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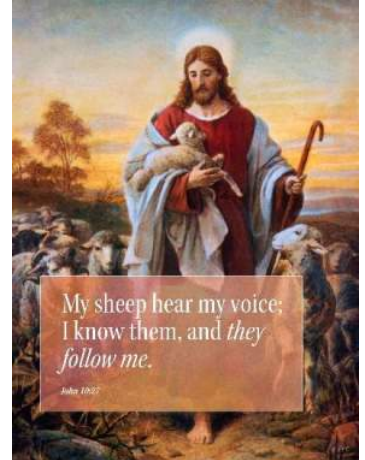
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"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

May 11, 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
Palmerton Campus	www.sjnrnschool.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	Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Altar Servers	Father Mullins	Safety, Security and	
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson	Maintenance Committee	Jim Matsko
Bible Study/Prayer Group/		Catholic Charities:	
Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator	
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC:	800-791-9209
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar	Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator	
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Pamela Russo, M.S.W, M.S.	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Peg Duell	Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services	
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
Knights of Columbus	Marty DeSousa	prusso@allentowndiocese.org	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
	Jerome Scarpati	www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	
Pro Life Coordinator	Veronica Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic	
		Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:	
		www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

May 11 – Fourth Sunday Of Easter



Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 10
5:00 PM	Edward Janco by family
Sunday	May 11
9:30 AM	All living and deceased mothers of Sacred Heart
Monday	May 12
	Adelino Mendes by Marina Melo
Wednesday	May 14
8:30 AM	Arline Cook by Cook family
Thursday	May 15
8:30 AM	Antonio Dias by wife and sons
Friday	May 16
8:30 AM	Leonard and Antoinette Homlak by children
Saturday	May 17
5:00 PM	Marc Carazo by mom, dad and sister
Sunday	May 18
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.	

Friday, May 16 Marian Catholic Rock Band will join us for our school Mass and provide the music. Plan to join us.

We will pray the rosary 30 minutes before each Mass during the month of May. For those who want to also pray at home, download the Tabella.app on your phone or computer, to listen and pray along with the Rosary under the "Media—Prayers & Meditation" section.



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased, especially, **John Signarovitz**. May he be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort his 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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas make the first of three missionary journeys. They preach the Word in Antioch, where many Gentiles became believers. However, the majority of Jews in the city did not accept the Faith.

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

The uncountable crowd in John's vision are the spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham promised him by God. These faithful wear white, signifying their emergence from trials and persecution. The Lamb leads them to heavenly joy.

The Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Jesus' protection equals that of the Father, who shields all believers from the threats of Satan, the enemy of the Kingdom. Jesus declares that the Trinity of Persons is actually one God.



Monday:	Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Please continue to pray for all Priests, our 6 Seminarians, including James, our seminarian last summer, who will receive the Sacred Order of Diaconate on Saturday, May 17. Ask God for new Vocations. Your continued prayers are 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.



Sanctuary Candle:

Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
5/17-5/18	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil	L. Matsko
9:30 AM	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/C. Wehr (choir)	M/N Cuyler



Our mothers are attentive to our every need and generously and selflessly give of themselves to us. Their work never ends as they pray for us, nourish us, teach us, train us, and clean up our messes. May we respond in appreciation, prayerfulness and love every day so that at the end of the day our moms may not doubt if they have carried out God's Holy Will.

A prayer to the spiritual mother of us all:
Hail, Holy Queen - Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Word of the Week: Bodily Resurrection - The reunion of the soul of each human being with his own body on the last day. Christ taught the resurrection from the dead (Matthew 22:29-32; Luke 14:14; John 5:29, 6:39-40, 11:25), and the Apostles preached the doctrine as a cardinal mystery of the Christian faith (I Corinthians 15:20; Revelation 20:12). Belief in the resurrection is professed in all the ancient creeds. "The human beings that rise again are the identical persons who lived before, though their vital processes are performed in a different way. Now their life is mortal, then it will be immortal . . . [But] they still are of the same kind and are still the same individuals as before . . . They do not assume a heavenly or ghostly kind of body. Their bodies remain truly human, though they are invested with an immortality coming from a divine strength which enables them so to dominate the body that corruption cannot enter." (St. Thomas, *Compendium Theologiae*, 155).

