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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

November 10, 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.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	
	Peg Duell	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	prusso@allentowndioocese.org	
Knights of Columbus	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	
	Jerome Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
Pastoral Council	Lisa Kistler	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
Pro Life Coordinator	Veronica Scarpati	www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	(November 9): Manuel R. Amorim by Orlando and Samiera Amorim
Sunday 9:30 AM	(November 10): Mr. and Mrs. John Yanzsa by Pat and John Woginrich
Monday 8:30 AM	(November 11) Andrew and Eleanore Hunadi by Gregory and Carol Hunadi
Wednesday 8:30 AM	(November 13) Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Thursday 8:30 AM	(November 14): Peggy Cebrosky by Debbie
Friday 8:30 AM	(November 15): Manuel R. Amorim by Gary and Rosa Sander and family
Saturday 5:00 PM	(November 16): Manuel Amorim by Susana Barros and family
Sunday 9:30 AM	(November 17): Darryl Seiwell by Mr. and Mrs. John Woginrich

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.



Sanctuary Candle:

John "Jack" DeSousa by family

Marian Altar (2):

Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie

St. Joseph Altar (2):

For the intentions of Father Mullins

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: I Kings 17: 10-16

The widow obeys Elijah's order and is rewarded with divine providence acting in her favor for a year. Such is the devotion of the humble.

Reading II: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Jesus' sacrifice of Himself was the perfect one as High Priest for all time. It did not require repetition to do further good because it took away all sins.

The Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44, or 12: 41-44

The two characters featured here, the scribe and the widow, are starkly contrasted. Jesus favors the poor widow He had observed donating her whole livelihood to the temple treasury.



Monday:	Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10 Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

If you are new to our Parish and would like to Register, please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335. New Parishioners are always welcome!

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

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

A limited supply of St. Joseph Missals are available in the Parish Center for \$5. The Missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1.

11/16-17	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	HSM	Fr. Mullins/C. Chies	TBD
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/T. Gades/C. Wehr (choir)	S/D Goodbred/B. Cornmesser



In the United States, Veterans Day is a federal holiday that is celebrated every 11th of November to commemorate the signing of the armistice with Germany that ended hostilities during World War I. Veterans Day is generally regarded as honoring all those who ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is an important day to give thanks to all men and women who have devoted their time and sacrifices for our country and its freedoms. Some ways you can participate: fly the U.S. flag at your home; watch war movies and pray for the healing of our troops; pay homage to those veterans who died serving our country by visiting Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia or watch it on television; volunteer at the local Veteran's Affairs Hospital or pray the rosary at the cemetery for all our deceased veterans.

Many veterans shed their own blood, sweat and tears in their service to our country. Consider donating some of your blood to help those in need. On Monday, November 11th from 11:30 AM-6:00 PM at the Palmerton Sokol Hall (452 Lehigh Ave), there will be a Blood Drive. **Remember to provide Sacred Heart's sponsor code for our parish: E-300.**



Saint of the Week: Pope Leo the Great (400-461AD) was a deacon of Rome who advised two popes and was sent to bring reconciliation between various nations. Leo was elected pope in 440 while on a diplomatic mission to Gaul, now France. He is one of three popes called "the Great." His title was earned by his teachings—in 143 letters and about 100 sermons that survive—and his administration, which consolidated church government, stressed the primacy of Rome, and instigated liturgical, pastoral, and canonical uniformity. He corrected two groups that had turned to heresy: Pelagianism and Manichaeism. He also persuaded Attila the Hun not to destroy Rome. Pope Leo was made a doctor of the church. Feast day: 10 November.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)
#418 "What is the relationship between the natural law and the Old Law? The Old Law is the first stage of revealed Law. It expresses many truths naturally accessible to reason and which are thus affirmed and authenticated in the covenant of salvation. Its moral prescriptions, which are summed up in the Ten Commandments of the Decalogue, lay the foundations of the human vocation, prohibit what is contrary to the love of God and neighbor, and prescribe what is essential to it."

#419 "What place does the Old Law have in the plan of salvation? The Old Law permitted one to know many truths which are accessible to reason, showed what must or must not be done and, above all, like a wise tutor, prepared and disposed one for conversion and for the acceptance of the Gospel. However, while being holy, spiritual, and good, the Old Law was still imperfect because in itself it did not give the strength and the grace of the Spirit for its observance."

#420 "What is the New Law or the Law of the Gospel? The New Law or the Law of the Gospel, proclaimed and fulfilled by Christ, is the fullness and completion of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is summed up in the commandment to love God and neighbor and to love one another as Christ loved us. It is also an interior reality: the grace of the Holy Spirit which makes possible such love. It is "the law of freedom" (*Galatians* 1:25) because it inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity. *"The New Law is mainly the same grace of the Holy Spirit which is given to believers in Christ."* (Saint Thomas Aquinas)"

#421 "Where does one find the New Law? The New Law is found in the entire life and preaching of Christ and in the moral catechesis of the apostles. The Sermon on the Mount is its principal expression."

