

THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

243 LAFAYETTE AVENUE ~ PALMERTON PA 18071

Rectory Office: 610-826-2335 • Fax: 610-826-5360

[shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net) • [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org)

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



*They all ate and were satisfied.*

*Luke 9:17*

## 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 22, 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](http://www.sjnschool.org)

Allentown Central Catholic High School 610-437-4601

[www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info)

Marian Catholic High School 570-467-3335

[www.marianhighschool.org](http://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

PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538

[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Youth Protection Programs

[www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/)

Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic  
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:

[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call: 1-800-276-1562.

# June 22 – Corpus Christi



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Darryl Moyer by grandchildren
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 23</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Deceased parents of Elzbieta and Jerome Palms
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Special intention by Joann Kercsmar
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 27 – Sacred Heart Feast Day</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Members of the Memorial Fund
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Joe Koma by Michael and Marian Carty
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deceased parents of Frank and Kathy Hager
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 29</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Edgardo and Erlinda Salazar by 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, especially **Andy Krawchuk**. 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:

**John (Jack) Porambo** by wife and family.

## St. Joseph Altar (2):

**Terry O'Neil** by wife Debbie

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

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Genesis 14: 18-20

Melchizedek, translated as "King of Righteousness", is the first person in the Bible to be called a priest. He is a "type" of Christ the Messiah. He offers bread and wine, a celebratory meal, to bless Abram's victory.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Jesus fulfills Melchizedek's offering in a marvelous way. He gives to us Himself, under the appearances of bread and wine. This is the oldest account of the Eucharist, as given by St. Paul.

### The Gospel: Luke 9: 11b-17

Apart from the Resurrection, the multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recounted in all 4 Gospels. Of course, it foreshadows the miracle of the Eucharist, inaugurated at the Last Supper.



<b>Monday:</b>	Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 7:15-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 7:21-29
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gen 18:1-15 Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 Mt 8:5-17
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19



Pray for all Priests, Deacons and Seminarians. Ask God for new Vocations. Your continued prayers are needed and appreciated.

*Good and gracious God, you have called us through Baptism to discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all peoples. We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church within the Diocese of Allentown. Inspire our young men and women by the example of Saint Junipero Serra to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and His Church. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN.*

6/28-6/29	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/C. Chies	L. Matsko
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/C. Wehr(choir)	C. Davis/G. Buck



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

**Who can receive our Lord?** Baptized Catholics who have been properly catechized, are not in serious sin and who have fasted one hour from food or drink may receive Holy Communion at Mass. To receive Holy Communion, one should bow before the Lord, step forward and when the minister proclaims, "The Body of Christ" one should respond "Amen." and either receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in an open hand with the other hand underneath and immediately put the Host in your mouth. Then one should make a sign of the Cross and return to their pew for private prayer.

**Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #519 "In what way do Christians participate in political and social life?** The lay faithful take part directly in political and social life by animating temporal realities with a Christian spirit and collaborating with all as authentic witnesses of the Gospel and agents of peace and justice."

**#520 "By what is love for the poor inspired?** Love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes and by the example of Jesus in his constant concern for the poor. Jesus said, "Whatever you have done to the least of my brethren, you have done to me" (*Matthew 25:40*). Love for the poor shows itself through the struggle against material poverty and also against the many forms of cultural, moral and religious poverty. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy and the many charitable institutions formed throughout the centuries are a concrete witness to the preferential love for the poor which characterizes the disciples of Jesus."



On Friday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Sacred Heart** - the symbol of the love with which Jesus continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings without exception. The Sacred Heart is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by the lance-wound, encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes, the image is shown shining within the bosom of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of divine love. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back to the 11th century. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque had multiple visions of the Sacred Heart between 1673 and 1675. However, it wasn't until 1856 when Pope Pius IX made the feast of the Sacred Heart into a universal celebration. The feast of the Sacred Heart takes place 19 days after Pentecost (June 27<sup>th</sup> this year). To celebrate, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00-7:00 PM, Confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM, followed by a Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



**Are you new to the area?** Interested in being a registered parishioner? Introduce yourself to Father Mullins after Mass or contact the Parish Office to register at: 610-826-2335.

