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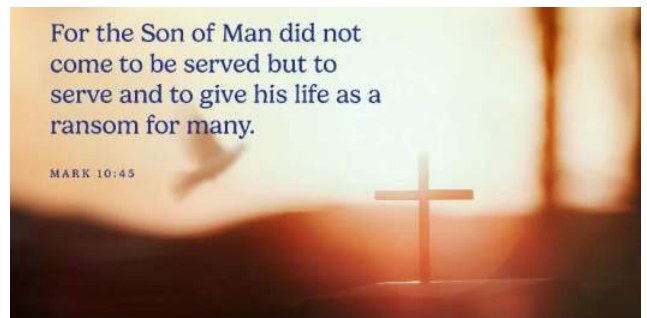
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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 20, 2024

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Sandy Miller	<i>Bookkeeper/Secretary</i>
Bonnie Lazorick	<i>Secretary</i>
Dan Podorsky	<i>Part Time Maintenance</i>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office 610-826-2335

Steven Uhnak, Coordinator

St. John Neumann Regional School

Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354
www.sjnrschool.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

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	prusso@allentowndioocese.org	
Knights of Columbus	Tricia Matsko	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Palmerton Festival	Joe Koma	www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	

Pastoral Council	Dana Massey	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
	Lisa Kistler	www.ReportBishopAbuse.org	or call: 1-800-276-1562.
	Veronica Scarpati		

October 20 --Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday (October 19):
5:00 PM Mary and Metro Sikorsky by children
Sunday (October 20):
9:30 AM Denise Homlak by husband Gerard
Monday (October 21):
8:30 AM Manuel R. Amorim by
 Orlanda and Sameria Amorim

NOTE: NO DAILY MASS
Tuesday through Friday October 22-25.

Saturday (October 26):
5:00 PM Margaret Swanger by daughter, Mary
Sunday (October 27):
9:30 AM Father William Campion by
 Andress family

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses this weekend. 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 their education and learn how better to serve the needs of our people.



Please join us one-half hour before all Masses during the month of October in praying the Rosary for our country and for all of God's children.



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially Terry O'Neil. May he be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort his 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: Isaiah 53: 10-11

The Suffering Servant (Jesus) offers His suffering for us so that we might all be justified in the eyes of God.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Jesus, as great High Priest, outranks the Jewish high priests. His outstanding compassion is also what makes Him great.

The Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45, or 10: 42-45

More than halfway through his gospel, Mark presents us with Jesus giving the rather obtuse James and John the actual consequences of discipleship.



Monday: Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5 Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12 Is 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Sanctuary Candle:
In memory of Margaret Swanger by daughter, Mary.
Marian Altar (2):
In memory 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.



Bishop Schlert will celebrate **Confirmation at 4:30 PM on Monday, October 21 at St. Nicholas Church.** All Confirmands and Sponsors are reminded of **Rehearsal on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 PM** at St. Nicholas Church. Please continue to remember our Confirmands in your prayers.

10/26-27	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	H. Werner
9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/L. Koons (choir)	C. Davis/J/J Scarpati



This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a momentous occasion for us to reflect on the universal mission of the Church—to bring the Gospel to all corners of the earth. It is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrificial giving. Over a century ago, when we were considered mission territory, the Catholic Church in the United States was bolstered by the prayers and generosity of Catholics around the world. Today, we have the privilege and responsibility to support our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission territories, including Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East.

The funds collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial. They directly support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists, as well as the development of Catholic schools and healthcare centers. These efforts are tangible expressions of God's love and compassion, providing hope and practical help to the most vulnerable members of our human family.

Together, let us pray for the success of the Church's mission and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. May our collective prayers and contributions on World Mission Sunday bear fruit in abundance, as we answer the call to invite everyone to the Lord's banquet.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#407 "What is the common good? By the common good is meant the sum total of those conditions of social life which allow people as groups and as individuals to reach their proper fulfillment."

#408 "What is involved in the common good?"

