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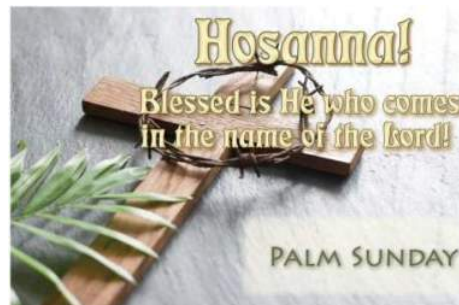
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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



April 13, 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

Tricia Matsko

Marty DeSousa

Dana Massey

Jerome Scarpati

Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands

Safety, Security and

Maintenance Committee

Rectory Office

Jim Matsko

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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.

April 13 – Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday April 12
5:00 PM Anita Harry by family
Sunday April 13
9:30 AM Lourdes and Francisco by Maria Dias

HOLY WEEK

Monday April 14
8:30 AM Joe Koma by Joann and Joe Kercksmar

Wednesday April 16
8:30 AM Wilmer Garcia by
Michael and Marian Carty

10:30 AM Chrism Mass
His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert cordially invites you to celebrate the Gift of Holy Orders by participating in the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

Thursday April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Living and deceased Pastors of Sacred Heart

Good Friday April 18
Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Passion Service

Saturday April 19 Easter Vigil
8:00 PM Manuel R. Amorim by
Isolina and Bladino Mendes

Sunday April 20 Easter
9:30 AM All living and deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart

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.



Monday: 1:30 PM
SJNRS students
Holy Thursday: 6:30 PM
Good Friday: Noon



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

Marian Altar (2):
Gail Hamm by Frank and Lucy Melo.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

This passage is called by scholars the "Third Servant Song." The servant speaks God's word, even as he suffers persecution for doing so.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Possibly an early Christian hymn, this passage speaks of the mystery of Christ, who suffered brutally for our salvation.

The Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23:56, or 23: 1-49

St. Luke's Passion account opens with the Last Supper and ends with the Lord's burial. True to his calling, Luke writes with the details of an observant doctor.



Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday Chrism: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21
Thursday Night: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22 Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9



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.



ADORATION
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First Friday of the month
4:00 to 7:00 PM
Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
4/19-4/20	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
8:00 PM	K. Erickson T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/C. Chies/J. Kralik (choir)	L. Matsko/M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/C. Wehr (choir)	A/D/C Gowin



Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. May we follow our Lord that we may enter into the Resurrection to new life. There are special liturgies to help us enter deeper into the experience, and understand greater the extent of God's love for us. Consider taking more time in prayer with your family, doing charitable works, offering sacrifices, and sharing with your family of faith.

Holy Thursday:

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Mass & Washing of Feet in Church
8:15-10:00 PM Adoration in Parish Center

Good Friday: Day of Fasting (eat only 1 complete meal; if necessary may have 2 smaller meals) and Abstain from Meat.

Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Veneration of Cross and Communion Service in Church

Holy Saturday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer in Church
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter foods in Church
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass with Confirmations in Church

Easter: 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass

Operation Rice Bowl: Thank you for your support of this Lenten charity. Fifty years ago, Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown organized to bring help to families facing famine in Africa. That help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of "Operation Rice Bowl." This year, we celebrate CRS Rice Bowl's 50th anniversary, the program is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States who continue to answer the Gospel call, supporting families experiencing hunger around the world. Go to: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> to learn more or donate; you can also donate via our cardboard boxes by the church doors and return them during Holy Week services.

NOTE: The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesday, April 16 and will close at noon on Good Friday, April 18.

Catholics around the Diocese are invited to continue a traditional devotion, visiting parish churches on Holy Thursday evening to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. **Sacred Heart Adoration will begin immediately after the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Parish Center concluding with Night Prayer at 10:00 PM.** Listed below is a list of our neighboring Churches Adoration Schedule. For complete schedule, please check your AD Times or website at: www.ad-today.com.

Assumption B.V.M., Slatington:

8:00-9:30 PM.

St. Nicholas, Walnutport:

8:15-11:00 PM, Holy Hour 10:00-11:00 PM.

SS. Peter and Paul, Leighton:

7:45 -11:00 PM, Night Prayer 11:00 PM.

Immaculate Conception, Jim Thorpe:

8:00 -11:00 PM, Night Prayer 11:00 PM.

