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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



October 26, 2025

PASTORAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Reverend Michael Mullins	<i>Pastor</i>
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office 610-826-2335
Steven Uhnak, Coordinator
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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
Altar Servers
Bereavement Sharers
Bible Study/Prayer Group/
Prayer Chain

C.A.C.P.A.C.
Cemetery
Choir/Music Liaison
Disability Advocates
Funeral Luncheon Co
High School Ministry
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Palmerton Festival

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Sacred Heart Helping Hands Safety Committee

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Jim Matsko

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Tom Miller 610-435-1541 ext. 374

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC: 800-791-9209

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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.

October 26 – Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday **October 25**
5:00 PM Margaret Swanger by daughter Mary
Sunday **October 26**
9:30 AM Richard Frey by wife Barbara
Monday **October 27**
8:30 AM Stephen Orsulak by sister Maria and Joe Klementovic family

NO DAILY MASS TUESDAY-FRIDAY

Friday **October 31 All Saints Day Vigil**
5:00 PM Michael J. Becker by wife Mary Ann
Saturday **November 1 First Saturday / All Saints Day**
8:30 AM Manuel R. Amorim by wife Amelia
5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday **November 2 All Souls Day**
9:30 AM Marianne Berk by husband George

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.



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.

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: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18

The Lord answers the prayers of His people and brings judgment upon wicked nations. He cannot be bribed and has no prejudice. Israel's prayer reaches God in heaven.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Paul's death is imminent. He desires it because he is to be rewarded like the saints. He will wear the "crown of righteousness" like the wreath worn by winning athletes.

The Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

The proud Pharisee prays "with himself." The humble tax collector begs for forgiveness. In fact, the tax collector's prayer makes for a good Act of Contrition for us all.



Monday: Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-5, 6 Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Sunday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40



Sanctuary Candle

Andy Krawchuk by Joe and Susan Uhnak.



First Friday of the month

4:00-7:00 PM.
 Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.

Adult Faith Formation: Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the 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.

Please join us one-half hour before all Masses during the month of October in praying the Rosary.

11/1-11/2	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 Scarpatti



November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day where we give thanks to God for receiving the faithful departed into His heavenly kingdom. It is also a reminder that each of us are called to be saints, those who dwell with God always and forever. We will have a ***Vigil Mass on Friday, 31 October 2025 at 5:00pm and a Mass on Saturday, 1 November at 8:30am.***

This Sunday, we celebrate All Souls Day where we remember our loved ones who have departed this world. It is a reminder that when we die, we will each face an Individual Judgment. If we still have attachments to sin or have not made amendments of the damage caused by our sins, then we will need to purge ourselves of those stains in Purgatory before we can enter the pure light of the heavenly kingdom. We pray for the souls in Purgatory and are called to continually purify our own minds and hearts through prayer, works of charity and the sacrament of Confession that we may welcome the pure light and love of Christ into our souls,

Priest Convocation: The priests of the diocese get together for a few days once a year for training, prayer and fellowship with our bishop. As a result, there will be no morning Confessions or daily Mass this Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at our parish. Thanks for your understanding. Masses available during the Convocation at surrounding Churches can be found in the AD Times or on the Allentown Diocese website: allentowndiocese.org.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#572 "Why is prayer a "battle"? Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray "battle" against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray."

#573 "Are there objections to prayer? Along with erroneous notions of prayer, many think they do not have the time to pray or that praying is useless. Those who pray can be discouraged in the face of difficulties and apparent lack of success. Humility, trust and perseverance are necessary to overcome these obstacles."

#574 "What are the difficulties in prayer?

Distraction is a habitual difficulty in our prayer. It takes our attention away from God and can also reveal what we are attached to. Our heart therefore must humbly turn to the Lord. Prayer is often affected by *dryness*. Overcoming this difficulty allows us to cling to the Lord in faith, even without any feeling of consolation. *Acedia* is a form of spiritual laziness due to relaxed vigilance and a lack of custody of the heart."

Saint of the Week: María Purísima de la Cruz

(1926-1998) was born María Isabel Salvat Romero in Madrid, Spain, to a family with considerable financial resources. In 1944, she entered the Society of the Cross, where she took the habit a year later; she made her perpetual vows in 1952. In her monastic life, she faithfully followed the Rule. She served as abbess of several houses in her Institute and as mistress of novices. She devoted special attention to the orphaned girls in the boarding schools, as well as to the sick and abandoned elderly women living in the "caves," whom she cleaned, washed and fed spiritually and materially. Her personal and spiritual characteristics, combined with her broad culture, were decisive in her appointment as Mother General of the Society of the Cross in 1977. Despite her high position, she continued to care for the needy and remained faithful to her austere and humble life. Leaving an example of life and service, she died at the Generalate. She was canonized in 2015, during the pontificate of Pope Francis. Feast Day: October 31.

Saint Quote of the Week: "In the house of God there are no low jobs, they are all high." - St. Maria Purisima of the Cross.

"We have many reasons to be happy, but none as strong as knowing how much God loves us. If we thought about this more and managed to convince ourselves of it, how different our lives would be!" - St. Maria Purisima of the Cross.

