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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: 9:30 AM

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



May 25, 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.sjnschool.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 25 – Sixth Sunday Of Easter



Mass Intentions

Saturday May 24
5:00 PM Tommy McCarthy by sister Eileen
Sunday May 25
9:30 AM Bill and Irene Pitts by
 Duane and Carol Costenbader

No Daily Mass
Monday, May 26 and Tuesday, May 27.

Wednesday May 28
8:30 AM Joe Kerksmar by
 Sue and Phil Steigerwalt
5:00 PM **Ascension of the Lord Vigil**
 John Halmi, Jr. by
 Bert Holczman
Thursday May 29 Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
7:00 PM Leo Pudvah by
 Daughter Diane and Bob
Friday May 30
8:30 AM Josephine and John Banas by Joann
Saturday May 31
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday June 1
9:30 AM Fr. William Campion by
 Fr. John Hutta and 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.



Sanctuary Candle:

Gail Hamm, Mary and Harold Sander by Betty Tartaglia and family.

Marian Altar:

Marianne Berk by husband George.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

The local Church in Antioch reaches put to the apostolic Church in Jerusalem where Peter works for advice on a doctrinal challenge. The Council's decision is guided by the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus.

Reading II: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

The foundation of the heavenly Jerusalem is the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. The balance of the inscriptions honors the Old Testament righteous ones.

The Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Jesus answers Judas (not the traitor) that a person who keeps God's word will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26



Please continue to pray for all Priests, 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.



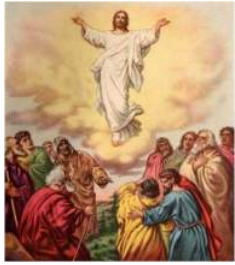
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First Friday, June 6

4:00 to 7:00 PM
 Confessions 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Note: The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
5/31-6/1	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	T. Matsko	Fr. Mullins/J. Kralik	L. Matsko
9:30 AM	K. Erickson	Fr. Mullins/C. Wehr/S. Miller (choir)	C. Sebelin/G. Buck



Ascension Thursday (May 29th this year) is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating when the resurrected Lord rose into heaven. For forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus revealed to His disciples His victory over death and explained about the

kingdom of God. On this day, Jesus instructed His disciples to pray for nine days (the first novena) after which the Holy Spirit will descend upon them and fill them with power and grace. Jesus prepares the way ahead of us; may we follow His pathways that we may rise with Him into the heavenly kingdom.

Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation at our parish will be as follows:

Wednesday, May 28th at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, May 29th at 8:30 AM.

Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 PM.



May is the month dedicated to Mary and we honor her in the praying of the Rosary. Join us, this last week of May, to pray the

rosary 30 minutes before each Mass. For those who want to 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.

Anyone interested in leading the Rosary weekly at the Palmerton, should contact Louise: 570-325-2966 or Peg: 610-826-8009 for more information.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#503 "What is set forth by the seventh commandment?"

The seventh commandment requires respect for the universal destination and distribution of goods and the private ownership of them, as well as respect for persons, their property, and the integrity of creation. The Church also finds in this Commandment the basis for her social doctrine which involves the correct way of acting in economic, social and political life, the right and the duty of human labor, justice and solidarity among nations, and love for the poor."

#504 "Under what conditions does the right to private property exist?" The right to private property exists provided the property is acquired or received in a just way and that the universal destination of goods for the satisfaction of the basic needs of all takes precedence."

#505 "What is the purpose of private property?"

The purpose of private property is to guarantee the freedom and dignity of individual persons by helping them to meet the basic needs of those in their charge and also of others who are in need."

#506 "What does the seventh commandment require?"

The seventh commandment requires respect for the goods of others through the practice of justice and charity, temperance and solidarity. In particular it requires *respect for promises made and contracts agreed to, reparation for injustice committed and restitution of stolen goods, and respect for the integrity of creation* by the prudent and moderate use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe with special attention to those species which are in danger of extinction."

#507 "What attitude should people have toward animals?"

People must treat animals with kindness as creatures of God and avoid both excessive love for them and an indiscriminate use of them especially by scientific experiments that go beyond reasonable limits and entail needless suffering for the animals."

Saint Quote of the Week: *"The Lord's mercy is eternal; eternal must be our confidence."* - St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.

"An abyss of blessings must draw forth an abyss of gratitude, fidelity and love." -St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.

