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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 17, 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.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	
	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 17 – Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

MASS Intentions

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

Monday 8:30 AM (November 18):
Gerry Reenock by
Frank and Fran Carazo

Wednesday 8:30 AM (November 20):
Sharon Minnich by Carol Papay

Thursday 8:30 AM (November 21):
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Friday 8:30 AM (November 22):
Matthew Tobia by family

Saturday 5:00 PM (November 23):
Don Gerheart by
sisters Carolyn, Janet and Marie

Sunday 9:30 AM (November 24):
Manuel Amorim by
Joann and Joe Kerksmar

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.



Sacred Heart Parish Family welcomes **Marco Miatia** and **Emmett Lopata** who were recently welcomed into the Church through Baptism. May you always stay close to God and His Holy Catholic Church.

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: David 12: 1-3

Despite the great suffering to come at the end of time, those whose names are found "written in the book" of life shall be saved.

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

The Son of God will make his enemies his footstool. Then he will make perfect those who are being consecrated now.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

At the end of time, the Son of Man will return in glory and gather His elect. Jesus also tells the disciples that the growth pattern of the fig tree is a helpful warning sign of these future happenings.



Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

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.



St. Joseph Altar (2):

Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie

11/23-24	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/J. Uhnak	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/S. Miller (choir)	J/J Scarpati/C. Davis
Thanksgiving, Thursday November 28, 2024			
8:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay	Gowins



As we come to the end of the liturgical year, there is a focus on the End Times and the Final Judgment. This biblical prophecy can be discovered in the Book of Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelations and in today's Gospel (Mark 13:24-32). To many, it can seem scary and they anxiously want to know, "When will this happen?" It's a question to determine whether we will have enough time to be sufficiently prepared. However, no one but God knows the day nor the hour and so we are called to always be prepared. Throughout the year, schools are mandated to have several fire drills. Drills are done so that when an actual emergency happens, the students will be prepared and ready. By practicing fire drills, all train so that in an actual emergency all will be able to leave in a safe and orderly manner and regroup in a specially designated location such that all can be accounted. It is helpful to have a safety plan for one's home as well. Teach all members of the family the location and how to use fire extinguishers and first aid kits. Ensure that all know the phone numbers for doctor, plumber and police. Ensure the batteries in the smoke and fire alarms, and carbon monoxide monitors are replaced regularly. Know where the exits are and know where to regroup after an emergency. When we are prepared, then there will be nothing to fear; we will be able to escape the fires and dangers and gather together with the Lord.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#422 "What is justification?"

Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. It is the merciful and freely-given act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. It is brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit which has been merited for us by the passion of Christ and is given to us in Baptism. Justification is the beginning of the free response of man, that is, faith in Christ and of cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit."

#423 "What is the grace that justifies?"

That grace is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in his trinitarian life and able to act by his love. It is called *habitual, sanctifying or deifying grace* because it sanctifies and divinizes us. It is *supernatural* because it depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the powers of human beings. It therefore escapes our experience."

#424 "What other kinds of grace are there?"

Besides habitual grace, there are actual graces (gifts for specific circumstances), sacramental graces (gifts proper to each sacrament), special graces or charisms (gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church) among which are the graces of state that accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life."



Plan to begin your day in Thankful Praise by joining us for 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.

Word of the Week: Barabbas - "a notorious prisoner," Matthew described him (Matthew 27:16-17). John called him "a brigand" (John 18:40-41). Mark and Luke both said that he was in prison as a rioter and murderer (Mark 15:7-15; Luke 23:19-25). When Pilate questioned Jesus at his trial and could find him guilty of nothing, he offered the people the choice of freeing Christ or Barabbas, hoping that the latter's notorious reputation would induce them to release Christ. But, whipped into fury by their chief priests, they insisted that the guilty man be freed and the innocent die.



Saint of the Week: Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 - 1231). Elizabeth lived a short but full life; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she

founded hospitals and even gave away her royal robes. The daughter of a Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a Thuringian nobleman, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the cost of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After she died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan in Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron saint of bakers, brides, widows, the falsely accused, and secular Franciscans. Feast day: 17 November.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will."* - St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

"The accidents of life separate us from our dearest friends, but let us not despair. God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united to Him by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to Him." - St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

"God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in His Sacrament of the Altar He is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in His Sacrifice daily offered as really as once offered on the Cross." - St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

"We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives, that prayer which is rather a habit of raising the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him." - St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should have received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website at: www.weloveourpriests.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith should join **Father Mullins in the Parish Center Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 PM, for Catechesis for Adults.** All are welcome.

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:

This is the final call for hostesses to reserve a table for our **Annual Advent by Candlelight Event!** This is the 20th Anniversary of the program and we encourage you to attend whether it's your first time or your 20th time on Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 6:30–9:30 PM in the Social Hall.

This is a wonderful evening of The Word, music, prayer and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season.

Advent by Candlelight is for all ladies high school age or older, of the congregation or not.

Please call/text Tricia Matsko at 484-633-6510 or email: tricia@rohrmedia.com if you would like to be a Table Hostess. There is no charge for this event.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Mom's Group: we are considering having a Mother's Support Group to meet once a month. We can have various activities for the children, but also give young mothers an opportunity to gather, share and support one another and grow in the faith. Anyone interested, please contact Father Mullins providing three preferences for the desired time and day of the reunions.

High School Youth Ministry will meet 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 20th in the Parish Center. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome.

Next weekend free books will be available, thanks to a donor, to grow spiritually during Advent.

Weekly Collection

11/16-17: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund
11/23-24: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Christmas Flowers
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450
 Actual 11/9-10: 298



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.

In Loving Memory

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

Reminder: All flowers need to be removed from the cemeteries and 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 choose 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.



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.



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/1dWPWISyImPu9kbJqRX3PaNF1bTBcH2Wo9IzoxWPWPA/ed](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dWPWISyImPu9kbJqRX3PaNF1bTBcH2Wo9IzoxWPWPA/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.



Our Annual Advent Giving Tree Program begins this weekend.

We ask that you take a gift tag, make your gift purchase per tag instructions, wrap it and securely fasten the tag to your package. Return your gift to the **Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 15.**



Help needed, including a few strong arms, **on Friday, November 29 at 10:00 AM** to bring in platform for manger scene and begin preparing our Church for Advent.



Every Second Sunday of the month, join us December 8! 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.



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