Word of the Week: Cantor - the chief singer of an ecclesiastical choir, who leads the singing and often selects the music. In the Divine Office, the cantor intones the antiphons and starts the psalms. He is also called the precentor. (Etym. Latin *cantor*, singer.)

Nine Day Novena Prayer for our Confirmands: (Pray each day from Monday, Oct 27th - Tuesday, Nov 4th). "Before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, we offer to You, Eternal Spirit of God, our Confirmation candidates. Help them to adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring righteousness of Your justice, and the unconditional nature of Your love. You are the strength and light of their soul; help them to realize this. In You they live and move and have their being. May they desire to never grieve You by unfaithfulness, and we ask You to instill in them a desire to avoid even the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard their every thought and grant that they may always watch for Your light, listen to Your voice, and follow Your inspirations. Teach them to cling to You and give themselves to You. We ask You by Your compassion to watch over them in their weakness and strengthen their resolve to know and do Your will. We implore You, Holy Spirit, to keep them always in Your grace. Give them grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen."

*In Loving
Memory*

Throughout November, we remember the souls of our departed loved ones. Mass of

Remembrance is next Sunday, November 2, at the 9:30 AM Mass. We invited the family members of those who had funeral services in our parish in the past year to join with us to offer prayers for them and for their departed loved ones. May the faithful departed rest in peace.

A Special Board of Remembrance listing our deceased parishioners who passed away since November 1, 2024 and their picture will be placed at the Marian Altar. Please drop off a framed photo (no larger than 8x10) by October 31 at the Rectory Office.

All Souls Day Envelope: Please include the names of your departed loved ones on your All Soul's Day Envelope. We will place these envelopes at our Shrine of Remembrance during the month of November.

The Sacred Heart Memorial Fund is a way to remember your deceased family and friends. Two Masses every year are offered for the spiritual welfare of those who are enrolled. A donation of \$10 or more is recommended. Thank you to all who have enrolled their loved ones.



Spirit-Filled Evening for Women: Saturday, November 29 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 to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season.

This event is for ladies, high school age and older, and is open to members of the congregation, their female family members, friends, and neighbors.

Tables are limited . . . reserve your Table today!

Table Hostesses decorate and provide potluck-style food for up to 10 guests. Please email Tricia Matsko at: tricia@rohrmedia.com or call/text 484-633-6510 today. There's no charge for this event.



The Parish family of Sacred Heart extends a warm welcome to our newest parishioners: **Leo and Karen Herrmann.** 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.

Movie Night: Saturday, October 25 at 6:30 PM, Parish Center. Join us for the story of **St. Therese.**

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

Game Night: Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 PM, Social Hall/Gym. All are invited!

Ladies: Simply Prayer in Bethlehem on November 4, 2025. Call Peg at: 610-826-8009 for more details and transportation.

HSM will be selling/taking orders for the Sacred Heart logo t-shirts, polos and sweatshirts in the back of Church after 5:00 PM Mass and on Sunday at coffee/donuts.



Coffee/Donuts: Join us after 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday, October 26 in the Social Hall.

Weekly Collection

10/25-10/26: In Support of the Parish

11/1-11/2: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Goal: 450

Actual 10/18-10/19: 303



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Catholic Youth Organization (CYO):

CYO is open to students attending Catholic school and/or active members of a Catholic Parish/Church.

November 16, Spelling Bee: All children in grades 6, 7 and 8th are eligible to participate at St. Peter and Paul Church Hall at 1:00 PM. Contact Carolyn Gowin at: carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com to register by November 9.

Basketball: Friendly games will be played in the Sacred Heart gym on Sunday afternoons from November through February. If interested or to sign-up go to: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_kTcIGPK95_S6_jgqtACuo14fyXsv03W4uuTkJ85D34/edit?gid=634347005#gid=634347005.

Questions contact Carolyn Gowin, CYO Volunteer Coordinator at: carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com.

Assumption BVM in Slatington cordially invites you to attend their **Family Tea Party on November 16**. Delicious savory mini sandwiches, soup and quiche, plus assorted baked goods and desserts to be served with hot or iced teas or coffee. Email abvm@ptd.net to RSVP by Sunday, November 9. Adults \$15, kids \$5, under 5 free.

CACPAC Food Pantry is in need of: **stuffing mix, peanut butter, canned goods: tuna, chicken, soups, vegetables, cranberry sauce**. Donations can be placed in the Main Vestibule of the Church in the red totes.

Questions regarding the food pantry contact:
Susan Arner at 610-826-7515.

Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

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. Meeting Dates: 11/8, 11/22, 12/6. From: 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at Parkland Community Library.

Anointing of the Sick Mass with Bishop Schlert: St. Joseph – Summit Hill – November 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM Mass

The Sacrament of 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.

Healing and Deliverance Service on Tuesday, November 11 from 6:00-9:00 PM at St. Thomas More Church, 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown. There will be Mass and Healing Adoration led by Fr. Dominic Valanmanal, a world-renowned Catholic priest Admission is free. Questions contact: 610-433-7413 or 832-304-0677.



Daylight Savings Time Ends next Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour.

Fun Corner: Confirmation Gifts of Holy Spirit

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Word Search:

Courage	Piety
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