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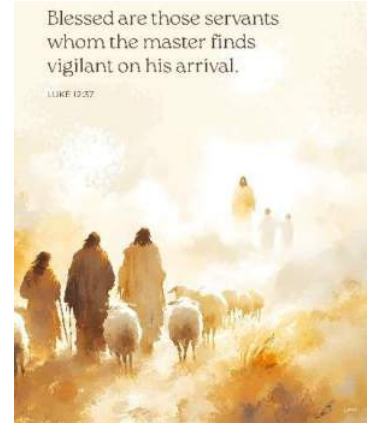
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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



August 10, 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.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	Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Altar Servers	Father Mullins	Safety, Security and	
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson	Maintenance Committee	Jim Matsko
Bible Study/Prayer Group/ Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Catholic Charities:	
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator	
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC:	800-791-9209
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator	
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Peg Duell	Pamela Russo, M.S.W, M.S.	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services	
Knights of Columbus	Marty DeSousa	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	prusso@allentowndiocese.org	
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
	Veronica Scarpati	www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	

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www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.

August 10 – Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 9
5:00 PM	Wedding Anniversary of Elzbieta and Jerome Palms
Sunday	August 10
9:30 AM	Antonio and Julia Dias by Maria Dias and sons
Monday	August 11
8:30 AM	Stephen Orsulak by Isabel Amorim and family
Wednesday	August 13
8:30 AM	Kathy Althouse by James and Barbara Nemecek
Thursday	August 14
8:30 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil	
5:00 PM	George Duell by Bob and Dianne Goworowski
Friday	August 15 Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 AM	Joe Koma by Sandholm family
7:00 PM	Mary Dutko by Fr. Hutta and family
Saturday	August 16
5:00 PM	Russell and Emily Krawchuk by Andy and Sally Krawchuk
Sunday	August 17
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.

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chain is available to everyone in need. Call Peg at 610-826-8009 to have your prayer request forwarded to several other prayer groups throughout the country.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9

"That night" is the Passover, the night of Israel's release from slavery in Egypt. It had been foretold to Abraham and Jacob years beforehand. The Lord's prior covenants with the Patriarchs had prepared for it. The miracles worked throughout showed God's wrath and His redemption.

Reading II: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19, or 11: 1-2, 8-12.

Faith is here defined as assurance, and not opinion. It adheres to things not seen, and not science. Faith is directed toward things hoped for, so it is not wishful thinking.

The Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48, or 12: 35-40

Jesus' parable is all about leadership and responsibility. The Apostles are compared to domestic servants, who have tasks that must be completed before Christ's sudden return at an unknown time.



Monday:	Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8 Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday Vigil:	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
Friday Day:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month

4:00-7:00 PM

Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.



Sanctuary Candle:

Anna Theresa Hudanick by
Beverly Raub Diamond.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Terry O'Neil by wife.

8/16-8/17	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	C. Chies	Fr. Mullins/J. Uhnak	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/S. Miller (choir)	C. Davis/D. Gowin



August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

On this day we celebrate how the Mother of Jesus was raised body and soul into heaven. We

recognize that Mary is full of grace. Not that she was filled with grace and now ran out of grace. She was full of grace at her Immaculate Conception when God preserved her at the beginning of her life from the corruption of sin. She was full of grace when she conceived of the child Jesus at the Incarnation/Annunciation. She was full of grace as she watched her only beloved Son suffer on the cross. She continues to be full of grace, always saying "Yes" to the Lord's blessings. At the end of her life, that fullness of grace kept her from the corruption of the body. Therefore, she was assumed (raised up body and soul into heaven), which is known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What does she do with all the grace given to her? She shared it with us by giving us her Son, Jesus. She continues to share her grace with us, seeking to bring us to Jesus. May we honor our Blessed Mother always.

Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation are:

August 14, Thursday: Vigil Mass @ 5:00 PM

August 15, Friday: Mass @ 8:30 AM AND 7:00 PM.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#541 "From whom did Jesus learn how to pray?"

Jesus, with his human heart, learned how to pray from his mother and from the Jewish tradition. But his prayer sprang from a more secret source because he is the eternal Son of God who in his holy humanity offers his perfect filial prayer to his Father."

#542 "When did Jesus pray?"

The Gospel often shows Jesus at prayer. We see him draw apart to pray in solitude, even at night. He prays before the decisive moments of his mission or that of his apostles. In fact, all his life is a prayer because he is in a constant communion of love with the Father."

#543 "How did Jesus pray during his passion?"

The prayer of Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemani and his last words on the cross reveal the depth of his filial prayer. Jesus brings to completion the loving plan of the Father and takes upon himself all the anguish of humanity and all the petitions and intercessions of the history of salvation. He presents them to the Father who accepts them and answers them beyond all hope by raising his Son from the dead."

#544 "How does Jesus teach us to pray?"

Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the *Our Father* but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation."

