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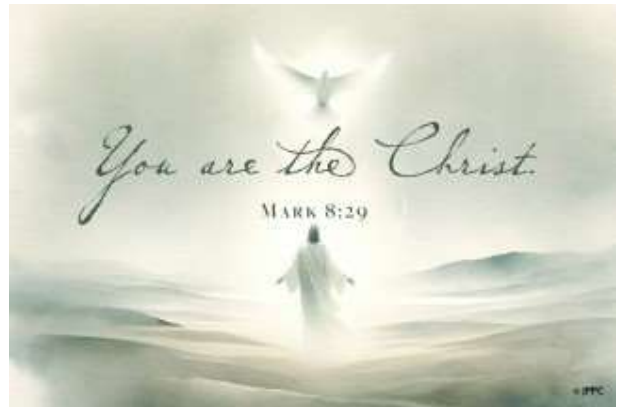
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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

September 15, 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

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.	

September 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday 5:00 PM	(September 14): Amorim family by son Joseph and family
Sunday 9:30 AM	(September 15): Casemiro Fernandes by Candido Dias and family
Monday 8:30 AM	(September 16) Kathleen Rooney by Eugene Rooney
Wednesday 8:30 AM	(September 18): Thomas and Regina McCarthy by Ed and Eileen
Thursday 8:30 AM	(September 19): Tomi, Slava and Kot by Elzbieta and Jerome Palms
Friday 8:30 AM	(September 20): Anna and Stephen Pordos by granddaughter Kathleen
Saturday 5:00 PM	(September 21): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 9:30 AM	(September 22): Kathleen Rooney by Eugene Rooney

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 of the month,
October 4, 2024
4:00-7:00 PM
Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4c-9a

The servant-prophet has a certain confidence, knowing that his suffering has meaning and that he also has the Lord's help to bear it.

Reading II: James 2: 14-18

True faith always manifests itself in good works. The component of love in our faith springs from our baptismal connection to Jesus.

The Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

Peter's "confession" of Jesus as the Christ is the pivotal event in all of Mark's gospel. Jesus then teaches His chosen that true discipleship involves suffering.



Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B and 15 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37



Sanctuary Candle:

Kathleen Rooney by
Eugene Rooney.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.

Candle Memorials

Call Rectory Office to reserve:

14 Day Sanctuary Candle:	\$10
7 Day Marian or St. Joseph Altar:	\$ 5
7 Day Guardian Angel Icon:	\$ 5

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at His feet."

St. John Vianney

9/21-9/22	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	H. Werner
9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/C. Wehr(choir)	A/C/D Gowin



In faith, we are called to practice it through works. We are not simply to hope that our neighbors have the necessities of the body but are called to help provide it if needed, whether that be food, clothing or even blood donations! Currently, there is a great shortage of blood donations in our area to care for patients in hospitals. As a result, our diocese has teamed up with Miller-Keystone Blood Center in honor of Saint Januarius to give the gift of life through blood donations especially between (September 19 - December 16, 2024). Your gift of blood saves lives and improves the health of your community. Patients that need your blood donation: premature infants, accident victims, cancer patients and those undergoing heart surgery, bone marrow transplant or organ transplants. To be eligible to donate, one must be in good health, 16 years or older, weigh minimum of 110 pounds.

In our area, there are two local satellite locations for blood donation:

- 2nd Monday (every odd month) from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM at Palmerton Sokol Hall, 452 Lehigh Avenue, Palmerton, PA or
- 3rd Wednesday of every month at Bethany Wesleyan Church, 1122 Fairyland Road, Lehigh, PA.

For other locations or more information, please visit www.GiveAPint.org or call 1-800-B-A-DONOR.

When you donate, please be sure to provide our **Church Sponsor Code: "E300"** or ask the staff to look it up, so our parish will get credit.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#391 "What does the acceptance of God's mercy require from us?"

It requires that we admit our faults and repent of our sins. God himself by his Word and his Spirit lays bare our sins and gives us the truth of conscience and the hope of forgiveness."

#392 "What is sin?"

Sin is "a word, an act, or a desire contrary to the eternal Law" (Saint Augustine). It is an offense against God in disobedience to his love. It wounds human nature and injures human solidarity. Christ in his passion fully revealed the seriousness of sin and overcame it with his mercy."

#393 "Is there a variety of sins?"

There are a great many kinds of sins. They can be distinguished according to their object or according to the virtues or commandments which they violate. They can directly concern God, neighbor, or ourselves. They can also be divided into sins of thought, of word, of deed, or of omission."

Word of the Week: **Ave Maria** - "Hail Mary" in Latin. The initial words the archangel Gabriel spoke to the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation. The title of a hymn often used during weddings and funerals seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Saint of the Week: Andrew Kim Taegon (1821-1846) Andrew was among the 103 Korean martyrs—92 Koreans and 11 Europeans—killed during a persecution in 1839-66. Born to parents who were Catholic converts. Andrew completed seminary studies in Macau and in 1845 was the first native

Korean to become a Catholic priest with his ordination in Shanghai. After returning to Korea, he tried to smuggle more missionaries into the country but was arrested in 1846. He spent three months in prison and was then beheaded. His father was also among the Korean martyrs canonized in 1984. Feast day: 20 September.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"This is my last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and for my God. It is for Him that I die. My immortal life is on the point of beginning. Become Christians if you wish to be happy after death, because God has eternal chastisements in store for those who have refused to know Him."* - St. Andrew Kim Taegon.



