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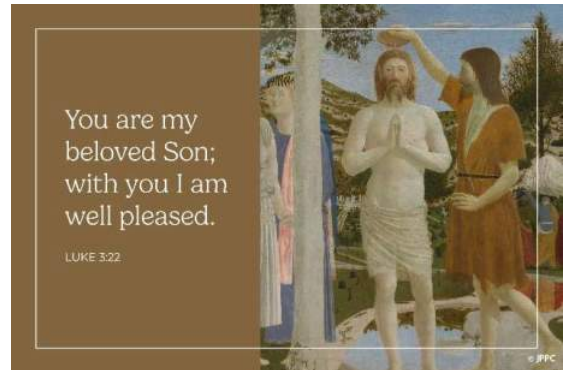
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM



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

January 12, 2025

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

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

January 12 – Baptism Of The Lord



- Saturday (January 11):**
5:00 PM Anna and Anton Derkach by granddaughter
- Sunday (January 12):**
9:30 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Monday (January 13):**
8:30 AM Antonio G. Dias by wife and sons
- Wednesday (January 15):**
8:30 AM John Desko by daughter
- Thursday (January 16):**
8:30 AM John Domant by Tom and Patricia Muldoon
- Friday (January 17):**
8:30 AM Naratil family by Andress family
- Saturday (January 18):**
5:00 PM Goworowski family by Robert and Diane
- Sunday (January 19):**
9:30 AM Terry O'Neil by Georgia and Joe Mock

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.	



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially **Richard Frey**. 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.

Into The Breach: Men's Group. Meet in Parish Center on Saturdays at 8:00 AM starting January 25. Contact Aaron Sebelin at seb32@ptd.net for details.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

The servant of God fulfills his mission quietly. He will have a gentle respect for others, and he will heal those who acknowledge their need for it.

Reading II: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

We as Christians are given help to live virtuously now and for the future through the power of Christ. He has saved us by the bath of rebirth.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

After His baptism and while He was praying, heaven opened up. This followed John the Baptist's preaching about the "mightier One" coming.




- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11



Join us every First Friday of the month for Eucharistic Adoration from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church.

Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Consider spending some quiet, quality time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. Mark your calendar for February, 7.

If you want to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith, you should plan to join **Father Mullins on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.** All are welcome.



LIGHT A CANDLE FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle:
Terry O'Neil by wife.

Marian Altar
For Fr. Mullins intentions.

1/18-1/19	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/K. Erickson	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/L. Koons (choir)	C.Davis/C. Sebelin



We have entered into the liturgical season of Ordinary Time; "ordinary" in this usage does not mean "not special." Rather, "ordinary" refers to time that is ordered. The Church names the weeks of Ordinary Time in numerical order. In the liturgical year, Ordinary Time is split into two periods: the weeks between the end of the Christmas season and Ash Wednesday, and the weeks between Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. During these periods, the Scripture readings bring us through the ministry and teaching of Jesus and encourage us to grow in our faith as part of everyday life.

If we are truly dedicating ourselves to growing in faith during Ordinary Time, our lives as Christians will be anything but ordinary. Still, it can be challenging at times to focus our spiritual energy. Therefore, consider developing a habit to keep you on course. Perhaps it's praying the Rosary one day a week to keep you focused on God in your everyday life. Perhaps it's reading the Sacred Scriptures one day a week. Perhaps it's attending an extra weekday Mass. Try checking out all the media options in the Tabella app.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#442 "What is implied in the affirmation of God: "I am the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:2)? This means that the faithful must guard and activate the three theological virtues and must avoid sins which are opposed to them. *Faith* believes in God and rejects everything that is opposed to it, such as, deliberate doubt, unbelief, heresy, apostasy, and schism. *Hope* trustingly awaits the blessed vision of God and his help, while avoiding despair and presumption. *Charity* loves God above all things and therefore repudiates indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, sloth or spiritual indolence, and that hatred of God which is born of pride."

