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# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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 19, 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.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	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	<a href="mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org">prusso@allentowndioocese.org</a>	
Palmerton Festival	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pastoral Council	Dana Massey	<a href="http://www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/">www.allentowndioocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/</a>	
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
	Lisa Kistler	Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
	Veronica Scarpati	<a href="http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

# January 19 – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



**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

**No Daily Mass**  
**Monday and Tuesday: 1/20 and 1/21/25**

**Wednesday (January 22):**  
**8:30 AM** Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**Thursday (January 23):**  
**8:30 AM** John Fazio by  
 Mary and John Glowacki


**Friday (January 24)**  
**8:30 AM** Dottie Lang by Dave

**Saturday (January 25):**  
**5:00 PM** Mary Sander by Jaime Mendes

**Sunday (January 26):**  
**9:30 AM** Kathleen Rooney by  
 Eugene Rooney

**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 **Salvador Rios**. 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.



**Sanctuary Candle:**  
*Terry O'Neil by wife.*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The spokesman for God breaks a long silence and tells of the glory of the new Zion. There Christ will eventually reveal His glory to all the nations.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11


Paul, discerning competition within the community about gifts, declares that while there are many gifts, all of them flow from the same Holy Spirit.

### The Gospel: John 2: 1-11

This beautiful story presents the first of Jesus' "signs." These are Jesus' miracles. Here John underscores Mary's intercessory power. He also reminds his readers that it is the Father's will that guides Jesus' whole ministry.



- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c  
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,  
17 Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22  
Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18
- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10,  
15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,  
27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

 **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**First Friday, February 7**  
 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 calendars the First Friday of every month.

If you want to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith, plan to join **Father Mullins on Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center**. All are welcome.

1/25-26	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	HSM	Fr. Mullins/P. Duell	H. Werner
9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/S. Miller (choir)	Gowins



At the Wedding Feast of Cana, they ran out of wine. The Blessed Mother recognized the need and interceded with her Son. As a result, Christ brought forth an abundance of blessings for all present. To ensure that our parish doesn't run out of blessings, I present a summary of this quarter's parish financial update:

**2nd Quarter (10/1-12/31/24) Financial Update:**

**Income:**

Sunday Collections:	\$ 58,003
Christmas:	13,521
Interest:	1,531
Christmas Flowers:	2,235
Donations/Bequests/Memorials:	13,886

**Fundraisers Net Profit:**

Nativity Set Raffle:	260
Bingo:	1,861

**Total:** \$91,297

**Expenses:**

Salary-Staff (5 people)	\$28,058
Health Benefits-Staff	12,109
Diocesan Assessment	10,257
School Subsidy	8,100
Insurance	5,833
Heating	1,785
Light	903
Contractor Snow Removal	3,750
New Digital Organ payment 1 of 3:	25,172

**Total:** \$95,967

**Summary:** Our Blessed Mother is wondrously interceding for us and Christ is abundantly blessing us. I am grateful to those who consistently and generously contribute (whether through envelopes or electronically) that we may further our ministry and service. Thanks especially to all who plan to support us even after death by naming our parish as a beneficiary of your Will. For those who would like to make a legacy to support our parish, visit [www.FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese](http://www.FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese). Consider naming our church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust, your 401K, IRA or Life Insurance. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased. In this way, you will continue to share the gift of your faith with others for many generations.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #445 "What does God prohibit by his command, "You shall not have other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2)?** This commandment forbids:

- *Polytheism* and *idolatry*, which divinizes creatures, power, money, or even demons.
- *Superstition* which is a departure from the worship due to the true God and which also expresses itself in various forms of divination, magic, sorcery and spiritism.
- *Irreligion* which is evidenced: in tempting God by word or deed; in sacrilege, which profanes sacred persons or sacred things, above all the Eucharist; and in simony, which involves the buying or selling of spiritual things.
- *Atheism* which rejects the existence of God, founded often on a false conception of human autonomy.
- *Agnosticism* which affirms that nothing can be known about God, and involves indifferentism and practical atheism."

