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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 23, 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.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	Cass Chies	Sacred Heart Helping Hands	Rectory Office
Altar Servers	Father Mullins	Safety Committee	Jim Matsko
Bereavement Sharers	Olivia Erickson	Catholic Charities:	
Bible Study/Prayer Group/ Prayer Chain	Peg Duell	Tom Miller	610-435-1541 ext. 374
C.A.C.P.A.C.	Sue Steigerwalt / Lori Nemeth	Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator	
Cemetery	Frank Hager	Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC:	800-791-9209
Choir/Music Liaison	Joann Kercsmar	Diocesan Office of Safe Environment Coordinator	
Disability Advocates	Marian Carty	Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S.	610-871-5200, ext. 2204
Funeral Luncheon Committee	Peg Duell	Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services	
High School Ministry	Tricia Matsko	PO Box F, Allentown PA 18105-1538	
Knights of Columbus	Marty DeSousa	prusso@allentowndiocese.org	
Palmerton Festival	Dana Massey	Diocesan Youth Protection Programs	
Pro Life Coordinator	Jerome Scarpati	www.allentowndiocese.org/the-diocese/youth-protection/	
	Veronica Scarpati	Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at: www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.	

November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 22
5:00 PM	Matthew Tobia by family
Sunday	November 23
9:30 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday	November 24
8:30 AM	Justina Tamarez DeJesus by Michael and Marian Carty
Wednesday	November 26
8:30 AM	John Paul Olivia by Michael and Marian Carty
Thursday	November 27 Thanksgiving
8:30 AM	Members of the Memorial Fund
Friday	November 28
8:30 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	November 29
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday	November 30
9:30 AM	John and Cecelia Yanzsa by Pat and John 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. 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.



Sanctuary Candle:

In honor of Father Mullins.

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. **No class this Thursday, due to Thanksgiving.**

The Rectory Office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, December 1, 2025.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

David comes to the summit of royal power, as the uncontested ruler of all Israel. It is a golden age of Old Testament history, with all twelve tribes united under a single king.

Reading II: Colossians 1: 12-20

Our adopted sonship in Christ makes us heirs of all that the Father intends to give us. Words of an ancient hymn extol Christ's supremacy over creation.

The Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Jesus is "anointed" as King on the cross. His pronouncement over the penitent thief shows His divine power present, even as Jesus is nailed to a cross and in His final moments of life.



Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44



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.

A limited supply of St. Joseph Missals are available in the Parish Center for \$5. The Missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, November 30.



Plan to begin your day in thankful praise by joining us for Mass at 8:30 AM.

11/29-11/30	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/J. Uhnak	H. Werner
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/D. O'Neil/C. Wehr(choir)	Gowins



Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. All things come from Him and all things belong to Him. Yet Christ does not horde

this wealth for Himself. Instead, Jesus generously provides what we need that we may reign with Him forever in His heavenly kingdom. From the King comes power, protection, wealth and safety, nourishment and sense of purpose. We are called to give thanks to the King who provides everything for us, He who even shed His Precious Blood for us. At the Last Supper, Jesus Himself offered the most perfect thanksgiving, when He offered the sacrifice of the Mass--"He Himself took bread, and giving (the Father) thanks, He said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to His disciples." We are obliged to give thanks through the Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation based on the Third Commandment. However, we can participate in this wonderful feast of thanksgiving every day. Our daily Masses take place in our chapel (between the Church and Rectory), but this Thursday for Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate Mass in the Church at 8:30 AM. Reminder: We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables to distribute to our brothers and sisters in need. Please place them in or around the bins in the back vestibule. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)

#584 "Why do we say "our" Father?"

"Our" expresses a totally new relationship with God. When we pray to the Father, we adore and glorify him with the Son and the Holy Spirit. In Christ we are "his" people and he is "our" God now and for eternity. In fact, we also say "our" Father because the Church of Christ is the communion of a multitude of brothers and sisters who have but "one heart and mind" (*Acts 4:32*)."

#585 "With what spirit of communion and mission do we pray to God as "our" Father?"

Since praying to "our" Father is a common blessing for the baptized, we feel an urgent summons to join in Jesus' prayer for the unity of his disciples. To pray the "Our Father" is to pray with all people and for all people that they may know the one true God and be gathered into unity."

#586 "What does the phrase "Who art in heaven" mean? This biblical expression does not indicate a place but a way of being: God transcends everything. The expression refers to the majesty, the holiness of God, and also to his presence in the hearts of the just. Heaven, or the Father's house, constitutes our true homeland toward which we are moving in hope while we are still on earth. "Hidden with Christ in God" (*Colossians 3:3*), we live already in this homeland."

Saint of the Week: Clement I of Rome (1st-2nd centuries) was the fourth Pope, and Apostolic Father who died as a martyr. He is credited with one of the letters to the Corinthians, considered the oldest papal document, which deals with the structure and development of the Christian faith, as well as having reinstated Confirmation according to the rite of Saint Peter and the use of the word "Amen" in religious ceremonies. Ancient traditions indicate that the pagan emperor Trajan (53-117) exiled him to Chersonesus (present-day Crimean Peninsula, southern Russia) and he died by drowning after being thrown into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck (c. 101). Pious accounts relate that angels formed a tomb for him underwater, and Saints Cyril and Methodius rescued his remains, transferring them from Russia to Rome. His veneration dates back to the 2nd century when his letter was read during the Liturgy. In the 3rd century, a basilica was dedicated to him on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the house he lived in. In his Letter to the Corinthians, he states: "Repent; let us fix our gaze on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it was in the sight of God, his Father, for, shed for our salvation, it obtained the grace of repentance for the whole world." He is the patron saint of sailors and marble workers (because he was subjected to forced labor in the marble quarries). Feast Day: 23 November.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Arrogance and stubbornness and audacity [belong] to those who are cursed by God; gentleness and humility and meekness with those who are blessed by God."* – St. Clement of Rome.

