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# August 17 – Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



## Mass Intentions

|                  |                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 16</b>                                         |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>   | Russell and Emily Krawchuk by<br>Andy and Sally Krawchuk |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>August 17</b>                                         |
| <b>9:30 AM</b>   | Parishioners of Sacred Heart                             |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>August 18</b>                                         |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   | Joseph Bakos, Jr. by<br>James and Barbara Nemecek        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>August 20</b>                                         |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   | Frank and Jane Mullane by<br>Mullane children            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>August 21</b>                                         |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   | Antonio and Gloria Amorim by<br>daughters and sons       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>August 22</b>                                         |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   | Ann Sadosky by family                                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 23</b>                                         |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>   | Parishioners of Sacred Heart                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>August 24</b>                                         |
| <b>9:30 AM</b>   | Alex and Anna Molnar by<br>James and Barbara Nemecek     |

## 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. |              |



Please remember in your prayers our recently deceased especially **Anna Theresa Hudanich and Dorothy McGinnis**. May they be welcomed into the company of the Saints and may our dear Lord comfort their families.

**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: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah angered the princes and so he is thrown into a cistern as punishment for his preaching. His speeches were hampering soldiers in their duty and people in their daily lives. But the king's servant led a rescue effort and Jeremiah was freed.

### Reading II: Hebrews 12: 1-4

The author imagines the faithful to be runners in a stadium race, watched by the heroes of biblical history. They must look to Jesus and not grow faint-hearted as they race to the ultimate victory.

### The Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus wants to "cast a fire," meaning not only to bring forth God's presence and love into the world, but also His judgment of sinners and divine purification. Loyalty to Him He says is more important than family unity. True peace only comes if we embrace Him in faith.



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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 Mt 19:16-22      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30                       |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16                            |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12              |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30                |



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 Hudanich** by  
**Beverly Raub Diamond.**

| 8/23-8/24 | Lector      | EM                                      | Altar Servers |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 5:00 PM   | J. Kralik   | Fr. Mullins/S. Berger                   | M/N Cuyler    |
| 9:30 AM   | K. Erickson | Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/L. Koons (choir) | J/J Scarpati  |



For a fire to grow, there needs to be all three elements of the fire triangle: heat, fuel and oxygen. Christ desires to set our world on fire with His love for us. Spiritual oxygen would be our daily prayers. Spiritual fuel could be our charitable acts, which others can see and imitate. Spiritual heat would be drawing closer to Christ's heart through the sacraments. Unfortunately, there are some members of our family who were hurt in the past who want to throw a wet blanket on the whole situation. As a result, there come about divisions among family members. We desire our loved ones to experience a full relationship with Christ and the eternal glory of heaven, but they push back or even find fault with us. It's important to stress that we don't go to Church because we are better than others. We go to Church because we are sinners and we need a Savior. We are weak and therefore we need God's grace to raise us up again. Imagine how much deeper into sin we would fall if we didn't go to Church regularly!

May we seek to allow the flame of God's love to grow within us that we may be light to our family members who struggle in darkness of doubt, grief or loneliness. Developing a firm faith in our families early on, consistently practice and providing positive examples of virtues and right choices help keep families united to Christ and one another. May we turn to the Blessed Mother who formed the Holy Family to guide our families to the peace and unity of her Son.

For anyone who would like to grow deeper in their faith, or have a loved one who is interested in becoming Catholic, we will begin Adult Catechism Classes on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

### **Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)**

#### **#545 "Why is our prayer efficacious?"**

Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full". (*John 16:24*)."

#### **#546 "How did the Virgin Mary pray?"**

Mary's prayer was characterized by faith and by the generous offering of her whole being to God. The Mother of Jesus is also the new Eve, the "Mother of all the living". She prays to Jesus for the needs of all people."

#### **#547 "Is there a prayer of Mary in the Gospel?"**

Along with the prayer of Mary at Cana in Galilee, the Gospel gives us the *Magnificat* (*Luke 1:46-55*) which is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church, the joyous thanksgiving that rises from the hearts of the poor because their hope is met by the fulfillment of the divine promises."