The common good involves: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person, the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of persons and society, and the peace and security of all."

#409 "Where can one find the most complete realization of the common good?"

The most complete realization of the common good is found in those political communities which defend and promote the good of their citizens and of intermediate groups without forgetting the universal good of the entire human family."

#410 "How does one participate in bringing about the common good? All men and women according to the place and role that they occupy participate in promoting the common good by respecting just laws and taking charge of the areas for which they have personal responsibility such as the care of their own family and the commitment to their own work. Citizens also should take an active part in public life as far as possible."



November 1 we celebrate *The Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation*. Our Mass schedule is as follows: Vigil Mass: Thursday, October 31 at 5:00 PM; Feast Day Masses: Friday, November 1 at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. First Friday Adoration begins at 4:00 PM and confessions will be heard from 6:00-6:55 PM before the 7:00 PM Mass.

Saturday November 2, All Souls Day/First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM. We encourage you to join us in prayer for our Faithful departed.



Announced Masses for 2025 are now being scheduled. Please stop by the Rectory Office between the hours of 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM to schedule your Masses.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"The Cross is the way to Paradise, but only when it is borne willingly."* - St. Paul of the Cross.

"The statue must be chiseled with very sharp tools before it is fit to be placed in the grand gallery." - St. Paul of the Cross.

"Be very careful to retain peace of heart, because Satan casts his lines in troubled waters." - St. Paul of the Cross.

"When you are alone in your room, take your crucifix, kiss its five wounds reverently, tell it to preach to you a little sermon, and then listen to the words of eternal life that it speaks to your heart; listen to the pleading of the thorns, the nails, the precious Blood. Oh, what an eloquent sermon!" - St. Paul of the Cross.

"The passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of love. Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths. No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom." - St. Paul of the Cross.



Saint of the Week: Paul of the Cross (1694 - 1775) Paolo Francesco Danei, the eldest son of a poor but noble Italian family,

lived austere even as a teenager. After a year in the Venetian army, he returned to a monk's life of prayer and penance, and refused to marry. In a vision in 1720, Our Lady, dressed in a black habit with a white cross and bearing the name Jesus, told Paul to start an order to preach the passion of Christ. With his bishop's approval, he founded the Discalced Officers of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which he led for the rest of his life, and later started an institute of nuns. The Passionists were soon doing missions, retreats, and spiritual direction throughout Italy. Paul was canonized in 1867. Feast Day: 20 October.

Word of the Week: : **Baldachino** - a dome-shaped canopy, made of wood, stone, or metal, over a high altar. It is either suspended by chains or supported by columns. It is also called a ciborium. The most famous is that of St. Peter's in Rome, designed by Bernini (1598-1680) for Pope Urban VIII. Its name comes from Baldacco, Italian for Baghdad, which furnished the precious materials for these canopies. The term is also applied to the canopies used in processions or to those placed over an episcopal throne.

Cemetery flowers need to be removed from our Cemeteries by November 15. Holiday decorations may be placed on the graves **beginning Thanksgiving November 28.** **Please note:** the Cemetery policy regarding excessive decorations on graves will be enforced.

Sacred Heart Cemetery Association would like to thank all who contribute to keeping our Cemeteries looking beautiful by following the rules and regulations of the cemetery. Thank you for your continued cooperation! Questions Frequently Asked: Does the S.H.C.A. sell memorial markers? The Answer is YES! Does the S.H.C.A. handle the sale of pre-need lots and memorials? The answer is YES!

The S.H.C. Association follows the rules and guidelines set by the Diocese of Allentown. Please be aware that if you chose to use a vendor other than S.H.C.A. for memorial markers there are rules that need to be followed. Contact the Rectory at 610-826-2335 for more information.



Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd at the 5:00 PM Mass. We have invited the family members of those who had funeral services in our parish in the past year to join with us to offer prayers for them and for their departed loved ones. May the faithful departed rest in peace.