Saint of the Week: Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) was born in Poland. He was a Franciscan priest and martyr. He consecrated his life to the Immaculate Conception of Mary. He founded a radio station to spread the Word of God. He was captured by the Nazis twice. Before being taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp, he wrote: "The Immaculate, most loving Mother, has always surrounded us with tenderness and will watch over us . . . Let us allow ourselves to be led by her, with ever greater perfection, wherever she wants and pleases, so that, fulfilling our duties to the end, we may through love save all souls." In captivity, he continued his ministry among the inmates, to whom he administered the sacrament of reconciliation and offered words of hope. Upon learning that Polish Sergeant Francis Gajownczeklo, a family man, was about to be executed, he volunteered to replace him and was later injected with carbolic acid. Canonized in 1982 by Saint John Paul II, Sergeant Gajownczeklo was present at the ceremony. Pope Benedict XVI referred to Saint Maximilian with these words: "The act of heroic love and the martyr's death will always be a sign of the triumph of the power of God and the nobility of man over the immensity of evil." Feast Day: 14 August.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Courage, my sons. Don't you see that we are leaving on a mission? They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible. Let us, then, tell the Blessed Virgin that we are content, and that she can do with us anything she wishes."* - St. Maximilian Kolbe, [said when first arrested.]

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." - St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Word of the Week: **Caleb** - one of the spies of Moses sent out to make reconnaissance in Canaan before an invasion campaign that Yahweh had urged (Numbers 13:6). Despite the pessimistic estimate of some of the spies, Caleb assured Moses that the Israelites were well able to conquer Canaan. "We shall gobble them up," Caleb promised (Numbers 14:9). The assembled community quailed at the prospect, but Caleb and Joshua persisted in urging an attack (Numbers 14:1-3). Yahweh was embittered by the lack of confidence that this "perverse community" showed in him, and warned Moses of a coming catastrophe because of this cowardice (Numbers 14:27-35). Of the 600,000 Israelites who left Egypt, only Caleb and Joshua entered the Promised Land (Numbers 14:38). "It is these," Yahweh promised, "I shall bring in to know the land you have disdained." Faithful to that promise, Yahweh rewarded them handsomely with rich inheritances of land in Canaan (Joshua 15:13-20).



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.

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM Bible Study in the Parish Center. Open to all! Hope to see you!

Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM Confirmation meeting in the Church for parents.



SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year

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



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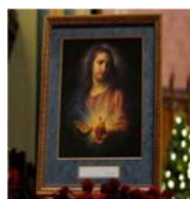
Interested in being a registered parishioner? Introduce yourself to

Father Mullins after Mass or call 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.

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.



The Knights of Columbus have a Pilgrim Icon Program where a specific Catholic icon travels from council to council serving as a focal point for prayer services and devotion. This year's icon is the

Sacred Heart of Jesus, a depiction painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767. The image was blessed by Pope Francis last year. The Knights have this image for five weeks and have graciously allowed us to display the image in our church. Please consider taking some time with your family to pray before this image.

The NEPA Knights of Columbus will be running a 10 day pilgrimage to Italy (Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, and Rome) from June 21-July 1, 2026. Visit: <https://prorometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa/> for details and email your Tour Coordinator and NEBDD Chairman Emeritus with your questions at: jordancook53170@gmail.com.

Weekly Collection

8/9-8/10: In Support of the Parish
8/16-8/17: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Festival Start Up
Attendance Goal: 450
Actual 8/2-8/3: 317



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

August is National Make-A-Will Month

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and the Diocese of Allentown is sharing a free will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances and faith. Estate planning is an act of faithfulness that empowers you to thoughtfully honor the blessings you've received from God. Consider creating a will that includes a legacy gift for our parish. Visit: FreeWill.com/allentowndiocese to make a will at no cost.

CACPAC Palmerton Food Pantry is in need of the following items: *canned fruit, applesauce, pop tarts, granola bars, drink mixes (lemonade, Kool-Aid) condiments and 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!**



This Sunday, August 10!
Parish Social Hall **Cost: \$25.**
Doors and Kitchen Open at Noon.
Bingo starts 1:00 PM.

Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Jubilee Year Of Hope: Bishop Schlert will be celebrating Masses that offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is given to anyone who is seriously ill, either physically or mentally, or to anyone advanced in age or facing a medical procedure. This great gift of grace offers holistic healing by praying for a cure, but, more importantly, for the gift of hope and peace that the sufferer would be united to Christ on the Cross.

Anointing of the Sick Mass Schedule:

August 24-12 PM: St. Thomas More, Allentown.
Sept. 7-11:30 AM: St. Catharine of Siena, Reading.
November 23-11 AM: St. Joseph, Summit Hill.



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.



Sign Up Today **Palmerton Festival** **September 5, 6 and 7**

Sign-up sheets are available behind the last pew in church for various volunteer opportunities to work before, during or after the festival. Please sign-up for date and time that you are available. Questions contact Veronica Scarpati at: 610-349 3691 or Dana Massey at: 484-725-8378.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Pilgrimage program begins at 10:00 AM with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories that make up "Mary's House." There will also be a youth holy hour in the Crypt Church, keynote speakers (English and Spanish), and a Rosary Pilgrimage in five languages with beautiful music by our Diocesan Choir. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day. The day will end with Mass in the Great Upper Church at 3:00 PM celebrated by Bishop Schlert.

Sacred Heart Church will sponsor a bus leaving at 6:30 AM from our parking lot. Cost is \$40/person for the bus only. Sign-up sheet is in the back of Church. Please consider joining us on the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Save the date: Vision Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 25 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. For info call Paula Ewing at 610-704-5052.



Note time change. Join us this Sunday, August 10 at 6:30 PM in Palmerton Park to enjoy music performed by **The Mudflaps**, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy a Summer evening in the Park.

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