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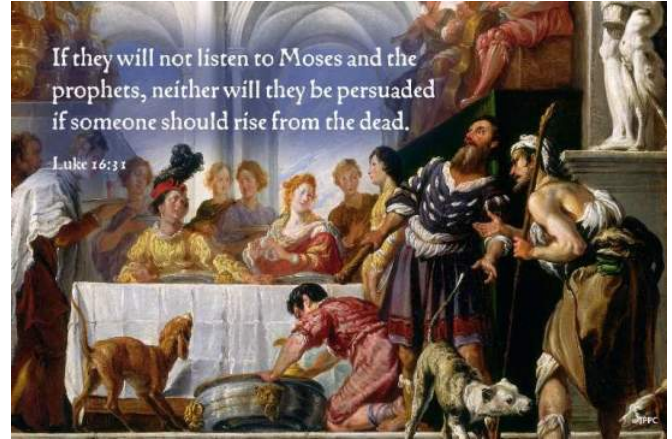
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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



September 28, 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
	Jerome Scarpati
Pro Life Coordinator	Veronica Scarpati

Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Safety 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.

September 28 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	September 27 Rocco and Katherine Lutz by Jeff and Debbie Lutz
Sunday 9:30 AM	September 28 Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday 8:30 AM	September 29 Joe Kerksmar by a friend
Wednesday 8:30 AM	October 1 Gail, Mary and Harold Sander by Betty Tartaglia and family
Thursday 8:30 AM	October 2 Fr. Campion by Diana Zayas
Friday 8:30 AM	October 3 First Friday Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday 8:30 AM	October 4 First Saturday Parishioners of Sacred Heart
5:00 PM	Mary and Metro Siko by children
Sunday 9:30 AM	October 5 Joe Koma by Duane and Carol Costenbader

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. 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.



Sanctuary Candle

Denise Homlak by husband
St. Joseph Altar

Andy Krawchuk by Fran and Frank Carazzo.
Tyler Kravetz by Fran and Frank Carazzo.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

The prophet pronounces doom on the wealthy aristocrats of Israel. They enjoyed the pleasures that money could buy, and yet they gave no thought to the misery they had brought upon others.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Paul urges Timothy to "shun" the love of money (v. 10) and aim at godliness, faith, and love. Tell the rich to set their hopes on God, who "furnishes us with everything to enjoy."

The Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Our Lord's story depicts the lot of "the wealthy" and "the poor" first in this present life and then in the next. A similar reversal of fortunes underlies the Beatitudes. We learn that not even miracles will benefit those who are indifferent to the Scriptures.



Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10



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.

Adult Catechesis: Join Father Mullins on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in our Parish Center for those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith or desire to prepare to receive the sacraments of 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation.

10/4-10/5	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	H. Werner
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/G. Berk/T. Gades (choir)	J/J Scarpati



In the Catholic Church, October is known as the Month of the Holy Rosary. The month is dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and encouraging the faithful to pray the Rosary to seek her intercession and protection. This devotion gained prominence after Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th in 1571 to commemorate the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto. ***Our parish will pray the Rosary 30 minutes before every Mass throughout the month.*** Consider coming to seek the support of our Spiritual Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she may bring peace in our families and in our world.

Next Sunday, October 5, please come ½ hour early to mass (9:00 AM) to hear a short witness talk on her experience with the Blessed Mother statue here, followed by praying the Rosary.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) **#562 "How is Christian prayer Marian?"**

Because of her singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray to Mary and with Mary, the perfect 'pray-er', and to "magnify" and invoke the Lord with her. Mary in effect shows us the "Way" who is her Son, the one and only Mediator."

#563 "How does the Church pray to Mary?"

Above all with the *Hail Mary*, the prayer with which the Church asks the intercession of the Virgin. Other Marian prayers are the *Rosary*, the *Akathisto* hymn, the *Paraclesis*, and the hymns and canticles of diverse Christian traditions."

Word of the Week: Canonical Age - The age required by ecclesiastical law for the valid or licit reception of the sacraments or the exercise of an ecclesiastical office. For baptism, a child be baptized immediately after birth. To receive Holy Orders, a man must be at least 24 years old. To serve as a godparent for baptism, one must be at least 16 years of age. To serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, one must be at least 18 years of age.



Saint of the Week: Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) was the son of a wealthy Italian merchant. He spent his early life in riches and seeking pleasure for himself. However, he underwent a profound conversion after going to war for Assisi, being imprisoned, and enduring a debilitating illness. He renounced his family and his riches and lived a life of radical poverty and service because he believed Christ had asked him to. He founded the new mendicant order of Friars Minor, or Franciscans, and helped found the Poor Clares and the Franciscan Third Order. He is among the several saints who received the stigmata (the wounds of Christ) on his own body. Francis is the patron saint of animals, environmentalists, and merchants. Feast Day: 4 October.

Saint Quote of the Week: "Everyday, Jesus humbles himself just as He did when He came from His heavenly throne into the Virgin's womb; everyday He comes to us and lets us see Him in abjection, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar." - St Francis of Assisi.

"Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve." - St Francis of Assisi.

Blessing of Animals: Father Mullins will have a Blessing of Animals on Saturday, 4 October @ 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron saint of animals. To maintain safety, we ask that pets be leashed or in cages if necessary.

