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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

February 2, 2025

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.sjnrschool.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@allentowndiocese.org	
Knights of Columbus	Joe Koma	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	www.allentowndiocese.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.	

February 2 – The Presentation Of The Lord



- Saturday (February 1) First Saturday**
8:30 AM Eileen Daily by
 Carol and Duane Costenbader
- 5:00 PM** Thomas Navatier by
 Mary and John Glowacki
- Sunday (February 2)**
9:30 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Monday (February 3)**
8:30 AM Murielle Andress by
 Fr. Hutta and family
- Wednesday (February 5)**
8:30 AM Joseph Merkel by
 sisters Etty and Linda
- Thursday (February 6)**
8:30 AM Ernest Nemecek by
 James and Barbara Nemecek
- Friday (February 7) First Friday**
8:30 AM Living and deceased members of
 Slovak Catholic Sokols
- Saturday (February 8)**
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Sunday (February 9)**
9:30 AM Antonio and Gloria Amorim by
 daughters and son

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, Andy Krawchuk and Joe Kercksmar**. 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.

If you want to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith, plan to join **Father Mullins on Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center**. All are welcome.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Malachi 3: 1-4

The Lord's messenger (Elijah) will make Israel ready for the Lord's coming by returning the people to covenant obedience.

Reading II: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Jesus was like us in all things but sin. He took on our nature in order to die so that He could "rob" Satan of his claim over our lives.

The Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 or 22-32

Mary and Joseph fulfill the Law of Purification for all new mothers, not because they needed to be cleansed, but because they wanted to avoid giving others scandal. The elderly Simeon calls the Child "the Light to all nations."



- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc \ Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11

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 for the First Friday of every month.



Sanctuary Candle:

Terry O'Neil by wife.

Marian Altar

*Andrew and Irene Homyak by
 Mary Ellen and Alice.*

2/8-2/9	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/C. Chies	TBD
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/S. Miller (choir)	C. Sebelin/J/J Scarpati



The Feast of the Presentation is an event as described in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:22–40). According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Torah (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12–15, etc.). Saint Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb; Leviticus 12:8), sacrificing "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Leviticus 12:1–4 indicates that this event should take place forty days after birth for a male child, hence the Presentation is celebrated forty days after Christmas. Simeon reveals Jesus as "a light for revelation" and so we bless candles on this day.



Blessing of Throats:

February 3rd is the traditional Feast day of Saint Blaise, but we will celebrate the blessing of throats a day or two early at the weekend Masses. This blessing recalls a miracle cure associated with Saint Blaise where he saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing.

On this weekend, we also celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Some men and women, after much prayer and training have been called to consecrate their lives to Christ and His Church. They are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. Please pray for these selfless servants and for more people to consider the vocation to the religious life that the light of Christ may shine upon all.

Word of the Week: Bequest - money or other valuables left for some religious purpose after one's death. It is in the nature of a will and normally stipulates that Masses or prayers be offered for the one who made the bequest.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)
#450 "Why did God "bless the Sabbath day and declare it sacred" (Exodus 20:11)? God did so because on the Sabbath day one remembers *God's rest* on the seventh day of creation, and also the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt and the Covenant which God sealed with his people."

#451 "How did Jesus act in regard to the Sabbath? Jesus recognized the holiness of the Sabbath day and with divine authority he gave this law its authentic interpretation: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (*Mark 2:27*)."

#452 "For what reason has the Sabbath been changed to Sunday for Christians? The reason is because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Christ. As "the first day of the week" (*Mark 16:2*) it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day", which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the *day of the Lord* in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God."

Calling all Men: Join us this Saturday, February 8 (or any other Saturday) to take part in Spiritual Combat! The program entitled "*Into the Breach*" discusses the confrontations facing us, how to recognize the enemy and fight back to protect our souls and our families. We meet on Saturdays at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center.

Young Adults: Come to a Joyful Feast, Mardi Gras before Lent! The Diocese invites all the Young Adults to an evening indulging in conversation, community and some delicious foods and drinks we might give up during the 40 days of Lent. Tuesday March 4th 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064. Please contact Zelenda Hodgskin with questions at: zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org.

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.

Saint Quote of the Week: "God wishes to test you, like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire but the pure gold remains and its value increases. It is in this manner, that God acts with His good servant, who puts his hope in Him and remains unshaken in times of distress." - St. Jerome Emiliani.

Saint of the Week: Jerome Emiliani (1486-1537 AD) was a careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice. One day, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison, Jerome had a lot of time to think and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children.

He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children. Feast Day: 8 February.

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.



2/1-2/2: In Support of the Parish
2/8-2/9: In Support of the Parish
Attendance weekly goal: 450
Actual 1/25-1/26: 304



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



2024 Statements are in the Parish Center for those who requested a Statement. All Email requests have been emailed. Questions, contact Sandy Miller at: 610 826-2335 or email at: shpmtn@ptd.net.



A Simple Act of Care for 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings, 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 today.



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!

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.



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