St. Joseph, Summit Hill:

7:45-10:00 PM, Night Prayer 10:00 PM.

St. Peter the Fisherman, Lake Harmony:

8:00 PM-10:00 PM.

Saint of the Week: Peter Gonzalez (1190-1246AD) was born in Astorga, Spain and was educated by his uncle, the local bishop. His uncle gave Peter an important post at the cathedral. On his first day to accept the position, Peter triumphantly rode his horse up to the cathedral, but the animal stumbled and fell, leaving Peter in the mud and onlookers amused. Humbled, Peter declined the position and started down a new path. He became a Dominican priest and proved to be a most effective preacher. He spent much of his time as court chaplain, and attempted to exert positive influence on the behavior of members of the court. After King Ferdinand III and his troops defeated the Moors at Cordoba, Peter was successful in restraining the soldiers from pillaging, and persuaded the king to treat the defeated Moors with compassion. After retiring from the court, Peter devoted the remainder of his life to preaching in northwest Spain. Having developed a special mission to Spanish and Portuguese seamen, he is considered their patron. Feast Day: 14 April.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Not every "disaster" is truly bad in its consequences for the Lord can bring good out of what appears to be a misfortune."* – St. Peter Gonzalez.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)
#483 "When is it morally permitted to use military force?"**

The use of military force is morally justified when the following conditions are simultaneously present:

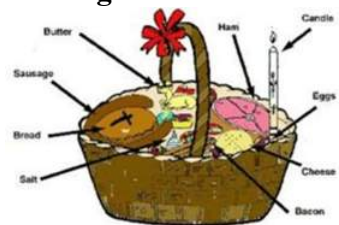
- the suffering inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave and certain;
- all other peaceful means must have been shown to be ineffective;
- there are well founded prospects of success;
- the use of arms, especially given the power of modern weapons of mass destruction, must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated."

#484 "In danger of war, who has the responsibility for the rigorous evaluation of these conditions?"

This responsibility belongs to the prudential judgment of government officials who also have the right to impose on citizens the obligation of national defense. The personal right to conscientious objection makes an exception to this obligation which should then be carried out by another form of service to the human community."

Word of the Week: Blessed - in general, a person, place, or object associated with God and implying a divine favor: 1. a sacramental as a blessed article; 2. a deceased person who has been beatified by an official declaration of the church; 3. believers in Christ who respond to his beatitudes; 4. all Christians insofar as they receive the grace of God; 5. all who are in heaven.

Blessing of Food Baskets-Holy Saturday at Noon



church at Noon on Holy Saturday for a special blessing. We anticipate the joyful banquet of the Resurrection of Christ.

We encourage all our families to participate in this tradition of bringing the food you will share with your family for Easter to

Paschal Candle In memory of:

Sr. Verna Meckes by

Penni and Dave Tworkowsky

The Easter (or Paschal) Candle is located near the Baptismal Font, the exception being during the Easter season when it is placed next to the Ambo. Originating around the fourth century, this large Candle represents the Light of Christ and a new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit during each Easter Vigil. It is lit for every Baptism and the flame, the Light of Christ, is transferred to a candle given to the Baptized individual or to an adult family member when an infant is Baptized. The Candle is burned at every Mass during the Easter Season and will be lit at every Baptism and Funeral until next year's Easter Vigil.

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.

Adult Catechesis: If you want to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith, plan to join ***Father Mullins on Tuesday, April 15, 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.

Do you 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. Hope to see you on Wednesday!

Save the date! Vince's Cheesesteak Food Truck will be in our Church parking lot on Wednesday, April 23 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy your favorite cheesesteak! Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council #2522 is hosting this event.

Weekly Collection

4/12-4/13: In Support of the Parish
 4/19-4/20: Easter
 Second Collection In Support of the Parish
 Attendance weekly goal: 450
 Actual 4/5-4/6/25: 292



Have you considered **On-line Giving?**
 Visit: 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.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year
 Accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8. To learn more call: 610-826-2354.

SJNRS Upcoming Events:

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



Parish children (Fourth Grade and under) are invited to join us after 9:30 AM Mass today for our Easter Egg Hunt. Children will meet in the Parish Center immediately after Mass. P.S. Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs!



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

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.



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. Contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM with questions.



This Sunday, April 13
 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).

Fun Corner: The Sufferings of our Lord

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