miller (choir)	G. Buck/C. Sebelin



Labor Day (1st Monday of September) is a federal holiday established in the 19th century to recognize the contributions of workers and to remember the importance of workers' rights. Catholic teaching views work as a vital part of human existence, a way to participate in God's creation, and a means of sanctification. Work is not just a way to make a living, but a path to growth, personal fulfillment, and human development. It's also a way to imitate Christ, who worked as a carpenter. Catholic teaching also states that workers have natural rights to work without coercion, and to demand safe working conditions that don't endanger their health or impair their development. Workers also have the right to productive work, fair wages, the right to organize and join unions, and the right to private property. Working conditions should also allow workers time for rest, recreation, community, and family. Among the Papal Encyclicals on labor are: *Rerum Novarum*, *Quadragesimo Anno*, *Gaudium et Spes*, *Laborum Exercens*, and *Caritas in Veritate*.

### Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#### # 384 "What are the theological virtues?"

The theological virtues have God himself as their origin, motive and direct object. Infused with sanctifying grace, they bestow on one the capacity to live in a relationship with the Trinity. They are the foundation and the energizing force of the Christian's moral activity and they give life to the human virtues. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being."

#### #385 "What are the theological virtues?"

The theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity."

#### #386 "What is the virtue of faith?"

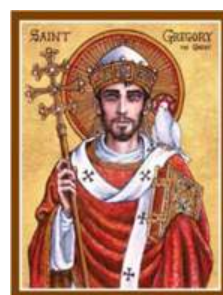
Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and all that he has revealed to us and that the Church proposes for our belief because God is Truth itself. By faith, the human person freely commits himself to God. Therefore, the believer seeks to know and do the will of God because "faith works through charity" (*Galatians 5:6*)."

#### #387 "What is hope?"

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and await from God eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit to merit it and to persevere to the end of our earthly life."

#### #388 "What is charity?"

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment, the fullness of the law. "It is the bond of perfection" (*Colossians 3:14*) and the foundation of the other virtues to which it gives life, inspiration, and order. Without charity "I am nothing" and "I gain nothing" (*1 Corinthians 13:1-3*)."



#### Saint of the Week: Pope

**Gregory the Great** (c. 540 – 604) was born in Rome to a wealthy family. He received a good education and became an expert in law, becoming the prefect of Rome at the age of 33. When his father died, Gregory converted his family villa into a

monastery and became a Benedictine monk. In 590, Gregory was proclaimed pope by popular acclamation, although he himself accepted it reluctantly. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners from the Lombards, and care for persecuted Jews and victims of plague and famine. He was greatly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks as missionaries from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Pope Gregory suffered from arthritis in his later years. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers. Feast day: 3 September.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."* - Pope Saint Gregory the Great.

*"The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue."* - Pope Saint Gregory the Great.

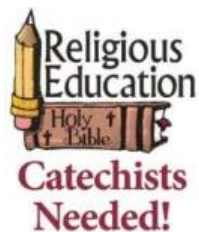
*"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."* – Pope Saint Gregory the Great.

**Word of the Week:** **Attachment** - an emotional dependence, either of one person on another, or of a person on some real or illusory object. Attachments play an important role in spiritual development, since the first condition for progress in sanctity is some mastery over one's inordinate attachments. (i.e., John 20:17-18).



**Deadline to register for PREP is today, September 1, 2024!!**

PREP will begin next Sunday, September 8th in the Church after the 9:30 AM Mass. **PREP registration packets** are available on the church website at: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) under the Religious Education Tab. Questions, contact Steve Uhnak at the Rectory Office: 610-826-2335 or email your questions to: [shccre@ptd.net](mailto: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..

**Catechesis for Adults** will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center starting September 3rd. Anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith are welcome.

**Tabella - Catholic communication app will be coming soon – September 8!** It is a free app to receive notifications of important messages about our faith, have access to Catholic news and content, and grow closer as a Catholic community. Check out a preview at: <https://tabella.app>.

**Palmerton Festival this coming weekend!!!** Thanks to all who have helped with preparations. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come visit. Our parish stand will be selling Halushki, Hamburger BBQ, drinks and Scoopendorf's ice cream parfaits. Our school will also have a food stand and will be selling kabobs in a bowl with rice: Hawaiian pork, Teriyaki beef, Italian chicken, and Vegetarian. Come enjoy the wonderful food and support us!

More hands are still needed as Festival weekend approaches to complete **Stand set-up: Wednesday, 9/4** meet at 6:00 PM in Park.

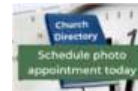
**Take Down Stand: Monday, September 9** meet in Park at 6:00 PM.

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

**HSM Kick-Off, Wednesday, September 4.** All students in High School (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us. Meet in park to help with festival stand set-up at 6:00 PM in the park (wear your work clothes). Smores to follow in the Rectory back yard.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newly registered members: **Harriet Jeffreys and Richard Rose**. 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.



**Parish Photo Directory:** Sign-up today! Photos will take place October 3-5 in our Parish Center. Reservations are required. To register online for your photo session, please visit [www.UCDIR.com](http://www.UCDIR.com); Click on the reddish tab "Photography Session Sign-up" Enter Church Code: **pa1089** and Password: **photos**. Receive a free photo and a free parish photo directory if 35 households sign up—we are at 30!!

**St. John Neumann Regional School** opened for the 2024-2025 School Year last **Monday, August 26, 2024**. 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.**

## Weekly Collection

8/31-9/1: In Support of the Parish

9/7-9/8: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450

Actual 8/24-8/25: 274



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](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) and click on the **online giving** icon to create your account and schedule your donation or recurring gift online.



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As of 8/7/24

**Parish Goal:** \$22,195.75

**Received:** \$21,775.00

**# of Donors:** 96

**Almost there . . . \$420.75** needed to reach our goal! If you have not pledged your support, please do so this week. We can make an impact on the lives of our friends, family and neighbors in need. You may return your pledge form to the parish office, drop in the collection basket or make your gift online at: [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Every gift counts!

**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.

**Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group** will meet Wednesday, September 4 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.

**Immaculate Conception Parish, Jim Thorpe "Bereavement Support Group"** Monday, September 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you have lost a loved one within the last 6 months to a year, please call **570-325-2791** for details. Trained Ministers will be available. Registration is required. Space is limited. Register by September 15. There is No charge.

**Pennsylvania March for Life:** Assemble on the steps of our state capitol in Harrisburg on **Monday, September 23** for the 2024 PA March for Life. Event schedule: Concert at 10:00 AM; a Rally at 11:00 AM and marching will begin at 12 Noon. For additional information and to register visit the website at: <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/>.

**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](mailto:rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org) or register online at: [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.padrepio.org).

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Service Saturday, September 14 1:00 PM in St. Jerome New Cemetery, 501 Jerome Street in Tamaqua.** This is held in conjunction with memorials across the country for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Contact Cheryl Keifer for additional info at: 484-866-3835 or [sj23cherishlife@gmail.com](mailto:sj23cherishlife@gmail.com).

### Answers to last week's Word Scramble:

ROHNIGBE:	neighbor
TYJSIUF	justify
IPMACNOOSS	compassion
SAWDNREE	answered
CYERM	mercy
GAADDBEN	bandaged

**Answer:** words and action



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