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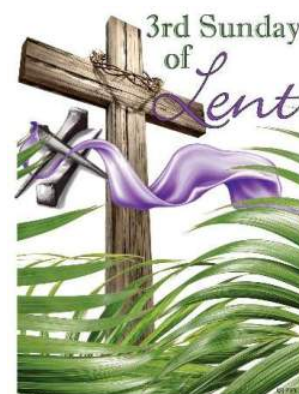
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM



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

March 23, 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

Altar Servers

Bereavement Sharers

Bible Study/Prayer Group/

Prayer Chain

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

Cemetery

Choir/Music Liaison

Disability Advocates

Funeral Luncheon Committee

High School Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Palmerton Festival

Pro Life Coordinator

Cass Chies

Father Mullins

Olivia Erickson

Peg Duell

Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth

Frank Hager

Joann Kercsmar

Marian Carty

Peg Duell

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Marty DeSousa

Dana Massey

Jerome Scarpati

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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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.

March 23 – Third Sunday Of Lent



Saturday	(March 22)
5:00 PM	Alex and Pauline Kaslik by Jeff and Debbie Lutz
Sunday	(March 23)
9:30 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday	(March 24)
8:30 AM	Joseph Kercsmar by Eileen and Ed Robinson
Wednesday	(March 26)
8:30 AM	Adelino Mendes by Marina Melo
Thursday	(March 27)
8:30 AM	Evelyn Plechavy by Joann and Joe Kercsmar
Friday	(March 28)
8:30 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Saturday	(March 29)
9:30 AM	Memorial Mass Joseph Kercsmar
5:00 PM	John Fazio by May and John Glowacki
Sunday	(March 30)
9:30 AM	Tony Massey by Duane and Carol Costenbader

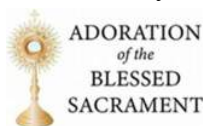
Sacrament of Penance Schedule

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 **Gail Sander Hamm**. May she be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort her 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. 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.



First Friday of the Month

4:00 to 7:00 PM
Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Moses is granted a visible and audible manifestation of God's glory, technically a "theophany." He receives his calling to lead Israel out of slavery.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Paul urges his Corinthians to learn from Israel's mistakes. This means heeding God's call and avoiding any self-righteousness.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus refers to current events to teach spiritual truths. He then offers a parable which expresses both God's patience and the urgency to repent.



Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Candle Intentions:

Sanctuary Candle:

Fr. Mullins intentions

St. Joseph Altar:

Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie



Monday: 1:30 PM

SJNRS students

Thursday: 6:30 PM

During Lent, the visual environment is simplified; no floral decorations, the Gloria and Alleluia are omitted and the vestments are purple to signify a time of penance. The purpose of the "liturgical pruning" is to remind us this is a time to seek out reconciliation with God.

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
3/29-3/30	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/K. Erickson	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/T. Gades/S. Miller (choir)	A/C/D Gowin



When Moses came near the mountain of God at Horeb (which is also named Sinai), God made his presence and will known to Moses through an extraordinary sign - a bush inflamed with a fierce fire that did not harm or destroy the bush. This burning bush was a sign of God's presence and power to save his people from destruction. The fire of God's presence always demonstrates his purifying love and mercy that burns away sin and refashions us in his holiness and righteousness (moral goodness). Just as gold is tested through fire, God tests and purifies his people and fills them with the fire of his love and holiness.

Various tragedies will occur in life, but for those who cling to Christ, they will not perish eternally. In the Gospel, our Lord warns us all, destruction will come to all those who continue to cling to impurities. He calls us to repentance; to let go of what is unfruitful, so that we may produce good fruit of faith, hope and love. May we allow the Lord to tend us and shape us that we may burn brightly as witnesses of His love to the world.

Multiple Confessors:

Tuesday, April 1 @ 7:00 PM at Saint Nicholas
4412 Mountain View Drive, Walnutport.

Thursday, April 3 @ 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart
243 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton.

Sunday, April 6 @ 3:00 PM at Assumption BVM
649 W. Washington Street, Slatington.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#473 "How does one avoid scandal?"

Scandal, which consists in inducing others to do evil, is avoided when we respect the soul and body of the person. Anyone who deliberately leads others to commit serious sins himself commits a grave offense."

#474 "What duty do we have toward our body?"

We must take reasonable *care of our own physical health* and that of others but avoid the *cult of the body* and every kind of excess. Also to be avoided are the use of drugs which cause very serious damage to human health and life, as well as the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco and medicine."

#475 "When are scientific, medical, or psychological experiments on human individuals or groups morally legitimate?"

They are morally legitimate when they are at the service of the integral good of the person and of society, without disproportionate risks to the life and physical and psychological integrity of the subjects who must be properly informed and consenting."



Word of the Week: : Biretta - a stiff square cap with three or four ridges on its upper side, worn by clerics when entering and leaving the sanctuary at Divine Service.

The cleric's rank is indicated by the color of the biretta. It is usually black for a priest, red for a cardinal, purple for a bishop, while some monastic canons and abbots wear white.