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #495 "What are the goods of conjugal love to which sexuality is ordered?"

The goods of conjugal love, which for those who are baptized is sanctified by the sacrament of Matrimony, are unity, fidelity, indissolubility, and an openness to the procreation of life."

#496 "What is the meaning of the conjugal act?"

The conjugal act has a twofold meaning: unitive (the mutual self-giving of the spouses) and procreative (an openness to the transmission of life). No one may break the inseparable connection which God has established between these two meanings of the conjugal act by excluding one or the other of them."

#497 "When is it moral to regulate births?"

The regulation of births, which is an aspect of responsible fatherhood and motherhood, is objectively morally acceptable when it is pursued by the spouses without external pressure; when it is practiced not out of selfishness but for serious reasons; and with methods that conform to the objective criteria of morality, that is, periodic continence and use of the infertile periods."

#498 "What are immoral means of birth control?"

Every action - for example, direct sterilization or contraception - is intrinsically immoral which (either in anticipation of the conjugal act, in its accomplishment or in the development of its natural consequences) proposes, as an end or as a means, to hinder procreation."

Congratulations on receiving your First Holy Communion: *Jamison Klitsch and Maryssa Rex.*

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."

Help to reengage Catholics who have fallen away from the faith by 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.



Saint of the Week:

Our Lady of Fatima

(1917) is a Church-approved apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal to three little shepherds: Lucia de Jesus, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto (the latter two were Lucia's cousins). They were accompanying a flock of sheep and decided to

stop and recite the Holy Rosary. It was at this moment that Our Lady appeared to them. As they narrate, she was enveloped in an intense light brighter than the sun. Our Lady asked them for prayers, sacrifices and reparation for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart. In the end, Our Lady asked the little shepherds to continue gathering there to pray the Rosary for the next five months, always on the 13th at noon, promising to appear to them again. During her apparitions, Our Lady of Fatima revealed secrets that remained hidden for a long time, some of which were only revealed later by Sister Lucia. The message of Fatima talks about the conversion of Russia and the persecution suffered by the Church. Feast Day: 13 May.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."* – Our Lady of Fatima.

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make a sacrifice, 'O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'" - Our Lady of Fatima.

"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them." – Our Lady of Fatima.

Thank you to Jim Hill for your many years of generously serving as the Sacristan at the 5:00 PM Mass and Holy Day Masses. Your dedication and devotion is truly appreciated. May God continue to bless you for all your many good deeds. If anyone is interested in the Sacristan Ministry, please contact Father Mullins for details.

Coffee and Donuts: Sunday, May 25
after 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. All invited!

Weekly Collection

5/10-5/11: In Support of the Parish

5/17-5/18: In Support of the Parish

Attendance weekly goal: 450

Actual 5/3-5/4: 273



Have you considered **On-line Giving?**

Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon.

The 2025 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal, (BWAC) is Underway.

Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. Many thanks to those who have already made a commitment. **Our Parish Goal is: \$23,328** and as of April 9: Total Committed: \$9,544 47 by 47 registered families. The participation of all our parish families makes it possible to serve those in need. Remember every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Please visit the Appeal's website at: becausewearecatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at: 800-831-4443. The Diocesan Stewardship and Development Office thanks you for your continued support of this important campaign.

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.



Are you new to the area? If you would like to become a registered parishioner 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.



A perfect gift! Treat your Mother this Sunday, May 11.

Parish Social Hall. Cost: \$25. Doors and Kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Cash Prizes!! Join us for an afternoon of fun! **\$25 BINGO gift certificates are available at the Rectory Office.**

Movie Night: Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 PM: Come to our parish center and watch "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" and learn of the apparition of the Blessed Mother to the three children in Fatima, Portugal.



