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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 24, 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

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Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal 610-826-2354  
[www.sjnschool.org](http://www.sjnschool.org)

Allentown Central Catholic High School 610-437-4601  
[www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info)

Marian Catholic High School 570-467-3335  
[www.marianhighschool.org](http://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

Altar Servers

Bereavement Sharers

Bible Study/Prayer Group/  
Prayer Chain

C.A.C.P.A.C.

Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth

Cemetery

Choir/Music Liaison

Disability Advocates

Financial Council

Funeral Luncheon Committee

High School Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Palmerton Festival

Pastoral Council

Pro Life Coordinator

Cass Chies

Father Mullins

Olivia Erickson

Peg Duell

Tricia Matsko

Joe Koma

Dana Massey

Jerome Scarpati

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Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands

Safety, Security and

Maintenance Committee

Rectory Office

Jim Matsko

### Catholic Charities:

Tom Miller

610-435-1541 ext. 374

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC: 800-791-9209

### Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator

Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S. 610-871-5200, ext. 2204

Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

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### Diocesan Youth Protection Programs

[www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/)

Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:

[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call: 1-800-276-1562.

# November 24 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

## MASS Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>(November 23):</b> Don Gerheart by sisters Carolyn, Janet and Marie
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>(November 24):</b> Manuel Amorim by Joann and Joe Kerksmar
<b>Monday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(November 25):</b> Jane Cervenak by Gary and Rosa Sander and daughters
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(November 27):</b> Adelino Mendes by mother
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(November 28): Thanksgiving</b> Anita Harry by husband
<b>Friday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>(November 29):</b> Parishioners of Sacred Heart
<b>Saturday</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>(November 30):</b> Agostinho Mendes by wife
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>(December 1):</b> Special Intention by Jordan Cook



Plan to begin your day in Thankful Praise by joining us for Mass at 8:30 AM. We encourage all families to attend 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 distributed by 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.

### 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>	



*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.



**St. Joseph Altar (2):**  
*Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Daniel 7: 13-14

The son of Man will rule over a kingdom that will never end. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ.

### Reading II: Revelations 1: 5-8

Jesus' work enables us to be under God's rule rather than that of the devil. To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever.

### The Gospel: John 18: 33b-37

Our thoughts return suddenly to the high drama of Good Friday, and Pilate's questioning of Our Lord Jesus. Of course, the nervous procurator gets the correct but mysterious answer to his question about kingship.



<b>Monday:</b>	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
<b>Friday:</b>	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6A and 8A Lk 21:29-33
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22
<b>Sunday:</b>	Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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 Missals* are available in the Parish Center for \$5. The Missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1.

11/30-12/1	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/J.Kralik	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/C. Wehr (choir)	G. Buck/C. Davis



Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. All things come from Him and all things belong to Him. Yet Christ

does not hoard this wealth for Himself. Instead, Jesus generously provides what we need that we may reign with Him forever in His heavenly kingdom. From the King comes power, protection, wealth and safety, nourishment, and sense of purpose. We are called to give thanks to the King who provides everything for us, He who even shed His Precious Blood for us. At the Last Supper, Jesus Himself offered the most perfect thanksgiving, when He offered the sacrifice of the Mass--"He Himself took bread, and giving (the Father) thanks, He said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to His disciples." We are obliged to give thanks through the Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation based on the Third Commandment. However, we can participate in this wonderful feast of thanksgiving every day. Our daily Masses take place in our chapel (between the Church and Rectory), but this Thursday for Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate Mass in the Church at 8:30 AM. Reminder: We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables to distribute to our brothers and sisters in need. Please place them around the steps of the altar leaving some space for the ministers. Happy Thanksgiving!

Next Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass, we give thanks to God for new candidates (those who are baptized seeking to become Catholic and/or receive Confirmation) who seek to strengthen their relationship with the Lord, transform their lives, and become deeper involved in the Catholic Church. We welcome them and give thanks to God for His abundant mercy.

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

#### #425 "What is the relationship between grace and human freedom?"

Grace precedes, prepares and elicits our free response. It responds to the deep yearnings of human freedom, calls for its cooperation and leads freedom toward its perfection."

**#426 "What is merit?"** In general merit refers to the right to recompense for a good deed. With regard to God, we of ourselves are not able to merit anything, having received everything freely from him. However, God gives us the possibility of acquiring merit through union with the love of Christ, who is the source of our merits before God. The merits for good works, therefore, must be attributed in the first place to the grace of God and then to the free will of man."

**#427 "What are the goods that we can merit?"** Moved by the Holy Spirit, we can merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification and for the attainment of eternal life. Even temporal goods, suitable for us, can be merited in accordance with the plan of God. No one, however, can merit the *initial grace* which is at the origin of conversion and justification."

**Word of the Week: Barnabas** - otherwise known as Joseph, a Levite of Cyprus (Acts 4:36-37). He became a member of the primitive Church. Paul's acceptance by the Christians in Jerusalem was largely due to Barnabas' eloquence in persuading them of Paul's sincerity and the miraculous conversion at Damascus. The two traveled together in the work of the Church in obedience to the Holy Spirit: "I want Barnabas and Saul set apart for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2). They were especially successful in the year they spent together in Antioch, converting many (Acts 11:25-26). The team of Paul and Barnabas was finally disrupted by a "violent quarrel." On Paul's next projected journey Barnabas wanted his nephew, Mark, to accompany them, but Paul disagreed. The consequence was that Paul chose Silas to accompany him, while Barnabas and Mark traveled to Cyprus (Acts 15:36-40). This new partnership paved the way for Mark's development as Peter's disciple and the second Evangelist.

