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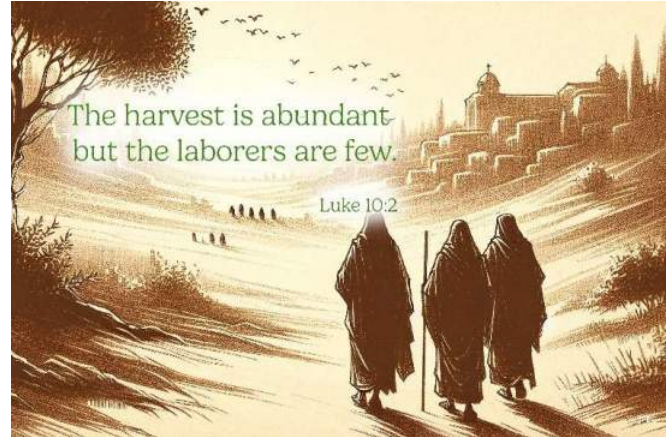
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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



July 6, 2025

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
Steven Uhnak	<i>Coordinator, Religious Education</i>
Owen Fitzgerald	<i>Summer Seminararian</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
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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 6 – Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday 8:30 AM **July 5 First Saturday**
Antonio and Gloria Amorim by son Jose and family

5:00 PM Horvath family: John, Anna, Arlene, Ed and Ethel by Debbie

Sunday 9:30 AM **July 6**
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Please Note:
No Daily Mass this week

Saturday 5:00 PM **July 12**
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday 9:30 AM **July 13**
Gerald Niehoff and Alexander Janco By family



Welcome Owen Fitzgerald! Our Seminarian assigned to us for one month this summer. He will participate in this summer internship, but then will return back to the seminary to begin his theological studies for a Master's Degree of Divinity at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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



Every First Friday of the month
4:00-7:00 PM
Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.



Sanctuary Candle:

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 66: 10-14c

Mother Zion will comfort her little ones, and the "hand of the Lord" is with His chosen ones.

Reading II: Galatians 6: 14-18

"Let us boast only of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, by which we have been crucified to the world."

The Gospel: Luke 18: 1-12, 17-20 or 10: 1-9

Luke alone records this second missionary tour of the 70 disciples. Jesus gives them His "marching orders" that God's reign is near and brings about peace.



Monday: Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37



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.



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

7/12-7/13	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Uhnak/O. Fitzgerald	Rev. Guddah/S. Berger	TBD
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred/O. Fitzgerald	Rev. Guddah/D. Klitsch/C. Wehr (choir)	G. Buck/C. Sebelin



The readings today focus on comfort; not the comfort of a warm pillow or relaxing by a pool. It focuses on everlasting comfort given by God for those who turn to Him. It is a comfort which allowed Christ and the martyrs to risk persecution, suffering and death to achieve. Christ sends out His disciples to bring comfort to people who are afflicted with disease, demons, hunger, or thirst. He calls us to help with the missions that we may lead all peoples to the eternal comfort of heaven.

Next weekend, we will have a guest Missionary Priest from the Society of African Missions offering Confessions and celebrating Mass for us. The Society of African Missions began on December 8, 1856 in Lyon France by Bishop Melchior De Marion Bresillac. He traveled for two years around France to gain momentum for his newly founded Society to find volunteers and collect funding. In October of 1858 Bishop Bresillac sent the first three missionaries to Sierra Leone, West Africa. Several months later in May of 1859 Bishop Bresillac and two others joined them to continue mission work on site in West Africa. While traveling during high times of illness, within six weeks 5 of the missionary members had passed away from the Yellow Fever Epidemic including Bishop Bresillac. With the only remaining brother in West Africa sent back to Europe, two priest and two seminarians remaining in Lyon, the Society looked as though it was beginning to dissipate.

However, Father Augustin Planque who was only 33 years old at the time continued the torch started by Bishop Bresillac. Over the course of the next 50 years Father Augustin founded mission vocations, trained candidates, found financial support, and organized the missions that were entrusted to girls and women, which he founded and named Our Lady of Apostles (OLA) a community of missionary nuns and sisters.

The Society of African Missions continues its work worldwide. There are now over 1,000 members as priests, brothers, and lay men and women coming from 15 provinces, 8 districts, and 5 delegations which include Asia, Africa, America, and all over Europe. These missionaries joyfully witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Africa, and to people of African descent wherever they are. May we pray for them and support the missions through a special second collection next weekend.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#524 "What is required by the eighth commandment?