"We cannot change our character, it is true, as easily as we change our clothes. It is the work of a lifetime. It is achieved with the grace of God and constant effort." -St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.



Saint of the Week:
Madeleine Sophie Barat
 (1779-1865 AD) was born two months premature in France and so was baptized immediately. Sophie received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided

that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics and mathematics. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Yet due to her older brother's instruction, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning. Sophie discerned a call to the religious life and was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. In 1826, her Society of the Sacred Heart received formal papal approval. By then she had served as superior at a number of convents. In 1865, she was stricken with paralysis; she died that year on the feast of the Ascension. Feast Day: 25 May.

Word of the Week: Book of Life - figurative expression in the Bible (Revelation 21) for predestination. It signifies God's foreknowledge of the elect. God in virtue of his omniscience must infallibly and eternally know the elect and the lost, but this does not imply that the fate of either is sealed by God without a prevision of each person's merit. The Book of Life refers to those who will enjoy eternal happiness.

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.

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.

Weekly Collection

5/24-5/25: In Support of the Parish
 Second Collection: Cemetery Maintenance
5/31-6/1: In Support of the Parish
 Attendance Goal: 450
 Actual: 5/10-5/11 280



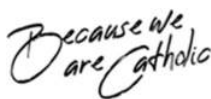
Have you considered **On-line Giving?**
 Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon.

This weekend our Second Collection is to assist with our Cemetery maintenance, including lawn care. The Parish is responsible for maintaining 3 Cemeteries: Holy Cross (Fireline Road) and the Old and New Sacred Heart Cemeteries (3rd Street and Stoney Ridge Road). If you are interested in purchasing a plot as part of your Pre-Planning, please call the Parish Office or Frank Hager at 610-826-3178.



The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund in **memory of Gail Sander Hamm by:**

American Bank, Larry and Karen Hamm, Homlak family, Rosalie Gerhart, Joan Wallo Markus and Marianne Ondrasik.



Thank you to our parishioners who have pledged their support to the **2025 BWAC Annual Appeal.**

As of May 14:	Parish Goal:	23,328
# of Donors: 57	Total Committed:	\$11,989

To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or an envelope at the entrances to the Church or visit the Appeal's website at: BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at: 800-831-4443. You may drop off your pledge form/donation at the Rectory Office or place it in the collection basket.

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!



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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



Evelyn Grace Garrison-Gonzalez and Oliver Tobias Kaminski.



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.



The Knights of Columbus Lafayette Council #2522 appreciates your support of the Baby Bottle Campaign to help

purchase an ultrasound machine to help unexpected mothers recognize the gift of babies in the womb. Please pick-up a baby bottle as you leave Mass today and fill it with spare change (coins, cash or checks). Checks payable to: Lafayette Council #2522. Return the bottle to the box in Church by Father's Day, June 15. Questions, email Andy Goodbred, Campaign Coordinator at: agoodbred@gmail.com. The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this cause.



HSM is selling Sacred Heart logo t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. Check out the display in the back of the Church today to place your order!



FREE FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, 28 May @ 6:30 PM in Parish Social Hall. Bring your favorite game, snack or join in a

game provided. Have fun, make friends and enjoy a night out! Fun for the whole family! Hope to see you on Wednesday.



Bring your donations, for the Flea Market, to the church parking lot on:

Tuesday, June 10: 1:00 to 6:00 PM or

Wed., June 11: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We will accept items that are clean, usable and not broken. Books, puzzles, craft items, clothing, Christmas and kitchen items, jewelry, purses, CD's, DVD's and gift cards. We will **NOT BE ACCEPTING:** single mugs, single glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits, and electronics.

Interested in volunteering for this event, seeking donors of Gift Baskets for our Raffle or any questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Flea Market is scheduled for Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2025.



Second Sunday of the month.

Parish Social Hall - Cost: \$25.

Bingo starts 1:00 PM.



Need a gift? \$25 BINGO gift certificates can be purchased at the Rectory Office. Call 610-826-2335 or stop by the Rectory Office

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.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days (two separate retreats for young men and women) will be held June 22-25 at Kutztown University! All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend these discernment retreats to hear to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass and Adoration, presentations and talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. Deadline to register is June 13. Visit the Allentown Diocese website and click on the Vocation Tab at: www.allentowndiocese.org for details and registration packet. Questions, contact Christina Lopez at: clopez@allentowndiocese.org.



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

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