*As you leave Mass today*, please take a book with you, that are located behind the last pew in the back of Church, **"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory."** We thank the donor who purchased these books and are FREE to you. This book will help you to grow spiritually during the Advent season. Enjoy!



**Saint of the Week: Leonard of Port Maurice** (1676-1751AD) was born Leonard Casanova in Port Maurice, Italy, and joined the Franciscans of the Strict Observance in 1697. Ordained in 1703, he began preaching all over the Tuscany region of Italy about the Blessed Sacrament, the devotion of the Sacred Heart, the Stations of the Cross, as well as the Immaculate Conception. By 1736 he was attracting huge crowds in Rome and elsewhere, and he erected almost six hundred Stations of the Cross throughout the lands. In 1744, Leonard was sent by Pope Benedict XIV to preach on Corsica, returning to Rome in 1751 after receiving a summons from the pope. Leonard died at his friary, St. Bonaventure, on November 26. He was canonized in 1867 and named patron of parish missions.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"What graces, gifts and virtues the Holy Mass calls down!"* - St. Leonard of Port Maurice.

*"I believe that were it not for the Holy Mass, at this moment, the world would be in the abyss, unable to bear up under the mighty load of its iniquities. Mass is the potent prop that holds the world on its base."* - St. Leonard of Port Maurice

**Please note:** During Advent, Father will celebrate **an extra Mass on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Plan to join him on December 5.

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 26, at 7:00 PM, for Catechesis for Adults.** All are welcome.

**The Wednesday morning Bible Study/Prayer Group** meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend. For more info call Peg at: 610-826-8009.

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. If interested, contact Father Mullins providing three preferences for the desired time and day of the reunions.

**Photo Directory:** You should have received your individual photo or will be receiving within the next week. Church Photo Directory will be available in January.



Ladies next Saturday, November 30, from 6:30-9:30 PM is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our program—an evening of The Word, shared stories, music, prayer and fellowship. This is a free event. Questions call or text Tricia at: 484-633-6510. If interested in attending the church service only, plan to gather at 7:30 PM in the church, no reservations needed.

**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.



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



**Help bring Christmas to families in need!** Last weekend we kicked off our **Annual Advent Giving Tree Program.** Please take a tag from the Advent Giving Tree and return the tag with the gift **no later than Sunday, December 15.** Thank you and God Bless You!



The Feast of St. Nicholas is Friday, December 6. **St. Nicholas will be visiting our Parish the weekend of December 7-8** with a treat for children (up to age 12). **Children should leave one shoe** by the Christmas Tree in the Main Vestibule of the Church before Mass. Don't forget to pick up your shoe after Mass and see what treat you can take home.



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.

**The Rectory Office will be closed** Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, December 2, 2024.

## Weekly Collection

11/23-24: In Support of the Parish  
Second Collection: Christmas Flowers  
11/30-12/1: In Support of the Parish  
Attendance Weekly Goal: 450  
Actual 11/16-17: 307

This weekend's Second Collection is for *Christmas Flowers*. Please write the names on the back of your envelope "in honor of" or "in memory of" a living or deceased family member or friend. These intentions will be placed on the Marian Altar.



Sacred Heart provides *Online Giving through software called myEoffering*. To create your account, visit our website at: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) and click on

the *online giving icon*.

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

You should have received a request letter in the mail recently. Please support the faithful priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Among those retired priests who served our community at Sacred Heart are: Monsignor Bob Wargo and Father James Ward. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website: [www.weloveourpriests.org](http://www.weloveourpriests.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support!



**RAFFLE: \$5/ticket for the Indoor/Outdoor Nativity Set** on display in the church. (4 piece nativity set: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Angel.) Largest figure is

18" tall. All raffle tickets must be turned in by **Sunday, December 8**. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, December 8, 3:30 PM (following BINGO). **You need not be present to win.** For tickets, please stop by the Rectory or call: 610-826-2335. We thank Tammy Bubser who handcrafted this beautiful Set and donated it to us.



Please join us for family movie night in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 14, after the 5:00 PM Mass.

We will be showing the movie "*The Star*," an animated story of the Nativity as seen from the perspective of the animals who were there.

Annual Holiday CACPAC is sponsoring the annual **Toy Drive** Palmerton and Surrounding Area **Toy Drive** for new toys or gift cards. *No used toys or stuffed animals.* Please leave your donation, in the box located at the entrance to the Parish Center, **by December 12**. Distribution of toys, to help local families make their Christmas brighter, is scheduled for December 14.



*Looking for something special to give that hard to shop for person on your list.* Why not enjoy a Sunday

afternoon of fun and quality time with that person(s) by purchasing a BINGO gift card (\$25 value). Stop by the Rectory Office to purchase or call Sandy to place your BINGO gift card order today at: 610-826-2335.



**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. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.



SJNRS is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 7, from 8:00 until 11 AM. Open to the Public! \$5 tickets available at the door. Full

Hot Breakfast—Crafts for Kids—Selfies w/Santa. NEW! Santa's Workshop. Shop for wonderful gifts for the entire family! *Please bring a new unwrapped toy to be distributed to children of families in need.* No stuffed toys please. Toys will be picked up at the conclusion of the breakfast by the Carbon/Tamaqua based Marine toys for tots campaign. To reserve tickets in advance, please call: 610-826-2354. To volunteer please contact Carolyn at 610-751-3744. Thank you!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Lord, Great Spirit,

We thank You for all the good gifts You share with us.

We thank You for the food we eat, for the beauty of the seasons and for the wonders of Your creation.

We thank You for our friends and families and ask You to bless and watch over us all.

Most of all Lord, we thank You for sharing Your life with us, and for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.





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