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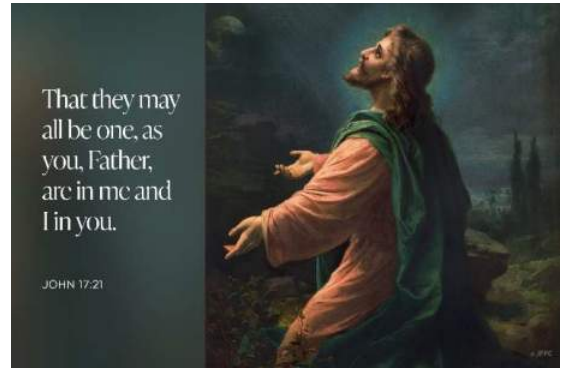
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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



June 1, 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 Scarpatti Veronica Scarpatti

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

PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

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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.

June 1 – Seventh Sunday OF Easter



Mass Intentions

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
Monday	June 2
8:30 AM:	John Domant by Thomas Muldoon, Jr.
Wednesday	June 4
8:30 AM	Richard Rauch, Sr. by wife Nancy and son Richard, Jr.
Thursday	June 5
8:30 AM	Augustinho Mendes by Teresa and Joe Amorim
Friday	June 6 First Friday
8:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday	June 7 First Saturday
8:30 AM	Manuel R. Amorim by Jose and Lowrdes Amorim
5:00 PM	Dottie Lang by Dave
Sunday	June 8
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.	



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:

Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.

Potluck Picnic: Save the Date!!! Saturday, 19 July from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ Palmerton Memorial Park – Grove Pavilion. All are welcome!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 7: 55-60

The feast of the deacon St. Stephen, our Church's first martyr, is annually celebrated the day after Christmas. Christians immediately learn that following Christ is not always "a walk in the park." So today we hear the full story of this saint's bravery.

Reading II: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17

In this "epilogue" to the vision story, Jesus gives Himself the title used to describe God, namely as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The Church, as a "bride," is wedded to Christ the "groom."

The Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Jesus "great prayer" reaches into the future to bless believers in Him of every age. He also envisions a visible unity that will speak volumes to the observant world.



Monday:	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13



Please continue to pray for all Priests, Deacons and Seminarians. 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

Ministry Schedule next weekend:			
6/7-6/8	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	H. Werner
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/L. Koons (choir)	C. Davis/B/S Goodbred



Our Lord prays for us, that we may be one with Him as He is with the Father. This intercession is needed because Christ knows how easily we turn away from Him due to our sinfulness. The devil easily tricked Adam and Eve from the beginning to turn away from God and His commandments. Unfortunately, He continues to do so with us. To know the attacks of the enemy can help us protect ourselves from falling astray. As a result, we will have discussions on Spiritual Warfare starting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in our parish center for the month of June. All are welcome.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) **#508 "What is forbidden by the seventh commandment?"**

Above all, the seventh commandment forbids theft, which is the taking or using of another's property against the reasonable will of the owner. This can be done also by paying unjust wages; by speculation on the value of goods in order to gain an advantage to the detriment of others; or by the forgery of checks or invoices. Also forbidden is tax evasion or business fraud; willfully damaging private or public property; usury; corruption; the private abuse of common goods; work deliberately done poorly; and waste."

#509 "What is the content of the social doctrine of the Church?"

The social doctrine of the Church is an organic development of the truth of the Gospel about the dignity of the human person and his social dimension offering principles for reflection, criteria for judgment, and norms and guidelines for action."

#510 "When does the Church intervene in social areas?"

The Church intervenes by making a moral judgment about economic and social matters when the fundamental rights of the person, the common good, or the salvation of souls requires it."

#511 "How should social and economic life be pursued?"

It should be pursued according to its own proper methods within the sphere of the moral order, at the service of the whole human being and of the entire human community in keeping with social justice. Social and economic life should have the human person as its author, center, and goal."



Saint of the Week: Justin Martyr (1st Century AD).

