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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 30, 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
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

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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 30 – First Sunday Of Advent

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	December 1
8:30 AM	Scott Murphy by Pat and John Woginrich
Wednesday	December 3
8:30 AM	Joe Koma by Jose and Charla Mendes
Thursday	December 4
8:30 AM	Gail Hamm, Mary and Harold Sander, by Rosa, Gary, Sarah and Jessica
Friday	December 5 First Friday
8:30 AM	Living and deceased members of Slovak Catholic Sokols
Saturday	December 6 First Saturday
8:30 AM	Jack Schrader by Kathleen Liggitt and Lori Schrader
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday	December 7
9:30 AM	John "Jack" Porambo by wife and family

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:

Donald Hazzard by daughter Mary

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet sees all nations converging as pilgrims on Jerusalem. At that time, the Lord administered His judgment, which will in turn lead to universal peace.

Reading II: Romans 13:11-14

The time has come for true conversion, as "darkness" (evil) will yield to daylight (goodness). All must then renew their baptismal commitments and put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Seated on Mt. Olivet, Jesus begins His instructions with a reference to Noah and the Great Flood story. He emphasizes our need for preparedness. It determines who will be spared and who will be lost. He adds a command to "Watch, therefore, for Christ's coming. For us, here and now, He comes in the Holy Eucharist. For us and all the world, His second Coming will be on the Day of Judgment and the end of history.



Monday:	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 18 Rom 15:4-10 Mt 3:1-13

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



December 5, 2025

4:00-7:00 PM.

Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.



Continue to pray for all Priests, Deacons and Seminarians.

"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.

12/6-12/7	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/J. Kralik	H. Werner
9:30 AM	L. Koons	Fr. Mullins/T. Gades/C. Wehr(choir)	G. Buck/C. Davis



On this first Sunday of Advent, we bring out the Advent Candles to provide light in the darkness. The first purple (or violet) candle is lit. This is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah. The clergy wear darker vestments to signify penance deep in our hearts and hope for new life. The sanctuary is stripped bare of flowers and decorations, longing for the celebration of new life when Christ comes. May we not slumber during this Advent; instead, may we use this time to establish deeper roots of prayer and penance such that we may burst forth with great fruit when Christ comes again in glory.



Our parish has an Advent Giving Tree in the Church with various tags identifying what the various agencies are requesting for the poor. Purchase the item and bring it back with your tag to put under the tree **no later than Monday, December 8**. Thanks for your generosity and for being a shining light in the midst of our cold and dark world.

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) **#587 "What is the structure of the Lord's Prayer?"**

It contains seven petitions made to God the Father. The first three, more God-centered, draw us toward him for his glory; it is characteristic of love to think first of the beloved. These petitions suggest in particular what we ought to ask of him: the sanctification of his Name, the coming of his Kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will. The last four petitions present to the Father of mercies our wretchedness and our expectations. They ask him to feed us, to forgive us, to sustain us in temptations, and to free us from the Evil One."

#588 "What does "Hallowed be thy Name" mean?"

To hallow or make holy the Name of God is above all a prayer of praise that acknowledges God as holy. In fact, God revealed his holy Name to Moses and wanted *his* people to be consecrated for him as a holy nation in which he would dwell."

Advent Confession Schedule

Please don't put your Advent Confession as one of the last things on your to do list; rather, give it a priority! ***Advent Confessions with multiple Priests are scheduled as follows:***

Tuesday, December 16 @ 6:00 PM

St. Nicholas, Walnutport
4412 Mountain View Drive

Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton
243 Lafayette Avenue

Saturday, December 20 @ 11:00 AM

Assumption BVM, Slatington
649 Washington Street

HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation:

Monday, 12/8/25: 8:30 AM, 12:00 and 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve 12/24: 4:00 and 6:30 PM

Christmas Day 12/25: 9:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation:

Eve 12/31/25: 5:00 PM

Day 1/1/26: 9:30 AM

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.