Saint of the Week: Turibius of Alexander (1538-1606 AD) was born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. King Phillip II was impressed by his holiness and wanted him to become a missionary. Turibius protested but eventually he was ordained a priest and then a Bishop in 1581. He was sent to Lima, Peru in South America. He learned the native languages to enable him to teach and minister to the people. He became an outstanding missionary reformer, establishing schools, seminaries and hospitals. He made three visitations of the entire diocese staying several days in each community. He denounced the exploitation of the Indians by Spanish nobles and brought about administrative reforms. He was assisted by St. Francis Solarius and St Rose of Lima. In 1606 he became seriously ill. Sensing his death, he gave all his possessions to the poor before he died. Feast Day: 23 March.

Saint Quote of the Week: "Time is not our own, and we must give a strict account of it." - St. Turibius.

Lenten Practices:

- Abstain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent.
- Fast (eat only 1 full meal) on Good Friday.
- Attend Stations of the Cross:
School Stations Mondays at 1:30 PM and/or
Thursdays at 6:30 PM.
- Confessions: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays: 7:00 AM and Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM.
- Lenten Confessions with extra priests: April 1:
7:00 PM St. Nick's; April 3: 7:00 PM Sacred Heart
and April 6: 3:00 PM Assumption BVM.

If you want to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith, plan to join **Father Mullins on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.** All are welcome.



The liturgical rite of the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday takes its

inspiration from the Last Supper, where Jesus first washed the feet of his apostles and commanded them to do likewise (see Jn 13:4-14). During Holy Thursday Mass on April 17, Father Mullins will wash the feet of 7 parishioners. If you would like to volunteer to share in this meaningful ritual, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

Help to reengage Catholics who have fallen away from the faith by simply extending an invitation to them to come with you to Mass, Stations, Adoration or Confession. This simple gesture may be all it takes to welcome back a person who has been away. Don't be surprised at the positive response you may receive.

Try something different this Lent...

Simply Prayer, April 1, is an opportunity for men and women to learn how to come closer to God. It is an 1-1/2 hour program sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis, Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem. The presenter for April is Sr. Barbara Brown. For details and transportation call Peg at: 610-826-8009.

Want to be better prepared for Sunday Mass? **Wednesday at 10 AM in the Parish Center** will provide you with in-depth information about Sunday readings. Just bring yourself.

Weekly Collection

3/22-3/23:	In Support of the Parish
3/29-3/30:	In Support of the Parish
Attendance weekly goal:	450
Actual 3/15-3/16:	296

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the *Sacred Heart Memorial Fund made in memory of Joseph Kerckmar* by: Joann.

In memory of Beverly Scherer by: Priscilla Offen and Patrick Clark.

Thank You. The Parish recently received a generous residue (final distribution gift) from the Estate of Jean Halmi. Please continue to remember Jean in your prayers for her thoughtful estate planned gift. We ask all our families who are planning for their final disposition of earthly goods to consider a gift to our Parish.



Have you considered **On-line Giving?** If interested in signing up go to: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon.



Do you attend Mass here – but haven't registered yet? Give Father Mullins a call at the Rectory at 610-826-2335 to register. It's very easy and a great way to get involved. 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.

Mothers save the date, Saturday, April 12 for the next Mother's Support Group get together in the Parish Center at 10:00 AM. Questions contact Father Mullins at 610-826-2335.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

Accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8. To learn more call: 610-826-2354.



Wine & Bag Bingo today, Sunday, March 23 at 1:00 PM. Doors open at Noon. School Gym, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Cost \$30.

Must be 21 years or older to win the wine prizes. All proceeds benefit St. John Neumann Regional School.

Save the Date for SJNRS Events:

April 12 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Yard Sale and Eco Fest: Community Yard Sale, Local Artists, DIY workshop and demos, plant swap, raffles and prizes, upcycled fashion show. FMI call: 484-225-8295.

May 10 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Mother's Day Tea and Art Show. FMI call: 610-826-2354.

Calling all Men: It's not too late to join us on Saturday, March 29 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 at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center every Saturday until Palm Sunday.

"Where is God Calling You?" Vocations Retreat. April 12: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM for ages 18-35 at St. Mary's Church in Kutztown. Whichever vocation you're discerning (priesthood, married life, consecrated life or single life), this retreat will allow you to encounter speakers from all these callings. Questions contact Zelenda Hodgskin at: <https://allentowndiocese/flocknote.com/signup/195281> or email: zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org.



Second Sunday of the Month

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

1:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of fun! Hope to see you on April 13!



\$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).



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. 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.

Photo Directory: There is a limited supply of Photo Directories available to anyone who would like to receive one. Please stop by the Rectory Office to get your copy today.



March 26, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Bring your favorite game to our Parish Social Hall and join in the fun. All are welcome!



NEW!! Vision LossSupport Group. Will start up after Easter. If you know anyone who might be interested please contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

"His Mercy Endures: Harboring Hope for the Fallen-Away" is the theme of the second annual St. Monica Ministry weekend retreat held on Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27 at the Peace Retreat House, Weatherly, PA. Weekend will be filled with various speakers, an "Irish Music Night" featuring Rev. Alexander Brown, Parochial Vicar at St. Anne Parish, Bethlehem, Friday Holy Hour, Saturday and Sunday Masses, a wine and cheese social, outdoor rosary, a Pietra fitness class, and an Art 'n' Soul collaging session

The retreat fee of \$225 includes two nights' accommodations plus all meals and incidentals. A Saturday-only option, which includes lunch, is available for \$50.



Join us after 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday, March 23 for coffee and donuts in the Social Hall.



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