"If anyone say that he has seen a just man in want of bread, I answer that it was in some place where there was no other just man." – St. Clement of Rome.

Word of the Week: Capuchins – a religious community of men founded in 1525 as a branch of the Franciscan Order. They live vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Its members wear a pointed cowl (*capuche*), with optional sandals and beard. They were one of the most powerful instruments of the Counter-Reformation. Although the severity of the original rule has been mitigated, their life is still austere and they have gained wide respect as popular preachers, confessors and missionaries.

Advent Book – *"The Forgotten Way: The Saint James Master Plan"* by Matthew Kelly. Please take a book home with you today. Books are located behind the last pew in the back of Church. We thank the donor who purchased these books and are FREE to you. Enjoy!

*In Loving
Memory*

May the faithful departed rest in peace.

Shrine of Remembrance: A Special Board of Remembrance listing our deceased parishioners who passed away since November 1, 2024 and their picture are on the Marian Altar. Also, your All Souls Day envelope, with the names of your departed loved ones, are placed at our Shrine of Remembrance. Let us continue to pray for all the souls throughout the month of November.



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.



Ladies next Saturday, November 29, beginning at 6:30 PM is Advent by Candlelight. This is a free event. *If interested in attending the church service only, plan to gather at 7:30 PM in the church*, no reservations needed. Questions call or text Tricia at: 484-633-6510.



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CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE

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Saturday, December 6, 8-10am;
Cost: \$10 adults, \$7 kids, Free under 3. Full Buffett Breakfast—Selfies w/Santa. *Please bring an unwrapped new toy to be distributed to children of families in need.* No stuffed animals please. **NEW: Basket Social 8-4:30pm.** All invited. Open to the Public!

Sacred Heart's Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, November 26 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.



Game Night: Wednesday, 26 November from 6:30–8:00pm in the Parish Hall (Gym). All are welcome to enjoy some fun games, snacks and make new friends.

Sacred Heart Christmas Raffle: \$10/ticket

1st prize: 20 piece Nativity Set (on display in Rectory).

2nd prize: Rubbermaid Bakeware Set.

3rd and 4th prize: \$25 gift card – One Ten Tavern.

All raffle tickets must be returned by **Friday, December 12.** The drawing will be on Sunday, December 14, 3:30 PM (following BINGO). **You need not be present to win.** Please stop by the Rectory to purchase or call: 610-826-2335. Good luck to all!



Last weekend we kicked off our **Annual Advent Giving Tree Program.** Please take a tag and return the tag with your gift *no later than Monday, December 8.* **Help bring Christmas to families in need!**

Weekly Collection

11/22-11/23: In Support of the Parish
 11/29-11/30: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Christmas Flowers
Attendance Goal: 450
 Actual 11/15-11/16: 303

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



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Second Sunday of the month!

Doors and kitchen open 12 Noon.
 Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Cost: \$25.

Sacred Heart Social Hall, 259 Lafayette Avenue.
 \$25 Gift Certificates are available to purchase.

Fun Corner: Some Things for which to be Grateful

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Word Search:

Clothing	Food	Peace
Comfort	God	Sacraments
Faith	Health	Safety
Family	Love	Shelter
Friends	Mercy	Struggles



Help needed, after the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, November 30 to bring in platform for manger scene.



CACPAC is sponsoring the annual Palmerton and Surrounding Area Toy Drive for new toys or gift cards. Donations can be placed in the box located at the entrance to the Parish Center, **by December 11. Please, no used toys or stuffed animals.**

Toy Distribution for all Palmerton Area School District school age children from baby to 16 years old will be on Saturday, December 13 at the Bethany Wesleyan Church on Delaware Avenue. Also, if anyone can help set up the toys on Friday, December 12 and/or help with the distribution on Saturday, December 13 call Susan Arner at 484-522-8899 for details.

High School Ministry is currently selling Sacred Heart Logo Apparel. Place order form and check made payable to Sacred Heart in the collection basket or drop off at the Rectory Office. Items are on display in the front entrance to the Church.



SACRED HEART APPAREL ORDER FORM

Contact Tricia Matsko for order info:
 484-633-6510.

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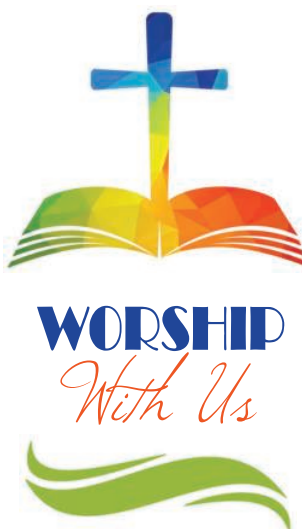
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