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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

October 13, 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.	

October 13 --Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



- Saturday 5:00 PM** (October 12): Michael and Anne Marie Choy by family
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (October 13): John "Jack" DeSousa by Joann and Joe Kerksmar
- Monday 8:30 AM** (October 14): Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** (October 16): Denise Homlak by Gabrielle, Eva, Austin and Angela
- Thursday 8:30 AM** (October 17): Denise Homlak by Leonard Homlak, Jr.
- Friday 8:30 AM** (October 18): George Duell by Duane and Carol Costenbader
- Saturday 5:00 PM** (October 19): Mary and Metro Sikorsky by children
- Sunday 9:30 AM** (October 20): Denise Homlak by husband Gerard

Anointing of the Sick after next weekend Masses on October 19 and 20. Catholics who are seriously ill, about to undergo surgery or are advanced in age are encouraged to receive the sacrament as well as the sacrament of Confession. Father Mullins will be away at the annual Convocation next week with the bishop and the priests of the diocese to continue our education and learn how better to serve the needs of our people.



Plan to join us with your families in praying the Rosary for our country and for all of God's children one half hour before every Mass during the month of October.



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: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Solomon prefers wisdom over power, riches, health, comeliness and light. As a result, wisdom came to him, and those others besides.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 12-13


God's Word challenges us to persevere because our attachment is to be to Jesus only and not to lesser realities.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30, or 10: 17-27

Jesus teaches that wealth can be an obstacle to true discipleship. That path has rewards that outweigh the sacrifices it asks us to make. The rich man makes an unwise decision.



- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Ps 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5A & 6-7 Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6 Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3AB, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45



Sanctuary Candle:
In memory of John "Jack" DeSousa
by Joann and Joe.

St. Joseph Altar:
Health and welfare of Terry O'Neil
by wife Debbie

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.	



Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church, Walnutport.

10/19-20	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/C. Wehr (choir)	S/B Goodbred/B. Cornmesser



**1st Quarter Financial Update:
1 July 2024 - 30 Sept 2024**

Income:

Sunday Collections:	\$55,902
Interest:	1,415
Donations, Bequests, Memorials	1,611

Fundraisers Net Profit:

July Raffle:	4,670
Festival:	*12,631
Bingo	1,328

Total Revenue: **\$77,557**

*Est. projection. waiting on bills to be finalized.

Expenses:

School Subsidy	\$ 8,100
Salary-Staff (5 people)	25,281
Health Benefits-Staff	13,104
Diocesan Assessment	10,257
Insurance	5,883
Real Estate Taxes	436
Heating	217
Light	2,073
Water & Sewage	436

Total Expenses: **\$65,787**

Summary: We are blessed to be able to pay our bills and have left over to continue to improve our parish. I am grateful to those who consistently and generously contribute (whether through envelopes or electronically) that we may further our ministry and service. Thank you especially to all who plan to support us even after death by naming our parish as a beneficiary of your Will. For those who would like to make a legacy to support our parish, visit www.FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese, this is a free website. Consider naming your church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust, your 401K, IRA or Life Insurance. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased. In this way, you will continue to share the gift of your faith with others for many generations.

Some of the parish projects we have planned for the future: Purchase and installation of new digital organ. Installing the original bell from the Bowmanstown Chapel which has been beautifully restored by Mr. Rory Koons. Repointing of Bricks around the Church and Rectory. Reconstruction of Parking lot wall.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)
#405 "What is the foundation of the authority of society?"**

Every human community needs a legitimate authority that preserves order and contributes to the realization of the common good. The foundation of such authority lies in human nature because it corresponds to the order established by God."

#406 "When is authority exercised in a legitimate way?"

Authority is exercised legitimately when it acts for the common good and employs morally licit means to attain it. Therefore, political regimes must be determined by the free decision of their citizens. They should respect the principle of the "rule of law" in which the law, and not the arbitrary will of some, is sovereign. Unjust laws and measures contrary to the moral order are not binding in conscience."

Word of the Week: Babel Tower - A biblical passage (Genesis 11:1-9) where the people on the plain of Shinar decided to build a town and erect a tower so high it would reach heaven without God's help. God distrusted their motives. He confused their language so that they could not understand each other. Then he scattered the people over the earth. In contrast, at Pentecost, with God's help, the Apostles spoke and peoples of all lands and nations understood what they proclaimed.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Only one thing is necessary in your anguish: bear everything with resignation to the Divine Will; for this will help you to attain your eternal salvation. Hope with a lively faith and you will receive everything from Almighty God."* - St. Gerard Majella.

"Consider the shortness of time, the length of eternity, and reflect how everything here below comes to an end and passes by. Of what use is it to lean upon that which cannot give support?" - St. Gerard Majella.

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" - St. Gerard Majella.