#443 "What is the meaning of the words of our Lord, "Adore the Lord your God and worship Him alone" (Matthew 4:10)? These words mean to adore God as the Lord of everything that exists; to render to him the individual and community worship which is his due; to pray to him with sentiments of praise, of thanks, and of supplication; to offer him sacrifices, above all the spiritual sacrifice of one's own life, united with the perfect sacrifice of Christ; and to keep the promises and vows made to him."

#444 "In what way does a person exercise his or her proper right to worship God in truth and in freedom? Every person has the right and the moral duty to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church. Once the truth is known, each person he has the right and moral duty to embrace it, to guard it faithfully and to render God authentic worship. At the same time, the dignity of the human person requires that in religious matters no one may be forced to act against conscience nor be restrained, within the just limits of public order, from acting in conformity with conscience, privately or publicly, alone or in association with others."



Saint of the Week: Arnold Janssen (1837-1909) was born in Germany. At the age of twelve he entered the minor seminary and was ordained in 1861. For twelve years he was vice-rector of the Bocholt College and director of the Apostleship of Prayer.

He was noted for his missionary spirit, and in order to spread news and raise funds to support the missions he founded the magazine *Little Messenger of the Heart of Jesus* (1874). At that time the German Church was experiencing socio-political conflicts that made the plans for the formation of future priests difficult. However, the Bishop of Roermond (Holland) collaborated and approved that Father Janssen establish and serve as rector of a missionary seminary in Steele, Rhineland, Germany (1875). Later he founded three religious congregations: the Society of the Divine Word (1886), the Handmaids of the Holy Spirit (1889) and the contemplative life Handmaids of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration (1896). He realized the importance of the printed media to evangelize and told his brothers: "May the press help for the salvation of all humanity. May our publications be seeds for the eternal life of all those who read us." Thus, the Verbo Divino publishing house was established in Spain in the mid-1950s. He was canonized by Saint John Paul II in 2003. Feast day: 15 January.

2025 Calendars are available at all Church exits. Please take a calendar as you leave Mass today. Thank you to Campton Funeral Home for generously sponsoring the calendars for our Parish each year.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Missionaries are the ambassadors of divine love. They must manifest the wonders of God and establish the Kingdom of divine love where it is not yet."* - St. Arnold Janssen.

"The Gospel is not just a message, it is a person: Jesus Christ." – St. Arnold Janssen.

"The Divine Word is the light that guides us through the darkness of this world." – St. Arnold Janssen.

Word of the Week: Benedictine Rule - the monastic rule of life drawn up by St. Benedict of Nursia. Originally written for the monks of Monte Cassino in the first half of the sixth century, it later became the standard not only for Benedictines but for all Western monasticism. The rule is patriarchal, giving final authority to the abbot, who is elected by vote. The monk vows to reside in one place (stability), to be obedient, and to practice monastic virtue. In the monastery the center of life is the "work of God," consisting of prayer, especially in the celebration of Mass and recitation of the Divine Office. Possessions are to be held in common. Manual labor, along with prescribed regularity during the day, was the focus of self-discipline. There are eighteen Benedictine confederations in the world, besides the Camaldolese, Silvestrines, and the Pan-American federation. Corresponding federations of Benedictine Sisters have been formed. Along with autonomous monasteries, they number over three hundred foundations in the Catholic Church.

Weekly Collection

1/11-1/12/2025: In Support of the Parish

1/18-1/19/2025: In Support of the Parish

Second Collection: Education Fund

Attendance weekly goal: 450

Actual 1/4 1/5/25: 290



Did you know Sacred Heart provides **Online Giving**. To create your account, go to: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the **online giving icon**.



Sign-up sheets for your 2024 Contribution Statement are on the writing desks at the Church exits. Please fill out sheet completely with name, address, phone number and email. Statements will be sent electronically if an email address is provided. All other Statements will be placed in the Parish Center for pick up. Watch Bulletin for date they will be available.