***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.



**Saint of the Week: John Fisher** - (1469-1535) was a brilliant man who held several high offices: chaplain to a king's mother, chancellor of Cambridge University, and Bishop of Rochester, England. He dedicated himself to the well-being of his diocese and his university. He wrote several treatises on the Scriptures and on the defense of the faith. He was considered King Henry VIII's most trusted advocate. But then King Henry VIII, in his desire for an heir, demanded the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. Bishop Fisher investigated the marriage and determined that the king and Catherine were validly married and that only death could separate them. Enraged by this outcome, King Henry VIII claimed that he was the head of the Church in England and forced all Catholic priests and bishops to sign the oath of succession or face death. Bishop Fisher was imprisoned in the Tower in April 1534. The following year, he was made a cardinal by Pope Paul III, and King Henry retaliated by having him beheaded within a month. He shares this feast day with his friend and fellow martyr, Thomas More; their heads were impaled on London Bridge two weeks apart. Feast day: 22 June.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"A good man is not a perfect man; a good man is an honest man, faithful and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life."* - St. John Fisher.

**Word of the Week: Bribery** - the payment or promise to pay something of value to induce another to do as one wishes or prescribes. It generally refers to those pledged to the common good who act for individual profit or for the briber's benefit. The Catholic Church teaches that bribery in any form is immoral. The guilt is equally divided among all active agents, and their culpability varies with circumstances.

**His Excellency, Bishop Schlert extends to you an invitation to join him at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown this Sunday, 22 June** as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 2:00 PM, Liturgy of the Word Service at 3:00 PM, Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the Cathedral grounds and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Homily.



## **SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year**

Accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8. For info call: 610-826-2354.

**Summer hours for the Palmerton Campus** are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE: Hours may change due to staff schedules & vacations. Please call to schedule a visit or for more info at: 610-826-2354 or email the office at: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com).



## **Register Your Child in our 2025-2026 PREP Classes.**

Weekly classes begin in September 2025. Open to children in grades 1 through 8, who have been Baptized Catholic, are registered parishioners attend either public school, a private non-Catholic school or homeschooled. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Parents contact CRE, Steve Uhnak in the Parish Office at 610-826-2335 or email [shccre@ptd.net](mailto:shccre@ptd.net).

Register now for summer camps at St. John Neumann Regional School! All camps run from noon to 3:00 PM and are open to all children. See details below:

### **July 7-10:**

**Basketball Camp:** children entering Grades K-3.

**Art Camp:** children entering Grades 4-8

### **July 14-17:**

**Chess Camp:** children ages 9-14

**Cooking Camp:** children ages 9-14

### **July 21-24:**

**Basketball Camp:** children entering Grades 4-8

**Art Camp:** children entering Grades K-3

All camps \$50 per student/per camp and will be held at the Palmerton Campus, 259 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton. FMI 610-826-2354.

**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.



Check out the display of the Sacred Heart logo t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts in the back of Church that are available to purchase. Contact Tricia Matsko with your order today at: 484-633-6510.

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

## Weekly Collection

6/21-6/22: In Support of the Parish:

6/28-6/29: In Support of the Parish

**Second Collection:** Peter's Pence

**Attendance Goal:** 450    Actual 6/14-6/15: 268



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

Visit: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) and click on the online giving icon to sign-up.

**Our Parish Financial Fiscal Year** closes June 30, 2025. We thank all who have sacrificed so generously to continue to support our Parish and its ministries during this year. We ask that all back envelopes be returned by June 30 to be included for this fiscal year.



**Thank you** to all who supported the Baby Bottle Campaign to help purchase the ultrasound machine for Care Net, Carbon County. 160 bottles were collected amounting to \$3,585.12.



**2nd Sunday of the month!**

Parish Social Hall **Cost: \$25.**

Doors and kitchen open at Noon.

Bingo starts 1:00 PM.

**CASH PRIZES!**



Need a gift? Purchase a

\$25 BINGO Gift Certificate.

Call 610-826-2335 or stop at the Rectory Office.



**Saturday, 21 June @ 6:30 PM** in our Parish Center. Come watch kid-friendly movie "Wall-E".



**Wednesday, 25 June, 6:30–8:00 PM**

in our Parish Hall/Gym. Bring your favorite game, enjoy some snacks, and make new friends!



**Wednesday, 25 June @ 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center. Learn the enemy's tactics as we discuss C.S. Lewis' book "The Screwtape Letters."

Senior Self Defense Classes at Mountain Karate Academy, 468 Delaware Ave Mondays 9:00-10:00 AM call 610-377-0323 or email [sharyl@mountainkarate.com](mailto:sharyl@mountainkarate.com) for info.