Join Father Mullins in the Parish Center Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM, for Catechesis for Adults. Anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith are welcome.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."* - Pope Saint Leo the Great.

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ." - Pope St. Leo the Great.

"The faith by which we live shall never vary in any age . . . for one is the faith which sanctifies the Just of all ages." - Pope St. Leo the Great.

Word of the Week: Baptism - the sacrament in which, by water and the Holy Spirit, a person is cleansed of all sin, given new life as a child of God, become a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it opens the path to the other sacraments and eternal life. Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism, stating that it is necessary for our salvation (John 3:5-6).

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.

Tabella 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.



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.**



Plan to begin your day in Thankful Praise by joining us for our Mass at 8:30 AM. We encourage all families to attend this Mass and if you can bring an item (listed below) to be placed in the containers at the entrances to the Church. These gifts will be donated to C.A.C.P.A.C. to help needy families in our community. **CACPAC November/December needs:** stuffing mix, corn, peas, jelly, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce.

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 Souls Day Envelopes have been placed on the Marian Altar, at our **Shrine of Remembrance**, seeking our Blessed Lady's intercession.

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.

FALL CLEANUP AT CEMETERIES

All flowers need to be removed from the cemeteries by Friday, November 15. We also recommend you empty and cover urns to avoid freezing and cracking. The policy concerning excessive decorations on graves will be enforced. Items not approved for a Catholic cemetery will be removed. Holiday decorations may be placed on the graves beginning Wednesday, November 27.

SHC 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. Call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 for more information.

Weekly Collection

11/9-10: In Support of the Parish
11/16-17: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
Actual 11/2-3: 352



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 website at: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the **online giving** icon to create your account and schedule your donation or recurring gift online.



This Sunday, November 10!
In our Parish Social Hall/Gym.
Doors and Kitchen open 12:00 Noon. Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Cost: \$25. Come join us for some fun, food and chance to win some prizes! All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.

Prayer for Vocations:

Father of compassion and mercy, look benevolently upon Your children and grant us Your abundant grace. We trust that You continue to call numerous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to serve Your Church. Grant, we beg You, that more of Your sons and daughters will listen for Your voice and generously respond to Your call to serve the Church. Give to the parents the generosity and faith to encourage their children to be open to Your divine call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Men in high school and college desiring to discern whether God is calling them to the priesthood are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/vocations> or call Father Mullins at: 610-826-2335.

ANSWERS: to last week's Fun Corner:

Vocations / Callings by God

REIRAMGA: MARRIAGE
DEPHOPTISO: PRIESTHOOD
TOAECNAID: DIACONATE
RIULIGSOE: RELIGIOUS

Answer

The vocation of us all: HOLINESS

Lectors: *2025 Lector Workbook, begins with the First Week of Advent, December 1,* is available for pick-up in the back sacristy.



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.

Dine and Donate to Support SJNRS at The Palmerton Pub on **Wednesday, 13 November 2024** from 11:00 AM-9:00 PM.

Christmas Shopping! St John Neumann Regional School Gym, Palmerton Campus on **Saturday, November 16** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Take a selfie with Santa, buy some homemade crafts and baked goods. Win some prizes. All are welcome! For details please contact, Erica Heery-Wallace at: ericaheery@yahoo.com or text: 484-225-8295 or visit the Facebook event page at: www.facebook.com/events/1039219144380945.

This weekend, **Students from SJNRS** will be speaking at all Masses and accepting donations after Mass for their **School Walk-A-Thon** Fundraiser which was held on Friday, October 25. Thank you for your support to help us reach our goal of \$40,000. Questions, please call the school office at: 610-826-2354 or email: sjnrswalkathon@gmail.com.



November 23, 2024 CYO bowling tournament at:

Fritz Bowling Lanes and Pro Shop, Lehighton. Grades K-4 begin at 3:00 PM. Grades

5-8 begin at 4:00 PM. **All participants must register by November 16.** This is for all students in our parishes and SJNRS and St Jerome Regional School. For details go to:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dWPWISylmPu9kbJqRX3PaNF1bTBcH2Wo9IzoxWPWA/ed](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dWPWISylmPu9kbJqRX3PaNF1bTBcH2Wo9IzoxWPWA/edit?usp=sharing)

Basketball players (grades K-8) and coaches needed. CYO is fun, you get to know the students better, be a positive influence, and get some exercise too. Novice volunteers welcome!

Contact Carolyn Gowin with any questions regarding CYO activities or how you can get help as a coach/volunteer at: 610-751-3744.

Palmerton Historical Society invites you to the Palmerton Library on Monday, November 11 at 6:30 PM. Christine DeSousa will give a presentation on the history of the Palmerton Library. FREE event.



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