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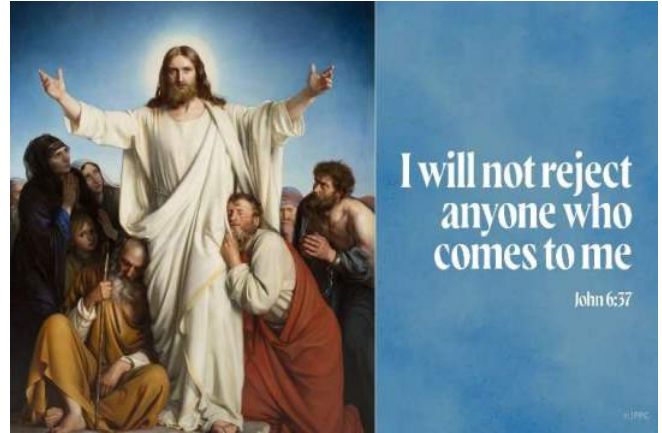
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Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

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



November 2, 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 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.

November 2 – All Soul's Day



Mass Intentions

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
Monday	November 3
8:30 AM	Ada and Michael Nemacek by James and Barbara Nemecek
Wednesday	November 5
8:30 AM	Dave Smiley by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenito
Thursday	November 6
8:30 AM	Bob McCarthy-Get Well Wishes Eileen and Ed
Friday	November 7
8:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokol's
Saturday	November 8
5:00 PM	Barbara Koeller by Martin Koeller
Sunday	November 9
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. 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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Wisdom 3: 1-9

Wherever they are, the dead are protected by God's power. Any suffering of the righteous can be seen as a form of "divine training" and purification.

Reading II: Romans 6: 3-9

All the baptized are freed from the bondage of guilt, and so they die to their former life apart from Christ.

The Gospel: John 6: 37-40

The human will of Jesus and His divine will are in perfect harmony. "Eating the bread of life" is the path for eternal life.



Monday:	Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22



Sanctuary Candle:

Andy Krawchuk by Joe and Susan Uhnak.

Marian Altar:

Parents and brother by Amelia

Andrew and Irene Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice

St. Joseph Altar:

Parents and brother by Amelia

Marianne Berk by husband George

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.



First Friday of the month, November 7, 2025

4:00-7:00 PM.

Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.

11/8-11/9	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Uhnak	Fr. Mullins/C. Chies	M/N Cuyer
9:30 AM	A. Sebelin	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/C. Wehr (choir)	C. Sebelin/C. Davis/G. Buck



National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 2-8, 2025, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

How to Discern Your Vocation:

- 1) Establish a routine prayer life: Mass, Rosary, Scripture meditation, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament.
- 2) Talk to persons living the vocation that attracts you: Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters or Brothers, or Married Couples. Discover the joys and struggles and the daily life they experience in their vocations.
- 3) Seek Spiritual Direction with someone you trust will guide you to be attuned to the voice of the Lord and identify how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life.
- 4) "Come and See" participate in events or retreats sponsored by diocese or religious orders. Participate in the daily prayers and activities with others and have your questions answered by those living or discerning the vocation to which you are attracted.
- 5) Get Involved – volunteer in your parish or community. Each vocation involves caring for people outside of oneself.
- 6) Rest in the Lord – Develop a healthy life balance of eating well, exercising, and getting proper rest, such that you can care for your mind to think well and your soul to choose well.

Recommended Reading: "Story of a Soul: Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux", "Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis DeSales; "Time for God" by Fr. Jacques Phillipe and "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI.

Five Books for Men on Discernment of Vocations:

"Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds)" by St. Pope John Paul II; "To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood" by Fr. Brett Brannen; "Priests for the Third Millennium" by Cardinal Timothy Dolan; "The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest" by Fr. Donald Cozzens; "A Living Sacrifice: Guidance for Men Discerning Religious Life" by Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P.

Five Books for Women on Discernment: "On the Dignity & Vocation of Women" by St. Pope John Paul II; "Discerning Religious Life" by Sister Clare Matthiass, CFR; "The Fire in These Ashes: A Spirituality of Contemporary Religious Life" by Sister Joan Chittister; "An Introduction to the Vocation of Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World" by US Association of Consecrated Virgins; "And You Are Christ's: The Charism of Virginity and the Celibate Life" by Fr. Thomas Dubay.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#575 "How may we strengthen our filial trust?"

Filial trust is tested when we think we are not heard. We must therefore ask ourselves if we think God is truly a Father whose will we seek to fulfill, or simply a means to obtain what we want. If our prayer is united to that of Jesus, we know that he gives us much more than this or that gift. We receive the Holy Spirit who transforms our heart."

#576 "Is it possible to pray always?"

Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian is the time of the risen Christ who remains "with us always" (Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable:

"It is possible to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking." (Saint John Chrysostom)."

