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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 31, 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.sjnschool.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
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati 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.

August 31 – Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	August 30 Anthony Rezeli by daughter Rose Ann
Sunday 9:30 AM	August 31 Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday 8:30 AM	September 1 - Labor Day Anna Nemecek by James and Barbara Nemecek
Wednesday 8:30 AM	September 3 Jose Alberto Amorim by Candido and family
Thursday 8:30 AM	September 4 Joseph Kercesmar by Rory and Louise Koons
Friday 8:30 AM	September 5 – First Friday Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	September 6 – First Saturday Parishioners of Sacred Heart Bruce Althouse by James and Barbara Nemecek
Sunday 9:30 AM	September 7 Lamont (Mike) Ebbert by Pat and Jack Woginrich

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.



September 5: 4:00-7:00 PM
Confessions: 6:00-7:00 PM.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Here is a discourse on humility and pride. Humility is the right attitude before God, for true wisdom lies in being unpretentious, aware that one can always be wrong.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

The author makes his final appeal to keep his readers from sliding back into Judaism. He contrasts the Old Covenant with the New.

The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Jesus teaches a lesson on humility, where greatness is measured by one's concern for others, together with a modest estimation of self. Never presume that your position will automatically win God's favor.



Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33



Continue to pray for all Priests, Deacons and Seminarians. Ask God for new Vocations.

"God our Father, we pray that You will raise up from among us, and from among our children, numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, who will, in their ministry, proclaim the truth of the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and offer faithful service to the Church." Amen.

Be Aware of Scam emails. There are reports that emails are being sent claiming to be Father Mullins. Please note that Father Mullins would never ask anyone for money, gift cards, etc. by an email or text. This is a scam and should be ignored.

9/6-9/7	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/M. Carty	TBD
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil/T. Gades (choir)	J/J Scarpati



Labor Day weekend is a time to reflect on the contributions of workers and celebrate the end of summer, often marked by parades and barbecues. It's a national holiday honoring the social and economic achievements of workers. While it's a day off for many, it's also an opportunity to appreciate the value of labor and the hard work that goes into building and maintaining society.

The Catholic Church consistently proclaims the rights and dignity of workers especially through numerous encyclicals over the years, including *Rerum Novarum*, *Mater et Magistra*, *Gaudium et Spes*, *Dignitatis Humanae*, *Laborum Exercens*, *Veritatis Splendor*, *Evangelium Vitae*. They reveal the truth of revelation about human dignity, human solidarity, and the principles of justice and peace; the moral judgments about economic and social matters required by such truth and about the demands of justice and peace.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#551 "What is "blessing"?"

The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts."

#552 "How can adoration be defined?"

Adoration is the humble acknowledgement by human beings that they are creatures of the thrice-holy Creator."

#553 "What are the different forms of the prayer of petition?"

It can be a petition for pardon or also a humble and trusting petition for all our needs either spiritual or material. The first thing to ask for, however, is the coming of the Kingdom."



God for the labor He allows you to do to provide for yourself and your loved ones.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

Quotes by Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

"A life not lived for others is not a life."

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

"People are unrealistic, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway."

Word of the Week: Camerlengo - An Italian chamberlain. There are three ecclesiastical persons in Rome who carry this title: 1. camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, who administers the revenue and property of the Holy See, verifies the death of the Pope, directs preparations and manages the conclave for election of a new pontiff; 2. camerlengo of the Sacred College, who is in charge of property and revenues of the college, pontificates at Mass for deceased cardinals, and registers all consistorial business; 3. camerlengo of the Roman clergy, elected by canons and parish priests of Rome, who presides over their conferences and is arbiter in questions of precedence.



If you are new to our Parish and would like to Register, please call the Rectory 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.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, September 3 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.



Saint of the Week: Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997AD) began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born in Skopje, Albania, she was the youngest child of Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits. Agnes religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth. Moved to pursue missionary work, Agnes left her home in 1928 to join the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in 1931, Sister Teresa taught at St. Mary's School for girls. In 1937, Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa. She continued teaching at St. Mary's and in 1944 became the school's principal. In 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling for her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her "inspiration, her call within a call." Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life. By means of interior locutions and visions, Jesus revealed His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. In 1948, she dressed for the first time in a white, blue-bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto convent to enter the world of the poor. She took some medical courses and returned to Calcutta where she went to the slums. She visited families, washed the sores of some children, cared for an old man lying sick on the road and nursed a woman dying of hunger and tuberculosis. She started each day with Holy Communion then went out, rosary in her hand, to find and serve Christ amongst "the unwanted, the unloved, the uncared for." After some months, she was joined, one by one, by her former students. In 1950 the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially established in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. By the early 1960s, Mother Teresa began to send her Sisters to other parts of India. Mother Teresa opened houses on every continent, and even in almost all of the communist countries, including the former Soviet Union, Albania and Cuba. She received numerous awards 'for the glory of God and in the name of the poor' including the Indian Padmashri Award in 1962 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity. Her response to Jesus' plea, "Come be My light," made her a Missionary of Charity, a "mother to the poor," a symbol of compassion to the world, and a living witness to the thirsting love of God. Feast Day: 5 September.



