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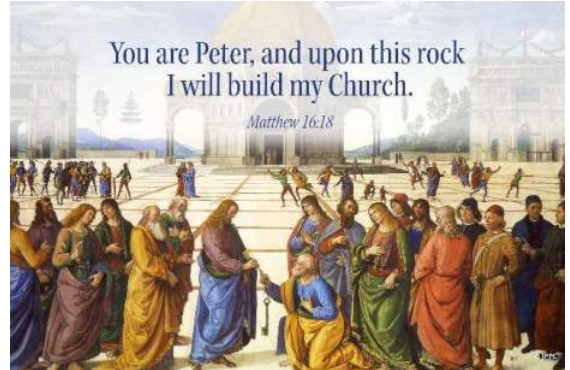
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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 29, 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
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
	Jerome Scarpati
Pro Life Coordinator	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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prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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 29 –Feast of SS. Peter and Paul



Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 28
5:00 PM	Deceased parents of Frank and Kathy Hager
Sunday	June 29
9:30 AM	Edgardo and Erlinda Salazar by family
Monday	June 30
8:30 AM	Amorim family by son Joe and Teresa Amorim
Wednesday	July 2
8:30 AM	Antonio and Gloria Amorim by daughter and sons
Thursday	July 3
8:30 AM	John, Mary and David Uhnak by Helen Haja
Friday	July 4
8:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday	July 5 First Saturday
8:30 AM	Antonio and Gloria Amorim by son Jose and family
5:00 PM	Horvath family: John, Anna, Arlene, Ed and Ethel by Debbie
Sunday	July 6
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, 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:

For the intentions of Father Mullins on his 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.



Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Acts 12: 1-11

Put in jail by Herod the Great's grandson Agrippa, St. Peter miraculously escapes from a well-guarded jail cell. God answers the early Church's prayer for him.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

St. Paul, knowing his death is imminent, asserts that he has fulfilled his earthly mission as the evangelist to the Gentile nations.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

St. Peter is given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, symbols of his authority over the Church. "Bind and loose" refer to the task of the rabbis who were official interpreters of the Law. Here it signifies the forgiveness of sins.



Monday:	Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29
Friday:	Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



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.

7/5-7/6	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell/O. Fitzgerald	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	H. Werner
9:30 AM	L. Koons/O. Fitzgerald	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/T. Gades (choir)	Gowins



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (29 June). Peter, served as the first Pope, receiving the power and authority to serve as Christ's Vicar on earth. His image is often depicted holding keys. Paul, served as the greatest missionary of Christ's message to the world. His image is depicted as holding a sword (the means by which he died) and a book containing all of his letters. Both of these great saints died as martyrs for the faith. In honor of these two followers of Christ, there will be a Special Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence. The Successor of St. Peter, the Pope (Leo XIV) needs our support to carry out Christ's mission. May we support this worthy cause with our prayers and our financial generosity. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

On Friday, July 4th, we commemorate our nation's independence. We give thanks to all our veterans who have served to protect our God-given freedoms. We recognize the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. We pray for the men and women who currently serve in the midst of these turbulent times. Christ Jesus won the war, but the battles in this world continue to rage onward. We need to continue to fight to preserve our freedoms, pray daily for peace and protect the weak and injured among us. May God bless America!



Next weekend, we will welcome a seminarian assigned to our parish for a month. **Owen Fitzgerald** (22) is a parishioner of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus parish in Hellertown. He has three brothers, including his twin. He developed leadership and coordination skills from the Boy Scouts where he achieved the highest award, Eagle Scout, by renovating the parish's outdoor Fatima Shrine. He graduated from Notre Dame High School and just recently graduated from college at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. After his summer assignment with us, he will return to Saint Charles Seminary to further discern his vocation and to begin his studies toward a Master's Degree.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #521 "What is one's duty toward the truth?"

Every person is called to sincerity and truthfulness in acting and speaking. Everyone has the duty to seek the truth, to adhere to it and to order one's whole life in accordance with its demands. In Jesus Christ the whole of God's truth has been made manifest. He is *"the truth"*. Those who follow him live in the Spirit of truth and guard against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

#522 "How does one bear witness to the truth?"

A Christian must bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in every field of his activity, both public and private, and also if necessary, with the sacrifice of his very life. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith."

#523 "What is forbidden by the eighth commandment?"