#577 "What is the prayer of the Hour of Jesus?"

It is called the priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant, addresses it to his Father when the *hour* of his sacrifice, the *hour* of his "passing over" to him is approaching."

Saint Quote of the Week: "I offer my life for the Church, for the Pope, for my Congregation, for the conversion of sinners and for my beloved Romagna."
- Blessed Pius of St. Louis Campidelli.

Saint of the Week: Blessed Pius of St. Luigi Campidelli (1868-1889) Luigi Campidelli was born in Trebbio, Italy. In 1882, he entered the seminary of the Congregation of the Passion (Passionists) in Casale. At the seminary, his role models were Saint Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionists, and Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Despite not enjoying good health, he led an austere life and was never idle; he was a simple, humble, attentive, and helpful young man. His precepts were: "I will obey sincerely and joyfully"; "I will avoid clinging to my own criteria"; "I will always remain jovial with my companions." In 1887, he received the then-called Minor Orders, the gateway to the priesthood, and took the name Pius of St. Luigi. A few days later, he was attacked by tuberculosis, an illness that would lead him to reunite with his Creator four months later. To those who visited him, he would say: "Go rejoicing, we will see each other again in heaven." He was beatified in 1985 by Saint John Paul II within the framework of the International Youth Year. Note: Feast Day: 2 November.

Word of the Week: Capernaum - a town in Galilee somewhere along the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Its precise location cannot be determined, though it has been identified with Tell-Hum on the north bank of the Shore of Tiberias. During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, Capernaum was the scene of many miracles and some his most stirring sermons. It was here that the Centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13), a paralytic (Mark 2:1-12), and a court official's son were all cured (John 4:46-54). It was here also that the five thousand were fed following his sermon (Mark 6:33-44).

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 keep in your prayers **Garrett Buck and Sophia Cornmesser** who will be confirmed by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, November 5 at ABVM, Slatington at 4:30 PM.

Announced Masses for 2026 are now being scheduled. Please stop by the Rectory Office between the hours of 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM to schedule your Masses.

*In Loving
Memory*

Throughout November, we remember the souls of our departed loved ones. Mass of Remembrance is this 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 throughout the month of November.

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.



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, November 5 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

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 Mass this weekend.

Weekly Collection

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

11/8-11/9: In Support of the Parish

Attendance Goal: 450

Actual 10/25-10/26: 307



Have you considered **On-line Giving?**

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



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. Come and see what we are all about! For details, call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354.



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.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO):

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

Contact Carolyn Gowin for details for the following upcoming events at: carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 16, Diocese Spelling Bee: Grades 6, 7, 8 at St. Peter and Paul Church Hall, Lehighton at 1:00 PM. Register by November 9.

Saturday, November 22, District 5 CYO Bowling Tournament, Grades K-8, Fritz Bowling Lanes, Lehighton.

Sunday, November 23, CYO Spelling Bee. Grades 3, 4, 5. St. Peter and Paul Church Hall, Lehighton at 1:00 PM.

Basketball: Friendly games will be held in the Sacred Heart gym on Sunday afternoons from November through February.

Assumption BVM in Slatington cordially invites you to attend their **Family Tea Party on November 16**, from 12 to 2:00 PM. 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.

"Make the Holidays Brighter." CACPAC 2025 Holiday Food Fundraiser kicked off last weekend and will continue to November 23. All funds collected will go towards the purchase of food products for the pantry and will be used for both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. A donation of \$15 or more will provide a holiday meal to a Palmerton area family in need. Send your contribution to CACPAC Food Pantry, PO Box 213, Aquashicola, PA 18012 or place in the collection basket in an envelope marked CACPAC Food Pantry. Checks payable to: CACPAC Food Pantry. Questions regarding the food pantry contact: Susan Arner at 610-826-7515.

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. All are invited to attend.

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. Admission is free. Questions contact: 610-433-7413 or 832-304-0677.

Cash Bingo: Next Sunday at 1:00 PM. Cost: \$25. Doors and kitchen open at Noon. Sacred Heart Social Hall, 259 Lafayette Avenue.



**Remember: Daylight Savings Time
Ends this Sunday, November 2 at 2:00
AM.** Set your clock back one hour.

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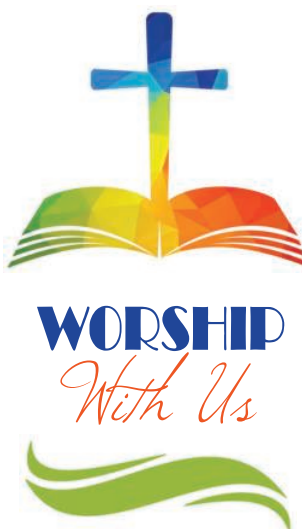
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