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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

May 4, 2025

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Sandy Miller	<i>Bookkeeper/Secretary</i>
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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	Cass Chies
Altar Servers	Father Mullins
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson
Bible Study/Prayer Group/ Prayer Chain	Peg Duell
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth
Cemetery	Frank Hager
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Peg Duell
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko
Knights of Columbus	Marty DeSousa
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Safety, Security and Maintenance Committee	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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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.

May 4 – Third Sunday Of Easter



Mass Intentions

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
Monday	May 5
	Joseph Kercsmar by Jane Borbe
Wednesday	May 7
8:30 AM	Joe Koma by Candido Amorim
Thursday	May 8
8:30 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Friday	May 9
8:30 AM	Susan Silliman by James and Barbara Nemecek
Saturday	May 10
5:00 PM	Edward Janco by family
Sunday	May 11
9:30 AM	All living and deceased mothers 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.	



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.

Vocations 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: 27-32, 40b-41

Here we find the foundational premise for civil disobedience in the stance that St. Peter takes before the accusing Sanhedrin. Believers like us can never submit to human authority if it contradicts God's laws.

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14

This wondrous vision presents us with a picture of countless angels gathered to praise the Lord and the Lamb who was slain for our sins.

The Gospel: John 21: 1-19, or 21: 1-14

Peter is again featured in this epilogue section apparently added on to the text of the gospel. His profession of love to the Lord is set in reminders of his previous denial of Christ. Jesus offers His chosen "Rock of Ages" a second chance.



Monday:	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:5-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30



Sanctuary Candle:

Patricia Bobeck by Marie Sholtis.

Marian Altar:

Andrew and Irene Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice.

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.



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First Friday of the month

4:00 to 7:00 PM

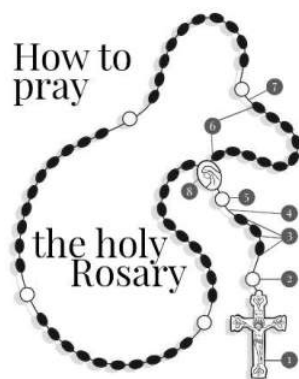
Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
5/10-5/11	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	TBD
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/S. Miller (choir)	B/S Goodbred



It is a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. Many countries celebrate Mother's Day during the month of May, so we would be remiss if we failed to celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. In addition, during the month of May, the Catholic Church celebrates the feasts of Our

Lady of Fatima (May 13) and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31). In most Catholic churches, there is a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King.



Praying the Rosary is one of the many popular devotions to Mary. The Rosary is usually prayed using a string of beads with an attached crucifix. The prayers we pray during the Rosary create a peaceful rhythm of prayer during which we can reflect on special times in the lives of

Jesus and Mary. To pray the Rosary, begin with the Sign of the Cross. Then, pray the Apostles' Creed. On every large bead, pray the Our Father. On every small bead, pray the Hail Mary. Pray a Glory Be to the Father after each set of small beads. To end the Rosary, pray the Hail, Holy Queen. Each set of prayers is called a decade of the Rosary. While praying the Rosary, we recall a different mystery at the beginning of each decade: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries or the Mysteries of Light.

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

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #491 "In what way is everyone called to live chastity?"

As followers of Christ, the model of all chastity, all the baptized are called to live chastely in keeping with their particular states of life. Some profess virginity or consecrated celibacy which enables them to give themselves to God alone with an undivided heart in a remarkable manner. Others, if they are married live in conjugal chastity, or if unmarried practice chastity in continence."

#492 "What are the principal sins against chastity?"

Grave sins against chastity differ according to their object: adultery, masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual acts. These sins are expressions of the vice of lust. These kinds of acts committed against the physical and moral integrity of minors become even more grave."

#493 "Although it says only "you shall not commit adultery" why does the sixth commandment forbid all sins against chastity?"

Although the biblical text of the Decalogue reads "you shall not commit adultery" (*Exodus* 20:14), the Tradition of the Church comprehensively follows the moral teachings of the Old and New Testaments and considers the sixth commandment as encompassing all sins against chastity."

#494 "What is the responsibility of civil authority in regard to chastity?"

Insofar as it is bound to promote respect for the dignity of the person, civil authority should seek to create an environment conducive to the practice of chastity. It should also enact suitable legislation to prevent the spread of the grave offenses against chastity mentioned above, especially in order to protect minors and those who are the weakest members of society."

Saint of the Week: Dominic Savio (1842-1857AD) was born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy. Young Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. He joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. Dominic impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven. He died after receiving the Last Sacraments. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life. Dominic was canonized in 1954. Feast Day: 6 May.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."* – St. Dominic Savio.

"I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in heaven, Whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith." – St. Dominic Savio.

"Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him." – St. Dominic Savio.

"Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can." – St. Dominic Savio.

Word of the Week: Boat - A boat-shaped vessel that holds incense before it is put into a censer or thurible.

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.

Weekly Collection

5/3-5/4:	In Support of the Parish
5/10-5/11:	In Support of the Parish
Attendance weekly goal:	450
Actual Easter Vigil 4/19:	119
Actual Easter Sunday 4/20:	314
Actual 4/26-4/27:	310



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



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.

Mother's Group will gather on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. New mothers and experienced moms are welcome.

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!



NEW!! Vision Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, May 10 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Parish Center! If you know anyone who might be interested please contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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

SJNRS Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 8: Dine and Donate at Panera Bread, 2669 MacArthur Road, Whitehall.

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



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 next Sunday, May 11, for an afternoon of fun!

\$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).

Movie Night: *"The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima"* in honor of Blessed Mother will occur on Saturday, May 17 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Baby Bottle Campaign – The Knights of Columbus will be distributing empty baby bottles next weekend. Those participating are invited to fill the bottles with monetary donations from Mother's Day to Father's Day 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.

Congratulations to Kevin Heberling, parishioner of Sacred Heart, who recently published a children's book titled, *Max and the Paw Print Pendant*. He generously donated books to our school libraries.

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.



We will be happy to accept your donations on Tuesday, June 10 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and Wednesday, June 11 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for our Flea Market. 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, contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

HSM starting next weekend will be selling Sacred Heart Logo t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. Check out the display of items in the main vestibule of the church.

Fun Corner:

Vatican-Recognized Marian Apparitions

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