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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."

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning 9:30 AM

April 27, 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	
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Dr. Christopher Heery, Principal	610-826-2354
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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
Palmerton Festival

Pro Life Coordinator

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Sacred Heart Helping Hands
Safety, Security and
Maintenance Committee

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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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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 27 –Sunday Of Divine Mercy



Saturday	April 26
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday	April 27
9:30 AM	Antonio Janco by family
Monday	April 28
	Manuel R. Amorim by Marina Melo
Wednesday	April 30
8:30 AM	Amaro, Leupodina and son, Manuel Araujo by Marina Melo
Thursday	May 1
8:30 AM	Antoinette and Leonard Homlak by Fr. Hutta and family
Friday	May 2 First Friday
8:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday	May 3 First Saturday
8:30 AM	Manuel R. Amorim by Jose and Lourdes Amorim
5:00 PM	George Duell by Carl Niedzwiecki
Sunday	May 4 First Holy Communion
9:30 AM	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.	



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially His Holiness Pope Francis. 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. 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 5: 12-16

Many people came to believe in Jesus through the signs and wonders worked by the Apostles, especially by Peter.

Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This first vision describes Jesus in both divine and human terms. White hair for the "Ancient of Days," and a voice like the rumbling of the Lord's glory.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus is raised not simply with a body, but with the same body that had been crucified only days before. St. Thomas makes what is the climatic confession of faith in John's gospel: "My Lord and my God."



Monday:	Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19



Sanctuary Candle:

Patricia Bobeck by Marie Sholtis.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Terry O'Neil by wife.

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.



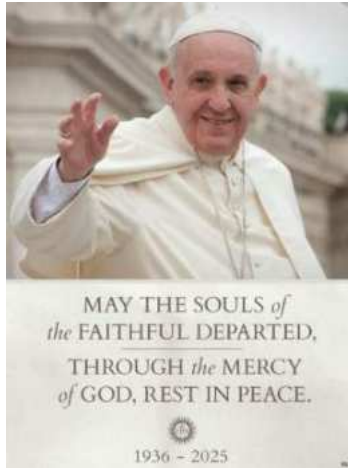
First Friday, May 2

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

*We mourn the passing of
His Holiness Pope Francis,
the 266th Pope.*

*He reminded the faithful that the
Church is a hospital for the sinner and
not just for the saints and righteous,
transmitting hope for those who feel
distant from Christ.*



*"Blessed is the one who trusts
in the Lord, whose hope is in
the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7).*

*May eternal rest be granted to
Pope Francis and may his
soul, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



Last week, the Church grew deeper in faith, as two members of our community (Ashleigh Godbout and Tori Heffelfinger) received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This deeper immersion in faith is a reminder to us all of the blessings God has given to us and how we are called to continue to live this gift of faith, grow deeper in it and share it with all. To turn away from the Lord in times of darkness, in times of struggle or confusion is to turn away from Truth and Mercy Himself as Saint Thomas first did. However, when Thomas turned back to the Church, and prayed with them, He encountered Christ our Light, our Peace and our Hope. May we always trust in Jesus, because His plan for us is eternal salvation.



Today, we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, recognizing how our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina asking that this feast be proclaimed acknowledging the infinite mercy of God. Jesus ordered that a painting be made and provided the words for a chaplet to be offered especially for the conversion of sinners. For those who pray the chaplet, Christ revealed these promises: 1. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary, 754) 2. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary, 1541) 3. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541) 4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary, 687).

To celebrate this wondrous and merciful gift, our parish will have Adoration and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and immerse yourself in the mercy of God.

Word of the Week: Blue Army - an organization founded in 1946 to pray and sacrifice for the conversion of Russia and for world peace. The society is a response to one of the requests made by Our Lady at Fátima, Portugal, in 1917, recommending the recitation of the rosary and urging mortification for the conversion of sinners. The Blue Army was established after Pope Pius XII in 1942 consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The National Shrine of Blue Army is located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Ashbury, New Jersey and is a wonderful place of pilgrimage.



Saint of the Week: Louis de Montfort (1673-1716) born in France as the eldest surviving son of eighteen children, he entered the seminary in July 1695. As he was appointed librarian, his time at the seminary gave him the opportunity to study most of the

available works on spirituality and, in particular, on the place of the Virgin Mary in Christian life. He was ordained a priest in June 1700. Two years after his ordination, while serving as a chaplain at a hospital, he organized a group of women who became the Daughters of Wisdom. He began giving mission talks to educate the Catholic faithful and later founded the Society of Mary, known as the Montfort Missionaries. He spent his later years preaching, primarily in rural areas, and writing; his best-known works are "The Secret of Mary" and "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary." Feast Day: April 28.



Saint Quote of the Week: : *"If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children."* - Saint Louis de Montfort.

"Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray." - Saint Louis de Montfort.

"All our perfection consists in being conformed to, united to, and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence, the most perfect of all devotions is, without a doubt, that which conforms us, unites us, and consecrates us perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions, what most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, his Holy Mother, and that the more a soul consecrates itself to her, the more it will be consecrated to Jesus Christ." – St Louis de Montfort.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#487 "What responsibility do human persons have in regard to their own sexual identity?"

God has created human beings as male and female, equal in personal dignity, and has called them to a vocation of love and of communion. Everyone should accept his or her identity as male or female, recognizing its importance for the whole of the person, its specificity and complementarity."

#488 "What is chastity?"

Chastity means the positive integration of sexuality within the person. Sexuality becomes truly human when it is integrated in a correct way into the relationship of one person to another. Chastity is a moral virtue, a gift of God, a grace, and a fruit of the Holy Spirit."

#489 "What is involved in the virtue of chastity?"

The virtue of chastity involves an apprenticeship in self-mastery as an expression of human freedom directed towards self-giving. An integral and continuing formation, which is brought about in stages, is necessary to achieve this goal."

#490 "What are the means that aid the living of chastity?"

There are many means at one's disposal: the grace of God, the help of the sacraments, prayer, self-knowledge, the practice of an asceticism adapted to various situations, the exercise of the moral virtues, especially the virtue of temperance which seeks to have the passions guided by reason."

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

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.



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.



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.

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
5/3-5/4	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/T. Gades (choir)	G. Buck/C. Davis

Weekly Collection

4/26-4/27: In Support of the Parish
5/3-5/4: In Support of the Parish



Have you considered **On-line Giving**?
Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon.

May all in our Parish come to know the peace and grace of God that is felt by generous stewards who return their time, talent and treasure to the Lord. Below is a summary of this quarter's parish financial update. Thank you for your continued generosity in support of your parish.

3rd Quarter (1/1-3/31/25) Financial Update:

Income:

Sunday Collections:	\$ 54,117
Solemnity of Mary	2,057
Interest:	1,713
Donations/Bequests/Memorials:	3,660

Fundraisers Net Profit:

Bingo:	1,681
Total:	<u>\$ 63,228</u>

Expenses:

Salary-Staff (5 people)	\$25,187
Health Benefits-Staff	12,479
Diocesan Assessment	10,257
School Subsidy	8,100
Insurance	5,833
Heating	5,311
Light	2,306
Contractor Snow Removal	9,196
New Digital Organ:	51,673
Total:	<u>\$130,342</u>



NEW!! Vision Loss Support Group will be starting soon! If you know anyone who might be interested please contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

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!

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 the 9:30 AM Mass and Procession this Sunday, April 27 for coffee and donuts in the Social Hall.

Fun Corner

Word Scramble from Revelations 1:9-19

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