Throughout November we remember the souls of our departed loved ones:

A Special Board of Remembrance listing our deceased parishioners who passed away since November 1, 2023 to the present and their picture will be placed at the Marian Altar. You are asked to drop off a framed photo (no larger than 8x10) at the Rectory by October 31. The photo will be placed on the Marian Altar with our Board of Remembrance throughout the month of November. Photos can be reclaimed at the end of November.

We will place the names of your deceased loved ones at our **Shrine of Remembrance.** Please include their names on your All Soul's Day Envelope which can be placed in any upcoming Collection. The envelope will be placed on the Marian Altar until November 30.

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.



Spirit-Filled Evening for Women:

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, November 30th from 6:30-9:30 PM. This is a wonderful evening of the Word, music and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

Advent by Candlelight is for ladies of the congregation, their female family members, friends and neighbors. There is **no charge** for this event. Table Hostesses are asked to provide table settings and candles for a table of 8 to 10 ladies. We also ask that each table bring appetizers and desserts for your table only. **Please call or text Tricia Matsko at: 484-633-6510 to reserve a table.**

Weekly Collection

10/19-20: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Mission Sunday
10/26-27: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Hurricane Relief
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
Actual 10/12-10/13: 284

Our second collection next weekend, October 26-27, will be for the Hurricane victims in the South. There is no envelope for this collection.

The Religious Ed "PREP" students are collecting loose change to donate to Catholic Relief Services in their ongoing efforts of disaster relief in the U.S and Globally. Over the next two months, please consider placing your loose change in the containers located at the entrances of the Church. This is the Religious Ed department's mission project this year. Thank you for your donation.



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.



Do you want access to good catholic books and music? Check out the Tabella.app. A **free**

Catholic communication app. If you want the most updated information on the parish and activities sign up for Sacred Heart Parish on the Tabella app!! Download the app on your phone and start growing in your faith and as a member of our community.



The Wednesday morning Bible Study – Prayer Group invites all to attend Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. Join in intercessory prayer

for all those in need and learn what the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings have to teach us. Just bring yourself. For more info call Peg at: 610-826-8009.

PPL Recycling: Call today to see how you can receive free pickup and rebates for recycling your old, working appliances: refrigerator, freezer, room A/C or dehumidifier call: 1-877-486-9204 or visit: www.pplelectric.com/recycle.



Consider providing your child the gift of a Catholic School education: *Safe caring environment that offers Excellent Faith-Based Education, Small Class and Individual Attention. Financial Aid Available.* Call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 for details.

Upcoming SJNRS Events:

Annual Walk-A-Thon: Friday, October 25. For details or to make a donation call 610-826-2354.

SJNRS Trunk-or-Treat: Saturday, October 26 from Noon – 3:00 PM in Sacred Heart parking lot. 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: ericaheery@yahoo.com or call/text: 484-225-8295 or Facebook event page at: [TRUNK-OR-TREK@ St. John Neumann Regional School](https://www.facebook.com/TRUNK-OR-TREK@St.JohnNeumannRegionalSchool).



Sunday, October 27! Doors open 12 Noon. Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Kitchen open. Cost: \$25. In the gymnasium. **All proceeds benefit St.**

John Neumann Regional School. Questions, call the school office at: 610-826-2354.

SJNRS 2nd annual Handmade Christmas Market Saturday, November 16 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the gymnasium. For details please contact, Erica Heery-Wallace at: ericaheery@yahoo.com or text: 484-225-8295 or Facebook event page at: www.facebook.com/events/1039219144380945.



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 receive credit, please provide our **Church Sponsor Code: "E300."** For dates and locations where you can donate please visit: www.GiveAPint.org or call 1-800-B-A-DONOR.

The Diocese continues to monitor weekly Parish attendance to help them determine the viability of Parishes. Bishop Schlert requested all Parishes to count those in attendance this **weekend, October 19-20 and next weekend, October 26-27.** These numbers will be submitted to the Chancery and will be used for future Diocesan planning.



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