

Sacred Heart Church

Religious Education Office
243 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071
(610)-826-2335

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Sacred Heart's PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)!

PREP for the 2025-2026 term is open for registration for students going into 1st – 8th Grade in the fall of this year. PREP classes will be held on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass from **10:30am – 11:45am** in the school, and run from **September – May**. The program is for students who do not receive Religious Education as part of their daily class subjects in school. This year classes will begin on September 14, 2025 and finish on May 17, 2026.

Registration Fees are as follows: \$80 for one child; \$130 for two children; \$150 for three or more children. Also, a Sacramental fee of \$25 is due at time of registration for any child receiving a Sacrament (1st Penance and 1st Holy Communion, or Confirmation). These fees help us to buy the materials and resources we need to bring the faith of the Church to your sons and daughters. All fees are due at time of registration.

Enclosed in this packet you will find the PREP calendar with extra information on Sacramental parent meetings and dates of the Sacraments, and a lot of other notification and events. Please, keep this calendar on your refrigerator, or place it in an area where it will be seen. Also enclosed, you will find all the registration paperwork that needs to be filled out and brought to the Religious Ed. Office in the rectory as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office, or email me at shccre@ptd.net

Due to continued absenteeism this past year we will continue using a four (4) excused absence policy in the new 2025-2026 term. Any more than four absences in the term will require alternate forms of catechesis, e.g. Homeschooling, PREP on another day at another Catholic Church, summer make-up sessions, or repeating the same grade level course the following term. We will work with you to make sure your child(ren) receives the proper Catholic education they need.

Also, if you would like your child(ren) to receive a Catholic School education, scholarships are available to Saint John Neumann Regional School. For information or to apply, you're invited to call (610) 826-2354.

We look forward to working with you and your children in the new term as we all bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

God Bless,

Steve Uhnak

Steven J. Uhnak
Coordinator of Religious Education
Sacred Heart Church

Fr. Michael Mullins

Rev. Michael E. Mullins, Pastor
Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton

2025-2026 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Calendar

PREP Classes will occur every Sunday from 10:30am – 11:45am from Sept 14, 2025 – May 17, 2026. Children are also expected to fulfill their Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations.

Exceptions: On the following Sundays, there will be **NO** class, but there is still a requirement to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation:

Sunday, Oct 12th 2025 – Columbus Day weekend

Sunday, Nov 9th 2025 – Veterans Day weekend

Sunday, Nov 30th 2025 – Thanksgiving weekend

Sunday, Dec 28th 2025 – Christmas Vacation

Sunday, Jan 18th 2026 – Dr. Martin Luther King weekend

Sunday, Feb 17th 2026 – Presidents Day weekend

Sunday, March 29th & April 5th 2026 – Palm Sunday and Easter

Sunday, May 10th 2026 – Mother's Day weekend

Special Extra Date for Parents of Children receiving Sacraments:

****Tuesday Aug 12th 2025 – Parent Meeting for Confirmation @ 7pm in Church**

****October 2025 Confirmation Retreat Date and Confirmation Date TBA soon**

****Thursday Nov 13th 2025 – Parents Meeting for 1st Penance @ 7pm in Church**

****Sunday Dec 21st 2025 – 1st Penance @ 10:30am in Church**

****Tuesday Mar 3rd 2026 – Parent Meeting for 1st Communion @ 7pm in Church**

****Saturday May 2nd 2025 – 1st Communion Retreat @ 9:30–11:30am in Parish Center**

****Sunday May 3rd 2025 – 1st Holy Communion during 9:30am Mass**

Holy Days of Obligation Masses: (Mass Times are Subject to Change)

***Every Sunday: Vigil Mass (Sat.) 5:00pm and Sundays 9:30am**

Immaculate Conception Monday Dec 8, 2025: Monday 8:30am & 7:00pm

Christmas Thursday Dec 25, 2025: Eve (Wed) 4:00pm & 7:00pm; Day (Thu) 9:30am

Mary, The Mother of God Thursday Jan 1, 2026: Vigil (Wed) 5:00pm; Thursday 8:30am & 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday Feb 18, 2026: 8:30am; 12noon (Service of the Word with ashes); 7pm

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026: Vigil (Sat) 8pm; Sunday 9:30am

Regular Confession Times:

Mon, Wed – Fri from 7am to 8am; Sat from 4pm – 4:45pm; First Fridays from 6pm -7pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every 1st Friday of the Month from 4pm to 7pm in church

Stations of the Cross:

Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30pm; Stations can be prayed all year when the church is open or at home.

Recitation of the Rosary:

Before each weekend Mass during the months of October and May, or as a family at home anytime.

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PREP Program – Religious Education Registration

243 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

Term: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Last Name: _____

Both Parents Catholic: Yes / No

Father's Name: _____

Father's Cell/Work: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Cell/Work: _____

Mother's Maiden: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Who will be the Primary contact person in the family for all information coming from the Religious Ed Office?

Name: _____

CHILD #1 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Sacrament Details : Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: _____

☐ Baptism: _____

Session: _____

☐ Reconciliation: _____

Class: _____

☐ Eucharist: _____

☐ Confirmation: _____

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

NOTE: If any of your children were baptized outside of this parish, and you have not already supplied us with a copy of each child's baptismal record, you will need to supply one for our files.

Tuition Due: \$ _____

Tuition Paid: \$ _____

Sacramental: \$ _____

Signature: _____

CHILD #2 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Sacrament Details : Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: _____

☐ Baptism: _____

Session: _____

☐ Reconciliation: _____

Class: _____

☐ Eucharist: _____

☐ Confirmation: _____

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

CHILD #3 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Sacrament Details : Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: _____

☐ Baptism: _____

Session: _____

☐ Reconciliation: _____

Class: _____

☐ Eucharist: _____

☐ Confirmation: _____

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

CHILD #4 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Sacrament Details : Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: _____

☐ Baptism: _____

Session: _____

☐ Reconciliation: _____

Class: _____

☐ Eucharist: _____

☐ Confirmation: _____

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

Student/Youth Emergency Information and Procedure Form

(Please Print)

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Person with whom student is Living: _____

In case of illness, accident or emergency to the student named above, the ***Diocese of Allentown*** and its representatives are authorized to proceed as indicated below. Please, thoroughly complete the following information, and number each item in the order of desired action you wish us to take, e.g. 1,2,3, etc.

☐ Contact: _____ Day Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

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☐ If above CANNOT be located, Contact: _____ Phone: _____

☐ Contact Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

☐ Take Student to the nearest Emergency Hospital: _____

☐ Other: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Date of last Tetanus immunization or Booster Date: _____

Allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.): _____

Is the student presently on any medications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state the name(s), dosage(s), reason for the medication, and prescribing physician:

Please note any injuries, recent surgery, prolonged illness, corrective lenses, or special health problems. Listing these would help emergency personnel care for your child in an emergency situation, and will help us to give special attention:

Name of Medical Insurance Company: _____

Group or I.D. Number: _____

I authorize the Diocese of Allentown and its representatives to use their judgement in determining emergency care and procedures for my child. I also understand and agree that the Diocese assumes no financial obligation for expenses incurred in carrying out emergency procedures and/or emergency transportation.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: _____

PREP Dismissal Procedures

My Child/Children: _____

☐ May walk home

☐ May be picked up by the following people:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE#

*Please notify your child’s teacher if other arrangements for pick-up are made that are not listed or provided here. Thank you.