**#446 "Does the commandment of God, "You shall not make for yourself a graven image" (Exodus 20:3), forbid the cult of images?**

In the Old Testament this commandment forbade any representation of God who is absolutely transcendent. The Christian veneration of sacred images, however, is justified by the incarnation of the Son of God (as taught by the Second Council of Nicaea in 787AD) because such veneration is founded on the mystery of the Son of God made man, in whom the transcendent God is made visible. This does not mean the adoration of an image, but rather the veneration of the one who is represented in it: for example, Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and the Saints."

**Saint Quote of the Week:** "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!" – St. Agnes of Rome.

**The Mother's Support Group** kicked off on Saturday, January 11. Plan to join us for our next get together to relax and connect with other young mothers on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. Questions contact Father Mullins at 610-826-2335.



**Saint of the Week: St. Agnes of Rome** (291-304AD) was born into a wealthy Christian family during time of Christian persecution. Agnes was very beautiful so her hand in marriage was highly sought after. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! According to legend, Procop, the pagan Governor's son tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." In great anger, Procop revealed her as being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor for punishment. Various punishments were inflicted upon her to force her to reject her faith, but she would not. Ultimately, she was beheaded. She is the patron saint of young girls. Feast day: 21 January.

**Word of the Week: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** - a Eucharistic devotion in the Catholic Church of the Latin Rite. A priest or deacon places on the altar or in the niche above it the consecrated Host in a monstrance, and then incenses it. O Salutaris Hostia or similar hymn is usually sung at the beginning of exposition, followed by a period of meditation, praise, and adoration by priest and people. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Tantum Ergo hymn is chanted, with another incensation, and followed by blessing the people with the raised monstrance in the form of a cross. The Divine Praises are then sung or recited by priest and people, and the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle. This devotion is a recognition that God does not remove his blessings once given; once consecrated, the Host remains the Body and Blood of Christ as so is worthy of worship, adoration and praise.

If you would like to memorialize this year's **Paschal Candle** in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office this week. The cost varies starting at \$150 up to \$250+). This candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil and burned at every Mass in the Easter Season to Pentecost Sunday. The Paschal Candle is also lit for every Baptism and Funeral until the following Holy Saturday.

**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.

## Weekly Collection

**1/18-1/19/2025:** In Support of the Parish  
 Second Collection: Education Fund  
**1/25-1/26/2025:** In Support of the Parish  
 Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services  
 Attendance weekly goal: 450  
 Actual 1/11-1/12: 276



Did you know Sacred Heart provides **Online Giving**. To sign-up for online giving go to: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) and click on the **online giving icon to create your account.**



**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 available in the Parish Center beginning Saturday, January 25, 2025.

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



### A Simple Act of Care for 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved one and your parish, Sacred Heart by **Creating your will**. In thanks for your support, we partner with **FreeWill** so you can make a will and find peace of mind in the year ahead. It's completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit: <https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/> to get started.



Second **Sunday of the month** Parish Social Hall. Cost: \$25. Doors and Kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church. Mark your calendar for February 9. Hope to see you there!



**Need a gift? \$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).



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newest parishioners: **Shannon Aleman and Tyler Steiger and Mr. and Mrs. James Kamenski and children; James, Chloe and Oliver.** May you continue to be

spiritually enriched and your membership in the Church be long, happy and fruitful. **If you are new to our Parish** and have not yet registered, **please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 to Register.** New Parishioners are always welcome!

**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.

***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.

**Calling all Men:** Come, take part in Spiritual Combat! There is a program entitled **"Into the Breach"** which discusses the confrontations facing us, how to recognize the enemy and fight back to protect our souls and our families. We will meet on Saturdays at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center (chapel between the Church and the rectory) beginning on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

**Save the Date for Wednesday, January 29, 2025 for our first monthly Parish Game Night!**  
A time to get out of the house, meet new parishioners and teach/play your favorite games. Game night will be held in the Parish Gym from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Check out our school's video on **WeLoveOurCatholicSchools.com** website. Watch us make a joyful noise.



**Catholic Schools Week January 26 – February 2.** This year's theme is **"United in Faith and Community."** 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 keep 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. Doors Open at Noon, BINGO starts at 1:00 PM. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. For more info or to buy 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 decide the best recipient who shows all the qualities of a Good Samaritan as shown by selfless service in church life, community, and school.

**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.



**Next Sunday, January 26 after 9:30 AM Mass in the Social Hall.**



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