Pilgrimage to National Basilica, Tuesday, October 7. A few seats are available. Payment of \$40/pp is due to hold your seat. Visit/call the Rectory Office or a sign-up sheet is located on the podium by the visitors Confessional.



The Announced Mass Book for 2026 will open on Wednesday, October 1. You will be able to schedule one (1) Sunday and two (2) weekday Masses for the upcoming year. We ask that you come to the Rectory to arrange for Masses Monday through Friday between 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the exact date requested if your Mass requested dates are mailed in, emailed or put in the Rectory mail slot. Stipends are \$10 for each Mass Intention. Memorial candles or Altar flowers can also be scheduled at this time. Weekly candle intentions \$5; Sanctuary candle \$10; Altar flowers for main Altar \$80 and side Altars \$65.



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.



St. John Neumann Regional School is open for the 2025-2026 School Year. Consider a few of the benefits in providing your child (children) the gift of a Catholic School education: Safe caring environment that offers excellent faith based education, financial aid, small class and individual attention. Enroll today for PreK through 8th grade. For details, please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354.

Please join us for the St. John Neumann Regional School Golf Event October 10, 2025 at the Whitetail Golf Course. Price is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and great prizes. Registration starts at 7:30 AM and the shotgun start is at 8:00 AM. For more information or to register call (610) 826-2354.

Weekly Collection

9/27-9/28: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Latin America
10/4-10/5: In Support of the Parish
Attendance Goal: 450
Actual 9/20-9/21: 301



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 Visit: www.shcpalmerton.org and click on the online giving icon to sign-up.



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TWO DAYS LEFT TO VOTE!
Voting closes on September 30.

Help support Father Mullins and Sacred Heart Parish, reach our Goal of \$2,500. Father is over half-way to his goal. Check out Father Mullins' video for Lemon Freeze bars, learn how to make an amazing dessert! And don't forget to vote!! For those who want to support without using credit cards, you can submit your donation votes in a blank envelope with your name (or anonymous) and label it Cooks with Collars and place in collection basket today! You have until September 30 to vote online! Thank you to all who voted.

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 1 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

Vision Support Group: Will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. For info call Paula Ewing at 610-704-5052.

Young Adult Book Club – Fall 2025

The Commission for Young Adults invites you to grow in faith, build community, and dive into a powerful Catholic read this fall. Come for the book, stay for the fellowship—lunch included! Meeting Dates: 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6. From: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM. at Parkland Community Library.



On the First Friday of every month, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Church from 4:00-7:00 PM. Confessions are heard from 6:00-7:00 PM. All are welcome to come for adoration and/or confession during this time. Hope to see you on Friday, October 3.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

Movie Night: Saturday, 27 September 2025 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish Center. Come watch *"The Greatest Miracle"*. All are invited to join us.



Join us after 9:30 AM Sunday Mass this weekend for coffee, donuts and fellowship in the Social Hall (Gym).

Ladies, get ready for a Spirit-Filled Evening for Women: **Advent by Candlelight** on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 6:30-9:30 PM. This year's theme is "The Eve" and it's going to be an amazing time of The Word, music, prayer, and fellowship. We want to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holiday rush begins. This event is for ladies-high school age or older, and it's open to members of the congregation, their female family members, friends, and neighbors. Non-parishioners are welcome too! We're also looking for Table Hostesses to decorate and provide potluck-style food for up to 10 guests of your choice. If you're interested, please contract Tricia Matsko by email at: tricia@rohrmedia.com or call/text at: 484-633-6510. There's no charge for this event, and we want to see all the ladies there! Let's have an amazing evening together as we prepare for the Advent season.

Diocesan White Mass for Health Care Workers

The Allentown Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all health care workers to attend the annual Diocesan White Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at St. Thomas More parish, Allentown on Saturday, October 18, at 5:00 PM. Reception to follow with a presentation by Deacon John M. Travaline, MD "Restoring Relationship in the Art of Medicine." RSVP by October 11, to allentowncma@gmail.com.

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). Early Bird Registration Cost: \$25. High School & College Student admission cost: \$15. Check out www.MenAliveInChrist.org for more information.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Join us the weekend of October 3-5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For details or to register, all inquiries are strictly confidential, *call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230* or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

SJNRS Fundraising Events

Cash Prize Bingo this Sunday, September 28th at 1:00 PM. Doors open at noon. Kitchen will be open.

Dine and Donate: Help SJNRS earn 15% back at P.J. Whelihan's, 101 North Harry Road, Lehighon when you dine in or take out on Wednesday, October 8. Mention St. John Neumann Regional School!

CACPAC Food PANTRY is in need of: **10.5 oz. soups, tomato sauce, any type canned beans and cereal.** Donations can be placed in the Main Vestibule of the Church in the red totes.
Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

Restore: Healing Retreat for Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma Thursday, November 13 to Sunday November 16, 2025 at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA. This retreat is for women healing from sexual betrayal trauma due to an intimate partner's infidelity, pornography use or sex addiction. Email De with questions at: de@youaremadenew.com. For details and to register, go to: <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-retreats-betrayal-trauma/>.

Retreat to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. John Frink. Take a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes from June 7-16, 2026 under the spiritual direction of Fr. John Frink. For detailed itinerary, pricing, information and to book, please visit the website at: <https://www.206tours.com/cms/frfrink/>.

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