**Saint of the Week: Bernard of Clairvaux** (1091-1153) was born in France. In 1110 he began his religious life at the Abbey of Cîteaux. He was sent to Clairvaux, where he founded a monastery of which he was appointed abbot and where he spent the rest of his life. He developed a contemplative life of prayer and fasting. He reformed the Cistercian Order, restoring its forgotten charisms of humility and spirituality. He made pastoral journeys to promote peace and unity in the Church; he also mediated between kings and between them and the Church. By the time of his death, he had founded 163 monasteries in different parts of Europe, and the Order expanded to 343. He was canonized by Alexander III in 1174 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pius VIII. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI declared that Saint Bernard deserved the title of 'Marian Doctor'. Saint Bernard compares the Virgin Mary to the star that sailors keep an eye on so as not to stray, saying: 'In the waves of the vicissitudes of this world, when instead of walking on land you feel like you are being tossed between waves and storms, do not take your eyes off the splendor of this star, if you do not want to be swallowed up by the waves ... Look at the star, invoke Saint Mary . . . If you follow her, you will not go astray. If she protects you, you will not be afraid; if she guides you, you will not tire; if she is favorable, you will reach your goal.' Feast Day: August 20.

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable."* - St. Bernard.

*"What we love we shall grow to resemble."* - St. Bernard.

*"The true measure of loving God is to love him without measure."* - St. Bernard.

*"Truly, love is delightful and pleasant food, supplying, as it does, rest to the weary, strength to the weak, and joy to the sorrowful."* - St. Bernard.

**Word of the Week: Calumny** - injuring another person's good name by lying. It is doubly sinful, in unjustly depriving another of his good name and in telling an untruth. Since calumny violates justice, it requires making reparation for the foreseen injury inflicted. Hence the calumniator must try, not only to repair the harm done to another's good name, but also to make up for any foreseen temporal loss that resulted from the calumny, for example, loss of employment or customers. (Etym. Latin *calumnia*, a false accusation, malicious charge; from *calvi*, to deceive.)



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.*



**SJNRS – 2025-2026 School Year begins Monday, August 25.**

Currently accepting applications for PreK through Grade 8. For info email: [office.sjnrsschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrsschool@gmail.com) or call: 610-826-2354.



We extend our prayers and best wishes to all the youth of our Parish who will be returning to school. May you continue to grow in wisdom and grace.



**PREP begins Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 AM.** If you have not registered your child or returned your Registration

Form, please do so asap but no later than August 31, 2025. PREP is 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](mailto:shccre@ptd.net).



**Are you new to the area?** Interested in being a registered parishioner? After Mass, introduce yourself to Father Mullins or call the Parish Office 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Basilica in Washington D.C** on Tuesday, October 7. Bus cost: \$40 per person. Bus will leave Sacred Heart, Palmerton at 6:30 AM and return back at around 10:00 PM. There are a few seats left. Please reserve your seat by filling out the sign-up sheet in the back of Church or by contacting the Rectory office.

**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](http://FreeWill.com/allentowndiocese) to make a will at no cost.

## Weekly Collection

**8/16-8/17:** In Support of the Parish  
**Second Collection:** Festival Start Up  
**8/23-8/24:** In Support of the Parish  
**Attendance Goal:** 450  
**Actual 8/9-8/10:** 285



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**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. Questions contact Veronica Scarpati at: 610-349 3691 or Dana Massey at: 484-725-8378.

**Diocesan Commission for Men** invites all men age 14-114 years old to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, 11 October 2025 at the Delta Marriot (7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, Pennsylvania, 18031). This year's theme is Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ. Early Bird Registration Cost: \$25. High School & College Student admission cost: \$15. Check out [www.MenAliveInChrist.org](http://www.MenAliveInChrist.org) for more information.

**Help for Parents:** The Allentown Diocese Office of Education offers the **"Ready, Willing, & Able"** podcast for Catholic parents. The newest episode explores how sports and faith relate to and benefit each other. The podcast provides content which will support and empower parents as primary educators of the faith for their children. You can Listen to Ready, Willing, and Able on its website: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2410685>, or look it up on your favorite podcast streaming platform.

**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](mailto:jordancook53170@gmail.com).

**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.

**CACPAC Palmerton Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: **10.5oz. soups, tomato sauce, any type canned beans and cereal.** Items can be placed in the red plastic tote in the Main Vestibule of the church.

**A Thank you:** John DeSousa and Sue Steigerwalt are very grateful and appreciative of how generous the members of Sacred Heart have been with all the donations that they have received. Any questions regarding CACPAC Food Pantry, call Sue Steigerwalt at: 610-349-9704. **Thank you for helping us to help our neighbors!**

**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.

### Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, to be celebrated Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM. Doors will open at 2:00 PM. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104. Those couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50-plus years of marriage will receive special recognition. **The registration deadline is Thursday, September 4, 2025. For details and to register go to: [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversary mass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversary%20mass).**



Summer is quickly coming to a close. Join us this **Sunday, August 17** to close out the summer concert series in the Palmerton Borough Park. **The Palmerton Band** will be performing beginning at 6:30 PM, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chair, sit back and enjoy!

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