PM to Register. Father Mullins and your parish welcomes you!

Are you a new parishioner or visiting for the first time? **If you have moved to the area, please register in the parish office.**

Please call 610 826-2335 or stop by the Rectory Office during the week between 9:30 AM to 2:30

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Christmas and New Year are often times when people become engaged. If you are planning an engagement, please call Father Mullins at: 610-826-2335 to learn what is expected of engaged couples to prepare for marriage and to set a tentative date on the Church calendar.

PLEASE NOTE: *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.
- If living together, must be married through the Catholic Church.
- Supporting your Church to the best of your ability.



Today! Sunday, January 12.

Parish Social Hall. Cost: \$25. Doors and Kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo starts 1:00 PM.

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church. Hope to see you there!



\$25 BINGO gift certificates are available at the Rectory Office.

Call 610-826-2335 or stop by the Rectory Office (9:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

Have you taken your RMD (required minimum distribution)? Consider donating directly to the Parish. Call Rectory Office for details.

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



The distinctive purpose of St. John Neumann Regional School is to create Catholic centered education enlivened by the Gospel spirit of love. The school community exists to maintain

academic standards and to foster catholic values and to empower children to be all that they can be. SJNRS is currently accepting New Registrations for PreK through Grade 8 at this time. Please contact Dr. Chris Heery, Principal for details and/or to schedule a tour at: 610-826-2354.



SJNRS will be sponsoring a **Designer Bag Bingo** on Sunday, January 26 at the School Gymnasium, 259

Lafayette Avenue Palmerton. Doors Open at Noon, BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. For more info or to purchase your ticket in advance contact Pam Keer at: 610-657-7850.

C.A.C.P.A.C. Good Samaritan Award: All high school graduating seniors living in the Palmerton School District are eligible to apply for this year's C.A.C.P.A.C. 2025 Good Samaritan Award. Names and addresses of nominees can be sent to either: Susan Steigerwalt, 241 Princeton Avenue, Palmerton or Susan Arner, 459 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton. Deadline for submission is February 28, 2025. To be eligible for the award: you must be a graduating senior from any public, private, charter, parochial or home school program and must be an active member in good standing at their Church. The Good Samaritan Committee will determine the best recipient who demonstrates all the qualities of a Good Samaritan as demonstrated by selfless service in church life, community, and school.

The Mother's Support Group kicked off on Saturday, January 11 in our Parish Center. Plan to join us for our next get together to relax and connect with other young mothers on February 8, 2025. Questions contact Father Mullins at 610-826-2335.

Pilgrimage from Paris to Lourdes. Join Holy Family Parish of Minersville in a Pilgrimage from Paris to Lourdes, France, April 27-May 6, 2025. Please contact Fr. Stokes for details at Holy Family Parish of Minersville: 570-544-4741.

Please remember to Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. 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. Visit the website at: www.weloveourpriests.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Strengthen your Faith with Knights of Columbus Video Series: The KOC invite men and women, young and old, to strengthen and grow in family and faith with their five short videos called the "Mission of The Family". The *Knights* also offer the original "Into the Breach" video series about what it means to be a man in today's world. The videos can be found on the KOC website for free! To view the videos, visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>.

Divorce Recovery Support Group: If you are suffering a divorce or separation or grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC (*bring your own coffee.*) St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass). Join us February 1. For information call 505 688-8663.

Date Night at Folino Estate for Engaged and Married Couples: Catholic engaged and married couples are invited to an evening of romance and reflection at Folino Estate Winery in Kutztown on Friday, January 24, 2025. The evening will feature a cocktail hour with live music and optional couples' portraits. A dinner buffet with a New Year's reflection by guest speakers Greg and Heather Maigur. Each couple will get to take home a 375 ml wine bottle favor. Tickets are \$100 per couple. Register at: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/date-night> or contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage & Family Life, with any questions at: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org.

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