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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



July 13, 2025

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Owen Fitzgerald	<i>Summer Seminarian</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.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
	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
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.

July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 12
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday	July 13
9:30 AM	Gerald Niehoff and Alexander Janco by family
Monday	July 14
8:30 AM	Joe Koma by Frank Hager and family
Wednesday	July 16
8:30 AM	Arlene Banas by Joann
Thursday	July 17
8:30 AM	Gloria Amorim by son Jose and family
Friday	July 18
8:30 AM	Maria and Alfredo Gonsalves by Maria Dias and sons
Saturday	July 19
5:00 PM	Rev. Paul Masiar by Fr. Hutta and family
Sunday	July 20
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.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



First Friday of the month

4:00-7:00 PM

Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.



Sanctuary Candle:

Gail, Mary and Harold Sander by Betty Tartaglia and family

Marian Altar: *Anne Gwiazdowski by family*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses dismisses any excuses of the people for disobedience to the Law. This Law is made present through frequent teaching of it and discussion of its commands.

Reading II: Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ makes the living God visible. As His only Son, He inherits all of creation. He is also head of the Church and directs its members in how to live.

The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, available only in Luke's Gospel, presents both a moral and a theological lesson. The moral one: love of neighbor must accompany love of God. The theological one: The holiness of the New Testament requiring one to care for others.



Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



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.

7/19-7/20	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies/O. Fitzgerald	Fr. Mullins/J. Kralik	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias/O. Fitzgerald	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/S. Miller (choir)	C. Davis/J/J Scarpati



Please welcome Reverend Paschal Ayi Guddah, SMA who will hear Confessions and celebrate Masses this weekend in support of the

Mission Appeals. He was ordained in Madina, Ghana on July 20, 2019 for the Society of African Missions. As a missionary, he recognizes all peoples as our neighbor whom we are called to serve with mercy. Father Paschal served in the African state of Niger where he held Literacy classes, administered First Aid to students, led Catechetical Instruction classes and celebrated Mass for the people. He also traveled to visit rural homes and farms to pray with the people even though the roads are in poor condition. Although many are afraid to speak to foreigners like him, Father Paschal stated, "as a result of (God's) Love, I have responded freely without hesitation to go to areas where the Good News of Jesus has not yet reached." He explained, "there are challenges in all missionary work, but challenges can be conquered, (through Prayer, Patience and Passion)." Please offer your prayers and support for Father Paschal and his missionary work. The second collection this weekend is to support the missions.



Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680)
The daughter of a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin woman, Kateri was orphaned in a smallpox epidemic that left her blind and disfigured. She was baptized by a

French missionary visiting her people in upstate New York. But her faith and refusal to marry caused problems, and she fled to an Indian community near Montreal, where she was venerated by both French and Indian people for her mystical gifts and kindness. The "lily of the Mohawk" is the patron saint of Native Americans, refugees, and the disabled. At her canonization in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI prayed, "St. Kateri, protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint, we entrust to you the renewal of faith in the First Nations and throughout North America!"
Feast Day: 14 July.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love. The state of helpless poverty that may befall me if I do not marry does not frighten me. All I need is a little food and a few pieces of clothing. With the work of my hands, I shall always earn what is necessary and what is left over I'll give to my relatives and to the poor. If I should become sick and unable to work, then I shall be like the Lord on the cross. He will have mercy on me and help me, I am sure."* - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#527 "What is required by the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment requires that one overcome carnal concupiscence in thought and in desire. The struggle against such concupiscence entails purifying the heart and practicing the virtue of temperance."

#528 "What is forbidden by the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment forbids cultivating thoughts and desires connected to actions forbidden by the sixth commandment."

#529 "How does one reach purity of heart?
In the battle against disordered desires the baptized person is able, by the grace of God, to achieve purity of heart through the virtue and gift of chastity, through purity of intention, purity of vision (both exterior and interior), discipline of the imagination and of feelings and by prayer."

#530 "What are the other requirements for purity? Purity requires *modesty* which, while protecting the intimate center of the person, expresses the sensitivity of chastity. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their communion. Purity frees one from wide-spread eroticism and avoids those things which foster morbid curiosity. Purity also requires a *purification of the social climate* by means of a constant struggle against moral permissiveness which is founded on an erroneous conception of human freedom."

