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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 16, 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

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

Altar Servers

Father Mullins

Bereavement Sharers

Olivia Erickson

Bible Study/Prayer Group/
Prayer Chain

Peg Duell

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

Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth

Cemetery

Frank Hager

Choir/Music Liaison

Joann Kercsmar

Disability Advocates

Marian Carty

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Peg Duell

High School Ministry

Tricia Matsko

Knights of Columbus

Marty DeSousa

Palmerton Festival

Dana Massey

Pro Life Coordinator

Jerome Scarpati
Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands

Rectory Office

Safety, Security and

Maintenance Committee

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

PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Youth Protection Programs

www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/

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

www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.

February 16 – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday (February 15)
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday (February 16)
9:30 AM Stephen and Helen Milkowich by daughters and families

No Daily Mass Monday or Tuesday
February 17 and 18

Wednesday (February 19)
8:30 AM Joe Koma by Knights of Columbus Palmerton Council
Thursday (February 20)
8:30 AM Maureen Acampora by Michael and Marian Carty
Friday (February 21)
8:30 AM Elizabeth "Ella" Gruber by Tommy and Linda Kish
Saturday (February 22)
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday (February 23)
9:30 AM Antoinette Homlak by children



March 5, 2025

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 *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.



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

First Friday of the Month.
 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church.
 Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.



Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34 – 9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

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 18, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.* All are welcome.



Sanctuary Candle:

Kathleen Rooney by Eugene Rooney.

Guardian Angel:

Dottie Lang by husband.

St. Anthony:

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for his continued intercession by a soul.

2/22-2/23	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/K. Erickson	H. Werner
9:30 AM	HSM	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/S. Miller (choir)	A/C/D Gowin



There are some terrible things that happen to people. Some people are rude and mean. When we can't change the situation and we certainly can't change other people, what are we to do? We can control how we respond to these negative situations. Today's Gospel focuses on the Beatitudes. It reveals that even though bad life situations may occur, or others may persecute us, we can still rejoice. For those who are faithful, they recognize that evil will only prevail for a little time; however, God and His love for us are eternal.

The children of Fatima, Francisco & Jacinta Marto and Lucia dos Santos experienced ridicule and persecution when they revealed that they saw an apparition of the Blessed Mother. Yet they rejoiced to see her and share her message even with her persecutors. All the hardships they endured, willingly and unwillingly, they offered in reparation for sinners. Their acts of loving penance served as a way of making amends for those who failed to show love to our Lord. They united their sacrifices in union with Christ's Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as a way to make up for the failure in love of others through sin.

May we not give a bad attitude to others; instead, may we reveal the beatitudes and help bring healing to souls.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#455 "What does the fourth commandment require?" It commands us to honor and respect our parents and those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority."

#456 "What is the nature of the family in the plan of God?" A man and a woman united in marriage form a family together with their children. God instituted the family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. Members of the same family establish among themselves personal relationships and primary responsibilities. In Christ the family becomes the *domestic church* because it is a community of faith, of hope and of charity."

#457 "What place does the family occupy in society?" The family is the original cell of human society and is, therefore, prior to any recognition by public authority. Family values and principles constitute the foundation of social life. Family life is an initiation into the life of society."

#458 "What are the duties that society has toward the family?" Society, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity, has the duty to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Public authority must respect, protect and foster the true nature of marriage and the family, public morality, the rights of parents, and domestic prosperity."



Saint of the Week: *Francisco & Jacinta Marto* - (20th century)

The youngest children of Manuel and Olimpia Marto, Francisco and Jacinta were typical of Portuguese village children of the time. They were illiterate but had a rich oral tradition to rely on, and they worked with their cousin Lúcia, tending the family sheep. These three children had monthly visions of the Virgin Mary at Fátima, Portugal, from May to October 1917. Mary asked the little shepherds to promote devotion to her Immaculate Heart and to pray the rosary daily. Jacinta was deeply affected by a terrifying vision of hell shown to the children at the third apparition. She became deeply convinced of the need to save sinners through penance and sacrifice, which the Virgin had reportedly instructed the children to make. Both Martos children died of influenza, Francisco at age 10 in 1919 and Jacinta at age 9 in 1920. Pope Francis canonized Francisco and Jacinta on his visit to Fatima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition, 13 May 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is visited by up to 20 million people a year. Feast day: 20 February.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"I would like to console our Lord, and after that convert sinners so that they won't offend Him anymore."* - Saint Francisco Marto.
"I am suffering a lot, but I offer everything for sinners, and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary." - Saint Jacinta Marto.