**This weekend June 20–June 22:**

**Friday-Saturday: 8:30 AM-3:30**

**PM. Sunday: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

Kitchen will be open (eat-in or take out) and a basket raffle. We want to thank everyone who has donated their treasures and/or their time! Happy shopping....

**SJNRS Flea Market** will be held on Saturday June 28 (8:30 AM-3:30 PM) and Sunday, June 29 (11:00 AM – 3:00 PM) in the school gym.

**CACPAC Palmerton Food Pantry**, located at: St. John's Lutheran Church, 2915 Fireline Road, Palmerton, exists to provide food to needy residents of Palmerton and neighboring communities. In the back vestibule of the church, there are 2 red plastic totes to place your donations for the Food Pantry. Currently, they are in need of: 64 oz. juices, peanut butter, canned vegetables (carrots, peas, green beans), tuna fish and soup. Any questions regarding CACPAC Food Pantry, call Sue Steigerwalt at: 610-349-9704. **Thank you for helping us to help our neighbors!**

This weekend after all Masses, representatives from the **Land of Peace** mission, a non-profit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork and rosaries all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Sale of these goods will help them help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem and also give you the opportunity to have "something: authentic from the holy land." See website: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org).



**Join us this Sunday, June 22** in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by *Last One Standing*, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.

**June 24**



*You're indeed an amazing pastor,  
you've lead the flock righteously and  
prevented us from deviating into the  
earthly things, you're a rare gem  
from heaven. Happy birthday*

*Father Mullins!*



## FRANCIS X. MULLANE INC.

**Certified Public Accountants**

430 Delaware Ave • Palmerton, PA

**610-826-4262**

2335 Rt. 115 • Brodheadsville

**570-992-5291**

## Campton Funeral Home Inc.



Harold C. Schisler, Supervisor

525 Delaware Avenue  
Pamerton, PA 18071-1910

**(610) 826-2377**



## THE GETZ PERSONAL CARE HOME

Providing a loving, caring home for over 50 years!

**(570) 629-1334**

[www.getzpersonalcare.com](http://www.getzpersonalcare.com)

1026 Scenic Drive, Kunkletown, PA

**Welcome to Our Church!**



## STRUBINGER LAW P.C.

**ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW**

505 Delaware Avenue  
Palmerton, PA 18071

**(610) 826-7678**

[www.strubingerlawoffice.com](http://www.strubingerlawoffice.com)

## catholicmatch® Pennsylvania



[CatholicMatch.com/datePA](http://CatholicMatch.com/datePA)

**Come Live with Us!**



Schedule Your Tour

**570-669-5500**

**Personal Care \* Respite Care \* Memory Care**

NESQUEHONING, PA

[www.mapleshademeadows.com](http://www.mapleshademeadows.com)

## THE PALMERTON PERSONAL CARE HOME

**Personal Care | Secure Memory Care | Respite Care**

Schedule a Visit by Calling **610-824-7406 Ext. 101**  
or simply stop by!

71 Princeton Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071

<https://inspiritseniorliving.com/contact-thepalmerton/>

## INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Place Your Ad Here  
to Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Michele Barron**

[mbarron@jppc.net](mailto:mbarron@jppc.net)

**484.300.2062**



**THE BEST MOVE YOU'LL EVER MAKE.**

Proudly serving Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Monroe Communities!

**Cass Chies Broker/Owner**

236 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071

**(610) 900-4300 | [Cass@diamond1st.net](mailto:Cass@diamond1st.net)**



**WORSHIP With Us**



**SHARE IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTION IN PENNSYLVANIA!**



[pa.gov/Aging](http://pa.gov/Aging)



- Share Your Home
- Gain Companionship
- Get Help Around the House
- Receive Help with Expenses

If you would like more information on the SHARE Housing Program, please contact Kellie Cummings at 570-249-1159

*Have you found*  
**FABER?**

**FREE DOWNLOAD!**



**Sacred Heart Senior Living**  
by the creek™

**Personal & Memory Care  
Independent Living  
Long and Short stays**

Northampton **610-262-4300** • Center Valley **610-814-2700**

[www.sacredheartseniorliving.com](http://www.sacredheartseniorliving.com)

**Free No Obligation Consultations  
No Buy-in Fees, Reasonable Rates  
Rehabilitation & Respite**