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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 27, 2024**

### PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354  
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### 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
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C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator	
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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	
	Peg Duell	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
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Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	<a href="http://www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/">www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/</a>	
	Jerome Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
Pastoral Council	Lisa Kistler	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
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# October 27 --Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## MASS Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>(October 26):</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Margaret Swanger by daughter, Mary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(October 27):</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Father William Campion by Address family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>(October 28)</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Jane Cervenak by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hager
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>(October 30):</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Ada and Michael Nemecek by James and Barbara Nemecek
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>(October 31):</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Manuel R. Amorim by Pureza Cunha
	<b>All Saints Vigil</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Darryl Moyer by Stephen and Edwina Vlossak
<b>Friday</b>	<b>(November 1): All Saints Day</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Living and deceased members of the Slovak Catholic Sokols
<b>7:00 PM</b>	For the intentions of Joe Koma by Knights of Columbus
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>(November 2): All Souls Day</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Tom Lakata by Frank and Kathy Hager
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(November 3):</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Agostinho Mendes by wife



*November 1 we celebrate The Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation.* Mass

Schedule: Vigil Mass, Thursday, October 31 at 5:00 PM; Feast Day: Friday, November 1 at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

**First Friday Adoration** begins at 4:00 PM. 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.

Sacrament of Penance Schedule	
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4:00-4:45 PM</b>
<b>Before weekday Mass:</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 AM</b>
<b>First Friday of the Month:</b>	<b>6:00-7:00 PM</b>
<b>By appointment, please call the Rectory Office.</b>	

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

The prophet brings the consolation of a triumphal march home for the exiled Israel through the desert. It is a new exodus for the people.

### Reading II: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Jesus is the chosen high priest, who is merciful and able to "deal gently" with His people.

### The Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

The blind Bartimaeus is healed and "immediately followed Jesus on the way." "The Way" was the early Christian title of their newfound faith.

### Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Lk 13:18-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 13:22-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35
<b>Friday:</b>	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
<b>Saturday:</b>	Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40
<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34



### Sanctuary Candle:

*In memory of Margaret Swanger by daughter, Mary.*

### St. Joseph Altar (2):

*In memory of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie*



*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.



**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.

All Saints 10/31-11/1	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/F. Hager/J. Kralik (choir)	G. Buck/B. Cornmesser
8:30 AM	SJNRS	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk	SJNRS
7:00 PM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/A. Krawchuk	L. Matsko/C. Davis
11/2-3	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/T. Gades (choir)	A/C/D Gowin



### A letter from Bishop Schlert:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we commence Respect Life Month, we celebrate the gift of life on the memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, affectionately known as "The Little Flower." A Virgin and Doctor of the Church, she guided her life by the belief that "every flower created by [Our Lord] is beautiful" and part of "Our Lord's living garden." Despite her littleness, she knew herself loved by Him and reflected this in the way that she loved and served those around her.

Today, we live in a country in which the law does not recognize our "littlest" ones as loved, important, or valued. In the eyes of society, they do not have any rights because they are not visible. Fortunately, we are no longer under *Roe v. Wade*, and our elected representatives now have the authority to reduce or eliminate abortion completely. However, today we must confront the consequences left behind by this fifty-year regime, which has unfortunately led many Americans, including Christians, to accept some form of abortion.

While it is vital to confront all threats to human life, I, along with other U.S. Bishops, emphasize that "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone." We may feel surrounded by the darkness of death, and the enemy of our souls may try to convince us that there is nothing we can do. However, Saint Thérèse reminds us that "Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

This month we can transform our everyday mundane tasks—such as cooking dinner, writing a challenging college paper, taking out the garbage, and driving patiently in traffic—into meaningful prayers. By offering these small sacrifices with love, we can strengthen our prayers for the mother considering abortion, for the centers offering life-giving options to pregnant mothers, for the child at risk of losing his or her life, or for the medical staff at abortion clinics who may not fully understand the impact of their actions.