Word of the Week: **Bethel** - an ancient Canaanite town, formerly called Luz, located some twelve miles from Jerusalem. It was the place where Jacob had his vision of the ladder, and where the Israelites "consulted God" (Judges 21). The Ark of the Covenant was probably kept there for a time. From the Hebrew Beth'el, House of God.



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.

Young Adults: Come to a Joyful Feast, Mardi Gras before Lent! The Diocese invites all 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 4 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.

High School Ministry will meet in the Parish Center at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 19. Student parishioners (grades 9 through 12) attending public, private, charter, parochial or home school program are all welcome to attend. Questions, contact Tricia Matsko at: 484-633-6510.



2/15-2/16: In Support of the Parish
2/22-2/23: In Support of the Parish
Attendance weekly goal: 450
Actual 2/8-2/9: 218



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.**

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.

Women's Lent Retreat, 2025

The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a day of community, prayer and reflection on Saturday, March 8, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Mary's in Kutztown: 14833 Kutztown Road Kutztown, PA 19530. Auxiliary Bishop Chylinski of Philadelphia will give the keynote address, with an additional talk by Denise (De) Yarrison from <https://youaremadenew.com> & Hope's Garden. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: \$35. Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. For details and to register please visit: www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing.

Mothers mark your calendar for the next Mother's Support Group get together on Saturday, March 8. We will meet in the Parish Center at 10:00 AM. Questions contact Father Mullins at 610-826-2335.

Calling all Men: Join us this Saturday, February 15 (or any other Saturday) to take part in Spiritual Combat! The program, **"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.

Men Alive In Christ Half Day Lenten Reflection: **"What Good is Hope."** Catholic men, we invite you to renew and strengthen your hope and trust in Christ Jesus at our annual Lenten Reflection. Embrace your mission live virtuous masculinity and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful morning of men's fellowship, Sacraments, and talks from our Bishop and two speakers. For details visit: <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/194012>.

Come and See Weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Men ages 15+ are invited to a "Come and See" weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Ambler, PA on Friday March 14 to Sunday March 16. If you are open to discerning the Lord's call to the holy priesthood, this is a great opportunity to see where future priests study, pray and live throughout their formation! The weekend will include Mass on Saturday and Sunday, prayer time and adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There is also ample time for recreation, visiting a local shrine, getting to know current seminarians and other young men considering the priesthood. For details or to register: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/come-and-see-weekend>.

SJNRS CYO Track and Field signups will begin soon. Students grades K through 8th of all abilities are welcome. We enjoy introducing students to track and field events in a family friendly, faith encouraging setting. We practice at Palmerton High School facilities on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays starting at 6:00 PM pending availability starting in late March. We participate in CYO track and field meets at Notre Dame High School, Easton. The season ends in early May. Accepting applications for assistant coaches. Contact Carolyn at 610-751-3744. Thank you!

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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Deadline to vote is February 23!! Visit the website at: www.WeLoveOurCatholicSchools.com to check out the musical competition among the Catholic schools in our diocese and cast a vote for your favorite video/school. All donations count as a vote and benefit the school you choose to support. Pass it on to your family, friends and community! Go ahead, dance, sing, clap, donate and MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Dine and Donate at Sapore, 99 E Bridge Street, Leighton to benefit SJNRS this **Wednesday, February 19 from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM**, dine in or take out. Mention SJNRS when ordering and Sapore will donate 10% of your bill to the school.



Save the dates for our Third Annual Flea Market Fundraiser, **Friday, June 20 through Sunday June 22, 2025.**

Also, save your unwanted gift cards that you received that you will not use, we will gladly take them. Watch for upcoming info including drop-off dates for donations, volunteer opportunities, etc. in upcoming Bulletins. Contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM with questions.

C.A.C.P.A.C. Good Samaritan Award: Deadline to submit names and addresses of nominees to Susan Steigerwalt, 241 Princeton Avenue, Palmerton or Susan Arner, 459 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton is February 28. To be eligible 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.

Retreat with Fr. John Frink. Take a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes from June 7-16, 2026 under the spiritual direction of Fr. John Frink. Visit: <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frfrink/> to view detailed itinerary, pricing information, and to book.



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. Hope to see you on March 9!! \$25 Gift certificates are available at the Rectory Office.



If you would like to donate a basket to help support us in this fundraising event, please contact Pam Keer at 610-657-7850 or Jen Cebrosky at 484-464-1333. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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