The Knights of Columbus will be distributing empty baby bottles beginning this weekend. Those participating are invited to

fill the bottles with monetary donations from Mother's Day, May 11 to Father's Day, June 15 to support life. The campaign this year is focused on providing funds to help purchase an ultrasound machine to help unexpected mothers recognize the gift of babies in the womb.

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.

The Diocese of Allentown invites women to a night of fellowship and Bingo at St. Ambrose's Church Hall, 302 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven, on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 PM. Doors Open at 5:30 PM. Games start at 6:30 PM. Play 20 games for \$20 with chance to win gift baskets and cash prizes, 50/50, food and drink included. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages. Contact Maggie Riggins at: mriggins@allentowndiocese.org.



Check out the display! HSM will be selling Sacred Heart logo t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts after mass this weekend, in the main vestibule of the Church.



Volunteers are needed in many areas for our Annual Flea Market. It is a wonderful way to meet people from the Parish. Volunteer opportunities include helping to get items ready to sell, set-up gym, clean-up afterwards, kitchen help, raffles and various other ways to get involved. Plan to join us on **Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish center for info on how you can help.

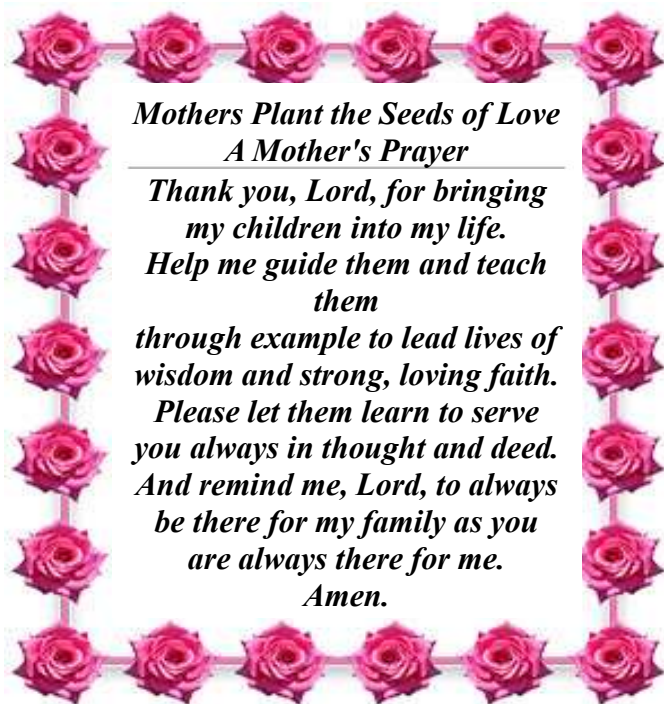


Drop off dates for donations: Tuesday, June 10 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and Wednesday, June 11 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations may be dropped off in the Church parking lot. We will

be **accepting cleaned, working condition items: books, puzzles, craft items, clothing, Christmas and kitchen items, jewelry, purses, CD's, DVD's and gift cards.** We will **NOT BE ACCEPTING** the following: single mugs, single glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits, and electronics.

Flea Market is scheduled for Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2025. If you have any questions, join us at our meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center or contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Holocaust: Triumph Over Tragedy. The Palmerton Area Historical Society invites you to attend this presentation on Monday, May 12 in the Knight's Gallery of the Palmerton Library at 6:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public! Contact Heritage Center at : 610-824-6954 for info.



Mothers Plant the Seeds of Love A Mother's Prayer

***Thank you, Lord, for bringing
my children into my life.
Help me guide them and teach
them***

***through example to lead lives of
wisdom and strong, loving faith.
Please let them learn to serve
you always in thought and deed.
And remind me, Lord, to always
be there for my family as you
are always there for me.***

Amen.

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