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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 22, 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@allentowndiocese.org	
Palmerton Festival	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pastoral Council	Dana Massey	www.allentowndiocese.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 22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday (September 21):
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday (September 22):
9:30 AM Kathleen Rooney by Eugene Rooney

Monday (September 23)
8:30 AM Kathleen Rooney by Eugene Rooney

Wednesday (September 25):
8:30 AM George Duell by Deborah Cebrosky


Thursday (September 26):
8:30 AM Dr. John Nicholson by Joann Kericsmar

Friday (September 27):
8:30 AM John Domant by Tom Muldoon

Saturday (September 28):
5:00 PM Caroline Florez by Michael and Marian Carty

Sunday (September 29):
9:30 AM Antonio and Ana Barros by Orlando and Sameira Amorim

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
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.

Word of the Week: **Aversion** - spontaneously turning away from something unpleasant. The aversion may be spontaneous and morally indifferent, or it may be an interior movement that should be controlled. Growth in the spiritual life requires mastery of one's natural aversions. (i.e., St. Augustine had an aversion to a leper in his path, distancing himself from the leper, but then realized that he was a child of God who was in need, so he drew close, embraced the leper and cared for his needs).

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked, in this case apostate Jews, want to make power the norm of goodness. This to allow them to persecute the just man, because his lifestyle is a silent reproach to theirs.

Reading II: James 3: 16-4:3

The author provides the qualities of true wisdom, and then the causes of war and strife among peoples.

The Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus foretells His coming passion and death. Meanwhile His disciples discuss a completely unrelated matter that needs Jesus' input.



Monday: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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

9/28-9/29	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/J. Kralik	L. Matsko
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/L. Koons/S. Miller (choir)	J/J Scarpati



Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God.

Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung." However, Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? Those who are humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights, willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory and instead serve the most vulnerable among us.

I am grateful to our parents, catechists, Catholic School teachers and Youth Ministers who embrace God's precious children and fill their minds with Truth and their hearts with love. May we continue to seek ways to lift one another up to Christ.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)
#394 "How are sins distinguished according to their gravity?"**

A distinction is made between mortal and venial sin."

#395 "When does one commit a mortal sin?"

One commits a mortal sin when there are simultaneously present: grave matter, full knowledge and deliberate consent. This sin destroys charity in us, deprives us of sanctifying grace, and, if unrepented, leads us to the eternal death of hell. It can be forgiven in the ordinary way by means of the sacraments of Baptism and of Penance or Reconciliation."

#396 "When does one commit a venial sin?"

One commits a venial sin, which is essentially different from a mortal sin, when the matter involved is less serious or, even if it is grave, when full knowledge or complete consent are absent. Venial sin does not break the covenant with God but it weakens charity and manifests a disordered affection for created goods. It impedes the progress of a soul in the exercise of the virtues and in the practice of moral good. It merits temporal punishment which purifies."



Saint of the Week: Vincent De Paul

(1580-1660) Founder. He was born in a humble cradle in Pouy, France. He entered the Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1599. While on a trip to Tunisia, he was captured and sold as a slave; his devotion led his master to convert to Christianity, and

he returned to Europe shortly after. In 1617, while carrying out his ministry as a chaplain, he became aware of the needs of the marginalized; there he was heard to say: "I believe that the Pope is not as happy as a parish priest among such good-hearted people." In 1625 he created the Congregation of the Mission ("Lazarists") and other charitable works. In 1633, he founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity ("Vincentines"). Saint Vincent is recognized by Universal History as a man with the merit of transforming the concept of charity-acts into that of social service. A priest of concrete and immediate actions, he said: "It is not lawful to lose ourselves in theories while there are children nearby who need a glass of milk to survive. The poor will be our judges. We can only enter heaven on the shoulders of the poor," he asserted: "What a joy to serve the person of Jesus Christ in his poor members!" He wrote numerous letters and sermons. He died in Paris, France. Canonized in 1737 by Clement XII. Proclaimed "Patron of charitable works" in 1885 by Leo XIII. Iconography: in habit helping mothers, children and helpless men. Feast day: 27 September.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Humility and charity are the two master-chords: one, the lowest; the other, the highest; all the others are dependent on them. Therefore, it is necessary, above all, to maintain ourselves in these two virtues; for observe well that the preservation of the whole edifice depends on the foundation and the roof."* (Saint Vincent de Paul).

Tuesday Evening, Catechesis for Adults: All are invited to join Father Mullins this Tuesday, September 24 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.



The Announced Mass Book for 2025 will open on Tuesday, October 1 at 9:30 AM. You will be able to schedule one (1) Sunday and two (2) weekday Masses for the upcoming year. **Please Note:** No Masses will be scheduled before October 1. We ask that you come to the Rectory to arrange for Masses during our Office hours (9:30 AM to 2:30 PM). We cannot guarantee the exact date requested if your Mass requested dates are mailed in, emailed or put in the Rectory mail slot. Stipends are \$10 for each Mass Intention. Memorial candles or Altar flowers can also be scheduled at this time. Weekly candle intentions \$5; Sanctuary candle \$10; Altar flowers for main Altar \$80 and side Altars \$65.

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

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.



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.

BINGO to support our School! This Sunday (22 September 2024) with doors opening at 12 PM. BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. Enjoy some good food, good company, and have some fun!

Because we are Catholic Nearly 10,000 parishioners from around the Diocese have contributed more than \$3.3 million to this year's Appeal. Thank you for all your help thus far! With just 15 weeks left to go, Sacred Heart Parish is in position to exceed this year's BWAC goal.

As of 9/18/24: # of Donors: 102

Parish Goal: \$22,195.75 Received: \$22,142.75

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. If you have not done so already, You can make your gift today online at: www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!



Friday, October 4-2:15 PM.

We will gather in the Church Parking Lot for a blessing for your pets. For a safe and peaceful gathering please have your beloved pet leashed or caged. Thank you.



Sacred Heart is on Tabella!! A Catholic communication app. 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.



Join us on Wednesday, September 25 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited! Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details.

Simply Prayer, held at St. Frances Center for Renewal, will meet Tuesday, October 1. Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details. Meet in Church parking lot at 9:00 AM.



Parish Photo Directory: Family and Individual photos will take place on October 3rd - 5th in our Parish Center (the room between the Church and the Rectory). Register online at: www.UCDir.com; our Parish Code = **pa1089** and the Password=**photos**. Don't have access to a computer, sign-up sheets are located in the back of the church this weekend for you to sign up. Please note: **Online registration will be suspended from Friday, 9/20 at noon until noon on Monday, 9/23.** Questions or if you need to change your appointment, please call the Rectory office at 610-826-2335.



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