Word of the Week: Cardinal – members of the Sacred College appointed by the Pope to assist and advise him in the government of the Church. The names of newly created cardinals are usually announced at a papal consistory. They may wear a specially designed red hat and cassock. In the case of sede vacante, where a Pope dies or retires, the cardinals are the ones who elect a new pope. The Code of Canon Law, promulgated in 1918, decreed that all cardinals must be priests. In 1962, Pope John XXIII provided that they should all be bishops.

Saint Quote of the Week: "We have found the Messiah!" – St. Andrew.

"O cross, most welcome and longed for... with a willing mind, joyfully and desirously I come to you." – St. Andrew.

Saint of the Week: Andrew (c. 60) was an Apostle and martyr. The information we have about him is found in the Gospels. A native of Bethsaida in Galilee, he was the older brother of Simon—named Peter by Jesus—as indicated by Matthew (10:2) and John (1:40). He was the first one recruited by Christ to form what would become the group of the Twelve. Matthew (16:17) and John (1:42) state that he was the son of Jonah or John. Regarding his occupation, Matthew (4:18) and Mark (1:16) say that he and his brother were fishermen. Likewise, John (1:35-40) identifies him as a disciple of John the Baptist, through whom he and Simon came into contact with Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew (Mt 4:18-19) recounts the moment of their selection as Apostles: As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. *"Come, follow me,"* Jesus said, *"and I will send you out to fish for people."* It is believed that he spread the Word throughout Eastern Europe (Greece, Asia Minor, etc.). He was crucified by order of the Roman governor Aegeas in Patras, Greece. The Golden Legend (13th century) recounts that, in order to prolong his martyrdom, the Apostle was not nailed to the cross but tied to an X-shaped cross—also called the Crux Decussata (saltyra) or Cross of Saint Andrew—and that he remained on it for two days preaching the Gospel. His relics are venerated in the Basilica at the site of his martyrdom. He is the patron saint of Greece, Russia, and various other regions. He is also invoked as a protector against dysentery or "Saint Andrew's disease," gout, stiff neck, and cramps. Feast Day: 30 November.



Parish Registration: New to our Parish? Please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335 to register.

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.



Volunteers Needed!

Help needed after Sunday's 9:30 AM Mass this weekend to bring in platform for manger scene.

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

Advent Book: There are still some books left! Take and read a free book, *"The Forgotten Way: The Saint James Master Plan"* by Matthew Kelly. (located behind the last pew in the back of Church).



The Feast of St. Nicholas is Saturday, December 6. St. Nicholas will be visiting our Parish, during the Masses, next weekend with a treat for children (up to age 12). **Children should leave one shoe** by the Christmas Tree in the Main Vestibule of the Church before Mass. Don't forget to pick up your shoe after Mass and see what treat you can take home.

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!



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.



SJNRS will be hosting on Saturday, December 6, in our school gym. Cost: \$10 adults, \$7 kids, Free under 3, from 8-10am. 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!

Weekly Collection

11/29-11/30: In Support of the Parish

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

12/6-12/7: In Support of the Parish



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

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

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Offer your support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You should have received your request letter in the mail. If not or for more info visit the website at: www.weloveourpriests.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Annual Holiday Toy Drive 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.

Volunteers Needed to Help Homeless. To learn more, register and attend one of the following workshops at the Lehighon Library, 124 North Street, Lehighon on Tuesday, 12/02 at 1:15 PM or Thursday, 12/04 at 1:15PM or Thursday, 12/11 at 5:30PM. To register for the workshop, please email: info@lehighoncoldweatherstation.org.

SJNRS Christmas Flower Sale, deadline to order is this Saturday, November 29. Call the school for details at: 610-826-2354 if you would like to place an order.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR
Lord Jesus Christ!

Fun Corner:

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Word Search:

Advent Coming Rose Wreath
Candles Prepare Violet

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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