The eighth commandment forbids:

- *false witness, perjury, and lying*, the gravity of which is measured by the truth it deforms, the circumstances, the intentions of the one who lies, and the harm suffered by its victims;
- *rash judgment, slander, defamation and calumny* which diminish or destroy the good reputation and honor to which every person has a right;
- *flattery, adulation, or complaisance*, especially if directed to serious sins or toward the achievement of illicit advantages.

A sin committed against truth demands reparation if it has caused harm to others."

Word of the Week: Brief, Papal - A concise papal letter prepared by the Vatican Secretary of State and stamped with an impression of the papal ring. It is a less formal document and lacks the solemnity of a bull.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"All my life I have wanted to be a missionary. I have wanted to carry the gospel message to those who have never heard of God and the kingdom he has prepared for them."* --St Junipero Serra.

Saint of the Week: Junipero Serra (1713-1784) was born in Spain. He joined the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1730 and was ordained a priest a year later. He embarked for the port of Veracruz, Mexico, in 1749. He walked to present-day Mexico City—he developed a sore that would plague him for the rest of his life. But he continued traveling more than 24,000 miles to share the gospel with many as a missionary. He learned the languages of the indigenous people and founded many missions with native farming communities, including many of today's California cities: San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Monica, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles. His vast social and educational work is recognized throughout the history of Mexico and the United States of America. He died in 1784. Canonized on September 23, 2015, in Washington, D.C., by Pope Francis during his apostolic journey to the United States of America. His feast day: 1 July.



First Friday, July 4, 2025

4:00-7:00 PM

Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.

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?

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.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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

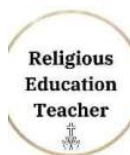
Summer hours for the Palmerton Campus are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE: Hours may change due to staff schedules & vacations. Please call to schedule a visit or for more info at: 610-826-2354 or email the office at: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com.



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.



Looking for a fun and rewarding way to serve in the Church and strengthen your own faith?

Teaching in the Religious Education program is for you! We are in need of a teacher for our 4/5th grade class in PREP. If you are interested, please contact Steve in the Religious Ed office at: shccre@ptd.net or 610-826-2335. Classes begin in September.

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.



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.

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 6/21-6/22: 294



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

Visit: 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.

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



2nd Sunday of the month!

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

Doors and kitchen open at Noon.

Bingo starts 1:00 PM.



Need a gift? Purchase a \$25 BINGO Gift Certificate.

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



Join us for our last discussion on Wednesday, 2 July @ 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss C.S. Lewis' book "The Screwtape Letters."

Thank you to all of our hard working Flea Market volunteers that give freely of their time and talents. A special thank you to **Bernice Borowski** for coordinating the event. And, of course, a huge thank you to everyone who donated items, baked and made purchases.



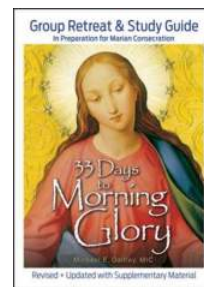
Potluck Picnic: Save the Date!!! Saturday, 19 July from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ Palmerton Memorial Park – Grove Pavilion. All are welcome!

Last chance to get those items you want at SJNRS Flea Market this weekend. Saturday June 28 (8:30 AM-3:30 PM) and Sunday, June 29 (11:00 AM – 3:00 PM) in the school gym. Happy shopping!

CACPAC Palmerton Food Pantry, located at: St. John's Lutheran Church, 2915 Fireline Road, Palmerton, is in need of: **64 oz. juices, peanut butter, canned vegetables (carrots, peas, green beans), tuna fish and soup.** Please place your donations in the red plastic totes in the Main Vestibule. Any questions regarding CACPAC Food Pantry, call Sue Steigerwalt at: 610-349-9704. **Thank you for helping us to help our neighbors!**



Join us this Sunday, June 29 in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by **Joey and The T-Birds**, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.



33 Days to Morning Glory:

Do you desire to grow closer to the Blessed Mother and to her Son? Do you desire to grow in holiness? Fr. Michael Gaitley has a six-week series of videos and readings called "33 Days to Morning Glory" which explains how to accomplish this through Marian Consecration. You are invited to join our weekly meetings at Assumption B.V.M., Slatington, where we will follow this series. Meetings will be weekly on Thursday mornings after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Social Hall starting on July 10 and continuing through August 14. For questions and to register please contact deacon candidate Jim Clee at: jcclee@allentowndiocese.org or call the Assumption Parish Office at: 610-767-2214.

Fun Corner:

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