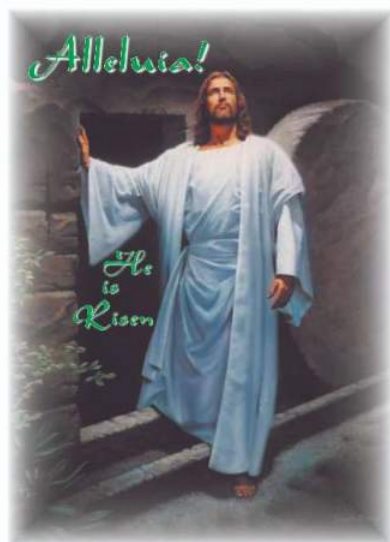




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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning 9:30 AM

April 20, 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>
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

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Maintenance Committee

Rectory Office

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Tom Miller

610-435-1541 ext. 374

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Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S. 610-871-5200, ext. 2204

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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 20 – Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord



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

No Daily Mass
Monday, 4/21/25 and Tuesday, 4/22/25

Wednesday April 23
8:30 AM Ethel DeSousa by children

Thursday April 24
8:30 AM Gail Sander Hamm by
 Joann Kerksmar

Friday April 25
8:30 AM Michael Becker by wife Mary Ann

Saturday April 26
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday April 27
9:30 AM Antonio Janco by family

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. 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.



Please continue to pray for all Priests. Ask
 God for new Vocations. The Diocese is in
 need of Vocations and your continued
 prayers is needed and appreciated.

*Dear Father God, we pray for those in the religious
 life. Help them to stay on a righteous, humble path
 that honors Christ and spreads His loving light
 throughout the world. We beg you for new vocations
 that honor God. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

God anointed Jesus at His baptism. The forgiveness
 of our sins comes through the invocation of Christ's
 name at our baptism.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4

At His glorious Second Coming, Christ's presence
 will initiate the general resurrection of the dead and
 the righteous bodies among them will radiate God's
 glory.

The Gospel: John 20:1-9

The empty tomb is an indisputable fact of Easter
 morning, as testified even by the Roman soldiers put
 there as guards.



Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5,
 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19,
 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,
 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
 Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,
 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab,
 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,
 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
 Jn 20:19-31



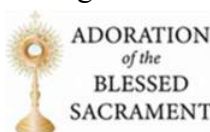
Paschal Candle:

Sr. Verna Meckes by
Penni and Dave Tworowsky

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

Guardian Angel: *Dottie Lang by Dave.*

**Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been
 called their "Easter Duty."** They are required to
 receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
 This obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday
 of Lent until Trinity Sunday (June 15, 2025). Those
 conscious of serious sin are reminded of the
 obligation to confess their sins at least once a year
 during this time.



First Friday, May 2

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
4/26-27	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	A/D/C Gowin
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil/C. Wehr (choir)	B/S Goodbred



Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Happy Easter to you and to your family. Before Easter, we were trapped in a world of darkness, sadness and suffering. Thanks to the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord opened up an eternal pathway for us to enter the heavenly kingdom, a world of light, joy and peace. May we follow Him on that pathway, unite ourselves to Him through prayer, receive His grace frequently through the sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist, and enter into works of charity, that we may experience that same glory.

Our Lord took on the guilt for all our sins, but the damage continues: wars, disease, famine, poverty, racism, ignorance. We are called to work with Christ and His Church to heal the damage. We can help heal the damage in this world by performing works of charity especially for those in need. We can also perform works of charity for those who have died and are in purgatory. We can offer indulgences to help those souls repair the damage their sins caused. An indulgence is a work of mercy declared by the Pope (who has the Keys to the Kingdom, including the storehouse of God's Mercy) to offer in union with Christ for the souls in purgatory. It requires Confession within 8 days, receive Holy Communion, pray an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intentions, and to be free from any attachments to sin. An indulgence can be received once a day, so we can help send our deceased loved ones in purgatory into the arms of our Savior. One way to participate in an Indulgence is to offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet next Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday - We will celebrate this great feast day with Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday and pray the Divine Mercy chaplet afterwards. Come participate in God's mercy and help free souls from Purgatory.

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

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#485 "In case of war, what does the moral law require?"

Even during a war, the moral law always remains valid. It requires the humane treatment of noncombatants, wounded soldiers and prisoners of war. Deliberate actions contrary to the law of nations, and the orders that command such actions are crimes, which blind obedience does not excuse. Acts of mass destruction must be condemned and likewise the extermination of peoples or ethnic minorities, which are most grievous sins. One is morally bound to resist the orders that command such acts."

#486 "What must be done to avoid war?"

Because of the evils and injustices that all war brings with it, we must do everything reasonably possible to avoid it. To this end it is particularly important to avoid: the accumulation and sale of arms which are not regulated by the legitimate authorities; all forms of economic and social injustice; ethnic and religious discrimination; envy, mistrust, pride and the spirit of revenge. Everything done to overcome these and other disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war."

Saint Quote of the Week: *"What made the holy apostles and martyrs endure fierce agony and bitter torments, except faith and especially faith in the resurrection? What is it that today makes true followers of Christ cast luxuries aside, leave pleasures behind and endure difficulties and pain? It is a living faith that expresses itself through love. It is this that makes us put aside the goods of the present in the hope of future goods. It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future."* – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen.

"Woe to me if I should prove myself but a half-hearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain." – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen.



Saint of the Week: Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622 AD) born with the name Mark Rey, he became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption

and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest, joining his brother George as a member of the Capuchin Order. He took Fidelis as his religious name. His wealth was divided between needy seminarians and the poor. As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers. He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions. He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis, to which he had gone against the advice of his friends, a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed. He is considered a martyr. Feast Day: 24 April.

Word of the Week: Blessing - as found in Scripture, it means praise, the desire that good fortune go with a person or thing, dedication of a person or thing to God's service and a gift. In liturgical language a blessing is a ritual ceremony by which an authorized cleric in major orders sanctifies persons or things to divine service, or invokes divine favor on what he blesses. Blessed items should not be discarded in the garbage; if worn out or broken, blessed items should be burned or buried.

Help to reengage Catholics who have fallen away from the faith by simply extending an invitation to them to come with you to Mass, 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.



Next Sunday, April 27, is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, *"It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified."* Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection — his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newest parishioners: **Jim and Mary Kintz and children: Dante, Dominic and Gianna.** We also extend a warm welcome to all those visiting with us

for the Easter season.

Are you registered in our Parish? Are you new to the area? If you would like to become a registered parishioner please contact the Parish Office at: 610-826-2335 to receive our registration forms.

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.

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.

Weekly Collection

4/19-4/20: Easter
Second Collection In Support of the Parish
4/26-4/27: In Support of the Parish



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SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year
Accepting applications for PreK
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SJNRS Upcoming Events:

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

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!

Vince's Cheesesteak Food Truck will be in our
Church parking lot this 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.



**Get a cheesesteak and join us on
Wednesday, April 23, 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 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.



Blessed with 90 years or more we
offer our prayers and best wishes
to: **Elizabeth Kropf**. May the
peace and grace of our Lord be
with you this blessed day.

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.



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! See you on May 11!



**\$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).



Join us after 9:30 AM Mass
and Procession next Sunday,
April 27 for coffee and donuts
in the Social Hall.

Fun Corner: Happy Easter!

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WORD SEARCH:

angels	life	reigns
empty	prince	shroud
immortal	reconciles	sinless
lamb	redeems	tomb

*May your heart sing with the joy of the Risen Lord
on His Resurrection Feast.
"This is the day that the Lord hath made,
let us be glad and rejoice."*



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