Importantly, as citizens, we have the ability and the right to influence the legislative process that effects abortion laws in our Commonwealth and in our Nation, by bringing our properly formed consciences into public discourse. Voting is another solemn obligation we have, and is a means to express our faithful citizenship. Please join me in praying that, through the intercession of Saint Thérèse, we may bring awareness to the evils of abortion and courageously fight for the rights of the most vulnerable.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert

Voting Resources for the President and the State Offices can be found on our parish website at:

[www.SHCPalmerton.org](http://www.SHCPalmerton.org)

**Word of the Week: Balm** - aromatic viscous fluid from the terebinth tree and other plants. In cathedral-churches on Holy Thursday blessed balm is mixed with olive oil and then poured into the oil of the holy chrism. This chrism is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Orders and calls the individual to carry the fragrance of Christ with us to all we encounter.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"Oh Mama, young people...young people...they are the future. You see, I can't run anymore, but how I would like to pass on to them the torch, like in the Olympics! Young people have only one life and it's worthwhile to spend it well."*  
- Blessed Chiara Luz Badano.

*"I suffered a lot, but my soul was always singing! At this point I have nothing left, but I still have my heart and with that I can always love."* - Blessed Chiara Luz Badano,

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

### #411 "How does society ensure social justice?"

Society ensures social justice when it respects the dignity and the rights of the person as the proper end of society itself. Furthermore, society pursues social justice, which is linked to the common good and to the exercise of authority, when it provides the conditions that allow associations and individuals to obtain what is their due."

### #412 "On what is human equality based?"

All persons enjoy equal dignity and fundamental rights insofar as they are created in the image of the one God, are endowed with the same rational soul, have the same nature and origin, and are called in Christ, the one and only Savior, to the same divine beatitude."

### #413 "How are we to view social inequalities?"

There are sinful social and economic inequalities which affect millions of human beings. These inequalities are in open contradiction to the Gospel and are contrary to justice, to the dignity of persons, and to peace. There are, however, differences among people caused by various factors which enter into the plan of God. Indeed, God wills that each might receive what he or she needs from others and that those endowed with particular talents should share them with others. Such differences encourage and often oblige people to the practice of generosity, kindness and the sharing of goods. They also foster the mutual enrichment of cultures."

### #414 "How is human solidarity manifested?"

Solidarity, which springs from human and Christian brotherhood, is manifested in the first place by the just distribution of goods, by a fair remuneration for work and by zeal for a more just social order. The *virtue* of solidarity also practices the sharing of the spiritual goods of faith which is even more important than sharing material goods."

## Weekly Collection

10/26-27: In Support of the Parish

**Second Collection:** Hurricane Relief

11/2-3: In Support of the Parish

**Attendance Weekly Goal:** 450

Actual 10/19-10/20: 276

Our second collection this weekend is for the Hurricane Relief Fund in the South. There is no envelope for this collection.



## Saint of the Week: Blessed Clara

Luz Badano (1971-1990) was born in Sassello, Italy. In 1980 she met the Focolare Movement (Work of Mary) - a Catholic movement founded in Italy in the mid-1940s, whose aim is: "...to

bear witness to love and unity among those furthest from the Church, fighting against social and racial inequalities," which had a transcendental impact on her life. She stood out in this institution for her commitment and great activity in the Gen Movement (New Generation), through which she discovered that "God is Love." At the age of 17, she was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma with metastasis, one of the most serious and painful types of tumor; from then on she spent the rest of her life in hospitals and subjected to increasingly frequent and painful treatments. The young woman abandoned herself to the divine will: "For you, Jesus, if you want it, I want it too!" A passionate athlete, Clara lost the use of her legs. With exemplary Christian resignation, she said: "If I had to choose between walking and going to Paradise, I would have no doubts, I would choose to go to Paradise. That is all that interests me now." In mid-July 1990, the doctors decided to stop her treatment and gave up on her. Before being reunited with her Beloved, Clara said to her mother: "Be happy, I am happy!" She was beatified in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Feast day: 29 October.



## 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.**

**The Wednesday morning Bible Study/Prayer Group** invites all to join them on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center for prayer and learn what the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings have to teach us. For more info call Peg at: 610-826-8009.

*In Loving  
Memory*

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

**Mass of Remembrance is on Saturday, November 2 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.

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

**All Souls Day Envelope: Please include the names** of your departed loved ones on your All Soul's Day Envelope and place in the collection basket. We will place these envelopes at our **Shrine of Remembrance** during the month of November.

**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.

**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.

**Parish Religions Education Program "PREP" students** will collect change for their mission project this year in support of Catholic Relief services and natural disasters.



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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**Today, 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](mailto:ericaheery@yahoo.com) or text: 484-225-8295 or Facebook event page at: [www.facebook.com/events/1039219144380945](http://www.facebook.com/events/1039219144380945).

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