PREP began last Sunday for all in Grades 1 through 8. Classes are held every Sunday from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon in the School. Children are expected to fulfill their Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations. Any questions, please contact Father Mullins or Steve Uhnak at: 610-826-2335 or email your questions to: shccre@ptd.net.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newest parishioners: **Harriette Jeffreys, Richard Rose, and Leo and Heather Zingales and children Salvatore and Julianna.** May you continue to be spiritually enriched and your membership in the Church be long, happy and fruitful.

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 to register today.

To be eligible to be a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation you must be an active, registered parishioner, minimum of 3 months, who is:

1. Fully Initiated (received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.)
2. Minimally 16 years of age.
3. Attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days.
4. In a valid marriage, if married.
5. Supporting your Church to the best of your ability.



Parish Photo Directory: We have **46 households** signed up to get their photo taken for our parish photo directory on October 3-5th in our Parish Center. There still are many time slots available for you but reservations are required. This weekend, to help those who are technologically-challenged, we will have sign-up sheets in the main vestibule of church for you to sign up. Please note: **The online registration will be suspended from Friday, 9/13 at noon until noon on Monday, 9/22.** To register online for your photo session, please visit: www.UCDIR.com. Click on the reddish tab "Photography Session Sign-up." Enter Church Code: **pa1089** and Enter Password: **photos**. Select the date and the time you desire to have your photo session.



All students in high school (grades 9 through 12) are invited to join us Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 PM in the

Parish Center, as we gather to kick-off the 2024-2025 Program. Contact Tricia Matsko with questions at: tricia@rohrmedia.com.



Catholic communication app is here! Sacred Heart is on Tabella!! 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. If you haven't received an email yet, it's because we don't have your email. Please contact the Rectory office to update your information or simply download the app on your phone and start growing in your faith and as a member of our community.

Tuesday Evening, Catechesis for Adults: All are invited to join Father Mullins this Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith are welcome.



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SJNRS: Consider a few of the benefits in providing your child (children) the gift of a Catholic School education: Safe caring environment that offers excellent faith based education, financial aid, small class and individual attention. For details, please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354. **Scholarships are available.** Enroll today 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.



Join us on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited! Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details.

Weekly Collection

9/14-15: In Support of the Parish
9/21-22: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: CYO/Youth Ministry

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
Actual 8/31-9/1: 301
Actual 9/7-9/8: 292



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.

In Loving Memory

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the donation made to the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund in memory of

Evelyn Plechavy by Joe and Teresa Amorim.

The Sacred Heart Memorial Fund is a way to remember your deceased family and friends. Two Masses every year are offered for the spiritual welfare of those who are enrolled. The funds are used for the upkeep of the Church and to help in acquiring religious items for the Church. A donation of \$10 or more is recommended. Thank you to all who have enrolled their loved ones and to those who at the death of a loved one have requested donations be given to the Memorial Fund.



MANY THANKS

to our volunteers who worked either behind the scenes preparing the cabbage, BBQ, setting-up, tearing down the stand, working in the kitchen and stand during the festival, all who donated, purchased from our stand and the team who coordinated the Festival. We cannot do this without your help! We are so blessed to have people willing to share their time and talent.

We are now waiting for our final bills to come in and tally our numbers. Preliminary numbers look good and we are projecting a net profit of over \$9,500. We are confident that our net profit will reveal a successful fundraiser. The Festival is a fun community event to close out the summer!! Thank you again for all your support of this fundraiser!

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.

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. For additional information and to register visit the website at: <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/>.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 22, 2024, doors open 2:00 PM. Celebrant Bishop Alfred Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Married couples 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. Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions at: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org or register online at: www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass.

You're Invited to go on a local Pilgrimage with our Bishop! to the National Centre for Padre Pio (111 Barto Road, Barto, PA). Friday, September 20th. Schedule: Arrival and Welcome: 8:15–9:00 AM; Pilgrimage Events: 9:00 AM–2:00 PM; Free Time at the Centre: 2:00–4:30 PM. The Pilgrimage Includes: Mass with Bishop Schlert•Confession•Adoration•Keynote Address by Megan Murphy•Time for Personal Prayer and to explore everything the Centre has to offer•Interactive Activities•Eucharistic Procession. The theme for the pilgrimage is: **"My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus."** Pilgrims are invited to experience the Presence of God through the intercession of Padre Pio at The Centre. No registration is required. Email allentowndiocese.org with questions.



Summer may be over but Coffee and Donuts is back. Join us on Sunday, September 22, after 9:30 AM Mass in the Social Hall.



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