Saint of the Week: Gerard Majella

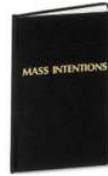
(1726-1755) was born in Italy, the youngest of five children. He was very sickly at birth and was immediately taken to the Cathedral church for Baptism. When Gerard was twelve, the sudden death of his father made it necessary for him to leave school and to begin work. He began an apprenticeship as a tailor but received harsh treatment. His earnings he divided between his mother and the poor, and in offerings for the souls in purgatory. Three times, he tried to enter the Franciscans, but was refused admittance due to his frail health. After great persistence, he joined the Redemptorists in 1749. His prayer life was continual and his spirit of obedience was perfect. He spent much of his time as a religious brother traveling with and assisting the missionaries. He was falsely accused of impurity, but he remained silent, following the example of his Divine Master. He received a severe penance: denied the reception of Holy Communion and forbidden all contact with outsiders. When his accuser fell dangerously ill, she admitted her calumny and Gerard's innocence. Because he had so often helped sinners to make a good Confession, he was adopted by many as the patron of a good Confession. Others revere the young apprentice tailor and Redemptorist lay brother as the patron of workingmen. Because he had so much difficulty getting into a religious order and because he sent so many girls to the convent he is often called upon as the patron of vocations. He was a wonderworker on the earth, and more so upon his death. He is frequently requested to help pregnant mothers have a safe and healthy delivery. Feast Day: 16 October.



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 to join, 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.



The 2025 Mass Intention Book is now open. The stipend for all Masses is \$10. We are limiting parish families to 3 Mass intentions: one (1) Sunday and two (2) weekday Masses. We ask that you come to the Rectory, Monday through Friday between 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, to schedule your Masses. Memorial candles or Altar flowers can also be scheduled at this time. The Sanctuary candle \$10; Weekly candles \$5; Altar flowers for main Altar \$80 and side Altars \$65.

Tuesday Evening, Catechesis for Adults: All are invited to join Father Mullins this Tuesday, October 15 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.

Mental Health Novena: Oct 10 - 18, 2024

www.usccb.org/mental-health-novena

Join together in prayer for men and women experiencing or impacted by mental health issues and for all those who accompany them.



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. Please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354. **Scholarships are available.** Enroll 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.

Annual Walk-A-Thon is Friday, October 25. Our goal is to raise \$40,000, and we have a sponsor who will match every dollar raised up to \$10,000! Your donation will help our school buy textbooks, new computers, and other educational materials. Please consider making a donation. Call 610-826-2354.

SJNRS Trunk-or-Treat event Saturday, October 26 from Noon – 3:00 PM in Sacred Heart parking lot. Refreshments available for purchase in the gymnasium. **Giant Food gift cards awarded to top three decorated cars!** FMI or to register your vehicle for free (**no later than October 21**), please contact Mrs. Heery-Wallace at call/text: 484-225-8295 or ericaheery@yahoo.com. Link to Facebook event page at: [TRUNK-OR-TREAK @ St. John Neumann Regional School.](#)

Weekly Collection

10/12-13: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Utility/Energy
10/19-20: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Mission Sunday

Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
Actual 9/28-29: 301



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.

Our second collection, the weekend of October 26-27, is for hurricane relief.



Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All invited! Call Peg Duell for details at: 610-826-8009.



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 now through December 16, 2024. For our parish to get credit, please provide our **Church Sponsor Code: "E300"** or ask the staff to look it up, when you donate. Local blood donation locations:

- **October 16** (3rd Wednesday of every month) at Bethany Wesleyan Church, 1122 Fairyland Road, Lehighton, PA.
 - **November 11** (2nd Monday, every odd month) from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM at Palmerton Sokol Hall, 452 Lehigh Avenue, Palmerton, PA or
- For other locations please visit www.GiveAPint.org or call 1-800-B-A-DONOR.



Meals on Wheels of Palmerton delivers hot lunches to residents who live within the Palmerton School District. This service is available to those who are returning home from a hospital stay or may just require some assistance preparing meals. Lunches are delivered around 11 AM Monday through Friday for a small fee. Services can be provided for adjustable lengths of time. If you or anyone you know would benefit from this service, please call: 610-826-1163 for more information.

The Msgr. Angelini Assembly 971 of the Knights of Columbus have partnered with Yensers Tree Farm to bring fun to the fall season. **They are providing free tickets, which expire October 20, to kids 13 and younger for the Fall Fest at Yensers.** To reserve tickets or additional info, please contact any Knight or email: kofcstjpv@gmail.com or tickets are available in the Rectory Office during normal business hours.

Calling all Men! Consider attending the Diocesan Men's Conference next Saturday, October 19 at St. Joseph the Worker Church (1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA) from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Visit: www.MenAliveInChrist.org/events for details and to register.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 16!
SJNRS 2nd annual Handmade Christmas Market from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the gymnasium. Currently accepting applications for this juried craft show. For details or an application, please contact event coordinator, Erica Heery-Wallace at ericaheery@yahoo.com or 484-225-8295. Find us on our Facebook event page at: www.facebook.com/events/1039219144380945.

Ladies . . . Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our **Annual Advent by Candlelight** on Saturday, November 30 beginning at 6:30 PM.

School Kitchen Clean-Out. We are reorganizing the kitchen in the social hall. Extra items, looking for a new home, will be placed on table in the Parish Center and can be picked up on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



This Sunday, October 13!

Cost: \$25

Doors open at 12 Noon.

Kitchen open.

Bingo starts at 1:00 PM.

Sacred Heart Social Hall, 259 Lafayette Avenue.

All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.

Happy 100th
Birthday

We offer our prayers and best wishes to **Peter Ondrasik** who celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday, October 11! May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace. *Happy Birthday!*



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