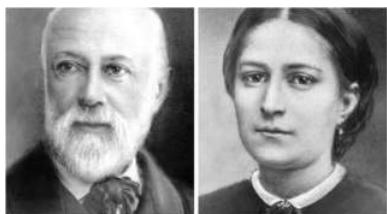
The eighth commandment requires respect for the truth accompanied by the discretion of charity in the field of *communication* and the *imparting of information*, where the personal and common good, the protection of privacy and the danger of scandal must all be taken into account; in respecting *professional secrets* which must be kept, save in exceptional cases for grave and proportionate reasons; and also in respecting *confidences* given under the seal of secrecy."

#525 "How is one to use the means of social communication?

The information provided by the media must be at the service of the common good. Its content must be true and – within the limits of justice and charity – also complete. Furthermore, information must be communicated honestly and properly with scrupulous respect for moral laws and the legitimate rights and dignity of the person."

#526 "What relationship exists between truth, beauty and sacred art?

The truth is beautiful, carrying in itself the splendour of spiritual beauty. In addition to the expression of the truth in words there are other complementary expressions of the truth, most specifically in the beauty of artistic works. These are the fruit both of talents given by God and of human effort. *Sacred art* by being true and beautiful should evoke and glorify the mystery of God made visible in Christ, and lead to the adoration and love of God, the Creator and Savior, who is the surpassing, invisible Beauty of Truth and Love.



Saint of the Week:
Louis Martin (1823-1894) and Zélie Guérin (1831-1877)

were the parents of Saint Theresa of the

Child Jesus. Louis was born into a military family in Bordeaux, France. When he was young, he desired to join a religious community, but he didn't know Latin and so was denied access. He became a watchmaker. Moving to Normandy, he met the highly-skilled lace maker, Zélie Guérin, who also had been disappointed in her attempts to enter religious life. They married in 1858, and over the years were blessed with nine children, though two sons and two daughters died in infancy. Zélie died from breast cancer in 1877. Louis then moved the family to Lisieux to be near his brother and sister-in-law who helped with the education of his five surviving girls. The home that Louis and Zélie created nurtured the sanctity of all their children, but especially their youngest, who is known to us as Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. These parents were beatified in 2008, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. Feast Day: 12 July.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"By his example, God shows us that holiness is not attained by great feats of faith, but by living simple, quiet lives wholeheartedly with and for God."* - St. Louis Martin.

"I want to be a saint; it will not be easy at all. I have a lot of wood to chop, and it is hard as stone. I should have started sooner while it was not so difficult, but in any case, better late than never." – St. Zélie Guérin.

Word of the Week: Bull, Papal - the most solemn and weighty form of papal letter. The name is derived from the Latin bulla, which is a lead seal attached to such a document. It is used by the Pope in appointing a bishop. Formerly all papal letters of major importance, including canonization decrees, were called bulls, but the current Acta Apostolicae Sedis gives some of these papal letters various names.

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



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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

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.

Summer Camps: Monday through Thursday Noon to 3:00 PM starting this week at St. John Neumann Regional School! 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.



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.

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.

Weekly Collection

7/5-7/6: In Support of the Parish

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

Second Collection: Society of African Missions



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



Again, thank you to all of our hard working Flea Market volunteers that give freely of their time and talents. I am pleased to report a net profit of **\$9,374.20**. A special thank you to **Bernice Borowski**, Coordinator, and to everyone who helped in any way to make this fundraiser a success!



Next Sunday, July 13!

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

Doors and kitchen open at Noon.

Bingo starts 1:00 PM.



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: **64 oz. juices, peanut butter, canned vegetables (carrots, peas, green beans), tuna fish and soup.** 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!**



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.



Parish Potluck Picnic: Our parish has reserved the Grove Pavilion at Palmerton Memorial Park from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 19 rain or shine. Parking is located on Third Street. We'll grill hot dogs and hamburgers and provide sodas and water. Please sign up in the back of church so we

know how many people to plan for. Also consider bringing your favorite side dish of food to share. Bring lawn chairs and/or any outdoor games to play.



Are you new to the area?

Interested in being a registered parishioner? Introduce yourself

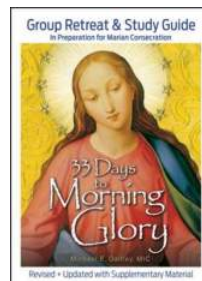
to Father Mullins after Mass or contact the Parish Office to register at: 610-826-2335.

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.



Join us this Sunday, July 6 in Palmerton Park at 7:00 PM to enjoy music performed by **The Palmerton Band**, 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? 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 starting this week on July 10 and continuing through August 14. We will follow Fr. Michael Gaitley six week series of videos and readings called "33 Days to Morning Glory.". For questions and to register please contact deacon candidate Jim Clee at: jclee@allentowndiocese.org or call the Assumption Parish Office at: 610-767-2214.

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