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers. Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ. Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165. Feast Day: 1 June.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"And this food is called among us the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins and to regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined."* - St. Justin Martyr.

"Let it be understood that those who are not found living as He taught are not Christian - even though they profess with the lips the teaching of Christ." - St. Justin Martyr.

Mother's Group will gather on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. New mothers and experienced moms are welcome.

Word of the Week: Born Again - spiritual rebirth at baptism, as commanded by Christ: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The term is used in Catholic theology to describe the spiritual change worked by divine grace, by which a person, from having been conceived and born in sin, is regenerated into a new creature, a child of God and heir of heaven. It is synonymous with supernatural regeneration. In some Protestant circles the expression refers to a new experiential knowledge in Christ, wrought by baptism or by a sudden and lasting conversion from sin to a fervent service of God.

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.



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 your 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.



Blessed with 90 years or more we offer our prayers and best wishes to: **Grace Green.** May God be your guiding light and the angels from heaven above shower endless joy on you.

Weekly Collection

5/31-6/1: In Support of the Parish
6/7-6/8: In Support of the Parish
 Second Collection: Helping Hands
 Attendance Goal: 450
 Actual: 5/17-5/18 247

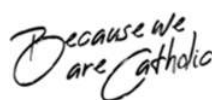


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 Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon.



The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund in **memory of John Signarovitz** by:

Jeff and Debra Lutz, Frederick and Claire Signarovitz family, Kerry and Kelly Solt, Marilyn Miller, Joan Hunsicker and Dwight and Cheryl Hunsicker, Richard and Debra Snyder, Duane Hunsicker and Lisa Dart.



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: <u>BecauseWeAreCatholic.org</u> 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.		

Ever wonder about the places in Scripture? Come to **Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10 AM** in the Parish Center and find out.

Tuesday, June 3, is the last Simply Prayer session until September. A morning retreat sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Frances is open to men and women from 10:00-11:30 AM at 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem 18017. Call Peg 610-826-8009 for details.



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



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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



Next Sunday, June 8

Parish Social Hall - Cost: \$25.
Kitchen and doors open at Noon.
Bingo starts 1:00 PM.



Need a gift? \$25 BINGO Gift
Certificates available. Call 610-826-
2335 or stop at the Rectory Office.

2025-2026 PREP registration forms for grades 1-8 are now available in the Parish Office. Any parent with a child(ren) in Public School and/or homeschooled will need to contact the CRE, Steve Uhnak in the Parish Office at 610-826-2335 or email shccre@ptd.net.



NEW!! Vision Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, June 7 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.

Vocation Discernment Retreats at Kutztown University (Ages 14-18). God is calling you to a life of holiness, whether as a married, single or consecrated person. Come learn how to listen to the Lord and follow the path God planned for your greatest happiness. Retreat activities include Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary procession, presentations, sports and fellowship.
Registration Deadline: 13 June 2025.

Men: (June 22-25) for info and to register go to: www.allentowndiocese.org/quo-vadis.

Women (June 23-25) for info and to register go to: www.allentowndiocese.org/fiat-days.



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



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!



Drop your items off in the church parking lot on:

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

Wednesday, 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.

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

Flea Market Dates: Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Summer Program for Divorced/Separated: Separation and divorce are a painful reality for many Catholics. Our Lord wants to heal the wounds caused by broken marriages. Consider attending the eight week Program for Separated/Divorced Catholics this summer. The program (free of charge) runs from June 10 to July 29 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Location: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Whitehall. Call or text the facilitator, Jane Zingelman, at 505-688-8663 to register or for more information.

2025 Summer Concert Series at Palmerton Borough Park Bandstand begins this Sunday, June 1 with The Palmerton Band, weather permitting, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.

Photo Directory available to anyone who would like to receive one. Please stop by the Rectory Office to get your copy today.

Retreat to Fatima and Lourdes June 7-16, 2026 with Fr. John Frink To view detailed itinerary, pricing information and to book your trip, visit the website at: <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frfrink/>.

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