Word of the Week: Burial, Christian – is a spiritual work of mercy whereby the community turns to the Lord in prayer to receive a deceased member and bring consolation to those who remain. A Christian burial, traditionally involves interment (burial in the ground) or entombment (burial in a mausoleum) with specific rites and rituals performed by a priest or deacon or even by a layperson, often including a graveside service, prayers, and readings from the Bible. If the burial is to take place in a cemetery that has not been consecrated, the grave should be individually blessed before a Catholic person is interred.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

Accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8. For info email: office.sjnrschool@gmail.com or call: 610-826-2354.

SJNRS Summer Office hours for the Palmerton Campus: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE: Hours may change due to staff schedules & vacations.

School Camp this week: *Chess or Cooking*. Open to any public, private or home school student ages 9-14. \$50 for the week per student Monday through Thursday from noon to 3:00 PM at St. John Neumann Regional School.

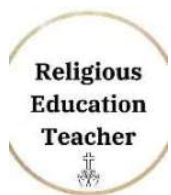
Next week, July 21-24 sign up for **Basketball Camp:** grades 4-8 or **Art Camp:** grades K-3.

FMI call: 610-826-2354.



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.



7/12-7/13: In Support of the Parish

Second Collection: Mission Co-op
Society of African Missions

7/19-7/20 In Support of the Parish

Second Collection: Church in Eastern Europe

Attendance Goal: 450

Actual 6/28-29: 300

Actual 7/5-7/6: 280

Next week, we will take up the second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at: www.usccb.org/ccee.



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

Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon to sign-up.



This Sunday, July 13!

Doors open at 12:00 PM so you can enjoy a wonderful lunch and then Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Invite a friend, neighbor or family member! **Cost: \$25.** \$25 BINGO Gift Certificates available



Thank you to all who have already returned their tickets for the **Christmas In July Raffle!!**

Every Parish family was sent and is asked to buy or sell 5 tickets at \$10/ticket. Return all 5 ticket stubs by Friday, July 25 and receive a free ticket. Additional tickets are available at the Rectory Office. Prize winners will be drawn Sunday, July 27 after 9:30 AM Mass. Cash prizes: 1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd Prize: \$150, 4th Prize: \$50 and 5th Prize: \$50. Thank you to Harold Schisler and Campton Funeral Home for sponsoring the tickets! All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church. Good Luck to all!

CACPAC Palmerton Food Pantry is in need of the following items: *canned fruit, applesauce, pop tarts, granola bars, drink mixes (lemonade, kool aid etc.) condiments, cereal. Personal care items: toilet paper, bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo.* Items can be placed 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!**



outdoor games so we can enjoy God's blessings.



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.

Diocesan Podcast for Parents: "Ready, Willing, & Able," is a monthly talk show with host Genevieve O'Connor where she seeks to help parents better understand the faith themselves and equip them to be "ready, willing, and able" to explain and cultivate the faith in their families. The latest episode reveals how to rescue our focus on faith when summer swoops in to ruin our routines. Hodgskin has lots of practical and anecdotal advice for how to keep the faith alive in our families through the summer. Follow the show on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or search for it on your favorite streaming service.



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:

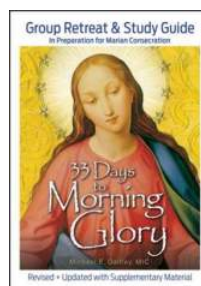
- Fully Initiated (received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- Minimally 16 years of age.
- Attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days.
- If living together, must be married through the Catholic Church.
- Supporting your Church to the best of your ability.



Are you going to be traveling? Visit: Masstimes.org for a Church near you!

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

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.



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? You are invited to join Assumption B.V.M., Slatington weekly meetings on Thursday mornings after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Parish Social Hall and continuing through August 14. Contact deacon candidate Jim Clee to register or questions at: jclee@allentowndiocese.org or call the Assumption Parish Office at: 610-767-2214.



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



Join us this Sunday, July 13 in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by **The Band of Brothers**, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.



If you have a change of phone number, email, address or any other information changed, remember to contact the parish office so we can update your information in our parish records.



Vision Loss Support Group will meet this Thursday, July 17 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center! If you know anyone who might be interested please contact the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.

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