PREP begins Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 AM. Registration Form for your child(ren), are due today, August 31. 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.



Movie Night: Saturday, 30 August at 6:30 PM in Parish Center. Come learn about the soon-to-be declared Saint: **Carlo Acutis**. He will be the first millennial-era saint. Acutis was 15 when he died in northern Italy in 2006, after a short bout with leukemia.

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



St. John Neumann Regional School opened for the 2025-2026 School Year last Monday, August 25. Consider giving your child (children) the gift of a Catholic School education. For details, please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354. Scholarships are available.

SJNRS MUM SALE: Pre-order your mums today! Orders must be in by September 6. Delivery is September 10, pick up 3:00-4:00 PM at Palmerton campus. For details contact: pamkeer@yahoo.com.

The Bus is full for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, October 7. Payment of \$40 per person is due asap but no later than **September 12** to guarantee your seat on the Bus. Bus will leave Sacred Heart, Palmerton at 6:30 AM and return approximately 10:00 PM. A sheet to sign-up on the wait list, is located on the podium by the visitors Confessional.

Weekly Collection

8/30-8/31: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: CYO/Youth Ministry

9/6-9/7: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Archdiocese Military

Attendance Goal: 450

Actual 8/23-24: 307



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

Second Collection next weekend is taken up every 3
 years in support of those who serve in our military.
 Details visit milarch.org/national-collection.

Financial Fiscal Year End Summary Report July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Income:	
Sunday Collections:	\$220,211
Other Parish Collections:	50,198
Interest:	6,340
Investments:	200,000
Donations/Bequests/Memorials:	21,352
Fundraisers Net Profit:	34,315
Total:	\$532,416
Expenses:	
Salary-Clergy/Staff (5 people):	\$108,261
Benefits:	50,302
Diocesan Assessment:	41,028
School Subsidy:	32,400
Insurance:	23,532
Heating:	8,883
Lighting:	6,320
Snow Removal:	12,050
Other expenses:	21,390
Extra ordinary expenses:	
Organ	76,845
New doors at gym ½ paid	8,047
Total:	\$389,058

Jubilee Year Of Hope: Bishop Schlert will be
 celebrating Mass and will offer the Sacrament of the
 Anointing of the Sick on:

Sept. 7-11:30 AM: St. Catharine of Siena, Reading.

November 23-11 AM: St. Joseph, Summit Hill.



September 14 — Cost: \$25.
 Parish Social Hall.
 Doors and Kitchen Open at Noon.
 Bingo starts 1:00 PM.



Palmerton Festival
This coming weekend,
September 5, 6 and 7.

Thanks to all who have helped with preparations
 and all who have signed up to work festival weekend.
A few spots remain. Check Sign-up sheets, located
 behind the last pew, after Mass today for available
 shifts. **Reminder complete Stand set-up:** meet at
 6:00 PM in Park on Wednesday, 9/3.

We encourage you to invite your family, friends,
 neighbors and co-workers to come visit. Our parish
 stand will be selling: Halushki, Hamburger BBQ,
 drinks and Scoopendorfs ice cream parfaits.
 Questions contact Veronica Scarpatti at: 610-349-
 3691 or Dana Massey at: 484-725-8378.



COOKS WITH COLLARS website
goes live tomorrow, 9/1/25!
www.cookswithcollars.com

You will have 30 days and nights to
 vote, via online donations, to view **Father Mullins**
 video of no bake lemon freeze bars. Vote early and
 vote often, deadline is September 30. All voting
 proceeds benefit our parish. Share the website with
 all your family and friends. Thanks for making
 Father Mullins and Sacred Heart a winner!!

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. The Mass
 will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert at the
 Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 West
 Turner St., Allentown, 18104. 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).

Diocesan Commission for Men invites all men age
 14-114 years old to participate in the 14th 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 for more information.

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