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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**

December 7, 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>
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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Cemetery
Choir/Music Liaison
Disability Advocates
Funeral Luncheon Committee
High School Ministry
Knights of Columbus
Palmerton Festival

Pro Life Coordinator

Cass Chies
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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

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Allegations of abuse against a Bishop, contact Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at:
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call: 1-800-276-1562.

December 7 – Second Sunday Of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8:30 AM	December 6 First Saturday Jack Schrader by Kathleen Liggitt and Lori Schrader
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Sunday 9:30 AM	December 7 John "Jack" Porambo by wife and family
Monday 8:30 AM Noon: 7:00 PM	December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation) Marianne Berk by husband George Andy Krawchuk by Koma family Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Wednesday 8:30 AM	December 10 George and Jean Halmi by Debbie
Thursday 8:30 AM	December 11 Donald Hazzard by daughter Mary
Friday 8:30 AM	December 12 Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Saturday 5:00 PM	December 13 Dick and Arlene Heiney by daughter Debbie
Sunday 9:30 AM	December 14 Andrew Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice

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.

Marian Altar:

Andrew and Irene Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice.

Marianne Berk by husband George.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

This is the clearest of Isaiah's messianic visions: The coming of an ideal Davidic king, who brings justice and peace to the world.

Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Paul counts himself among the strong Christians set free from Mosaic rules. Christ followed His Father's will. Israel's Scriptures (the Old Testament) remain essential to the life and liturgy of the Church.

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist is the forerunner of the Messiah, and here, in verse 2, is the overarching theme of Matthew's whole gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." These words appear 32 times in the Gospel.



Monday:	Gen 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Come Adore Him . . . During Advent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday:

**December 12 and
December 19**
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.



Congratulations to Travis and Troy Herrmann on their Baptism on 23 November, 2025.

12/13-12/14	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	P. Duell	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	M/N Cuyer
9:30 AM	J. Dobias	Fr. Mullins/D. Klitsch/L. Koons (choir)	Gowins



Advent means "Coming". It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. During this time, we celebrate how God prepared the way for His Son's coming through the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the moment of conception, in the womb of her mother Saint Ann, God

protected Mary from every stain of sin. She is the immaculate dwelling place prepared for the Christ child.

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating this mysterious miracle of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our country is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception and so it is always of obligation for us. However, because Sunday of Advent has precedence, there will be no vigil Mass for this Holy Day. Instead, we will have three Masses on the actual day to make it convenient for all.

Masses for Holy Day of Obligation: December 8th @ 8:30am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm.

We too are called to be immaculate dwelling places for our Lord; unlike the Blessed Mother however, we need to confess our sins. To make it more convenient for others to wash away their sins this Advent and prepare the way for the Lord, there will be multiple confessors at the following local Catholic churches **for Advent Confessions:**

St Nicholas Church (4412 Mountain View Drive, Walnutport) on Tuesday, December 16th @ 6:00pm.

Sacred Heart Church (243 Lafayette Ave, Palmerton) on Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:00pm.

Assumption BVM Church (649 W. Washington St, Slatington) on Saturday, December 20th @ 11am



Christmas Eve 12/24:
4:00 and 6:30 PM
Christmas Day 12/25: 9:30 AM
Solemnity of Mary
Eve 12/31/25: 5:00 PM
Day 1/1/26: 9:30 AM

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) **#589 "How is the Name of God made holy in us and in the world?"**

To make holy the Name of God, who calls us "to holiness" (*1 Thessalonians 4:7*) is to desire that our baptismal consecration animate our whole life. In addition, it is to ask – with our lives and our prayers – that the Name of God be known and blessed by every man."

#590 "What does the Church ask for when she prays "Thy Kingdom come"?"

The Church prays for the final coming of the Kingdom of God through Christ's return in glory. The Church prays also that the Kingdom of God increase from now on through people's sanctification in the Spirit and through their commitment to the service of justice and peace in keeping with the Beatitudes. This petition is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus" (*Revelation 22:20*)."

Word of the Week: Cardinal Virtues - the four principal virtues of human morality, to which all other virtues are necessarily related. These four central virtues are Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude. For example, Chastity is a species of Temperance; Truthfulness is an aspect of Justice; Foresight is needed for Prudence and Patience is needed for Fortitude.

Saint of the Week: Ambrose (340-397 AD), the son of a Roman official in Gaul, was practicing law in Rome when the emperor appointed him governor of the province whose capital was Milan. When that church became vacant, Ambrose was elected bishop by acclamation. A catechumen like many of his people, Ambrose was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on the same day, December 7, 374. He fought against paganism and the Arian heresy, publicly challenged rulers in the Western and Eastern empires, defended hymns as a form of praise, wrote theological treatises, and was beloved by his people for his generosity and approachability. He also baptized Saint Augustine. One of the four Doctors of the Latin Church, Ambrose is the patron saint of catechumens. Feast Day: 7 December.

Saint Quote of the Week: "Let your door stand open to receive the Lord, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light." - St. Ambrose of Milan.



Giving Tree Gifts are due this **Monday, December 8.** Please return your gift(s) with

the tag on the package and place it under the tree. Thank you to all who participated. These gifts bring light and hope to those in need.



Next weekend, December 13/14, is "Bambinelli Sunday". Please place your Baby Jesus figure from your Manger on the

Altar rail when you arrive. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Mullins will bless each Baby Jesus figure. Display your family Christmas Manger in a place where all can view it during the Christmas season.



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.

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

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available in the Parish Center for \$3.00/pack (six wafers per pack).

An Ecumenical Advent Service at "Little White Church:" This Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Collection

12/6-12/7: In Support of the Parish
12/13-12/14: In Support of the Parish
Second Collection: Retirement for Religious
Attendance Goal: 450
 Actual 11/22-11/23: 357
 Actual 11/29-11/30: 352



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

Special Second Collection next weekend is for the Retired and Elderly Religious. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—engaged in ministry for little pay. Any surplus income was reinvested in their ministries, including Catholic schools and hospitals. As a result, today, hundreds of religious communities lack adequate retirement savings to care for the aging members of their communities. I thank you for supporting these servants of the Lord with your prayers and financial generosity.

Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown.

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. Visit the website at: www.weloveourpriests.org for details. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



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



Children . . . Don't forget to leave one shoe by the Christmas Tree in the Main Vestibule of the Church before Mass today! **St. Nicholas** will be visiting our Parish, during the Masses with a treat for children (up to age 12). 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!



Next Sunday, December 14! 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.

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. 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.

SS Peter and Paul Christmas Festival Lehighton: Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 7, 9:00 AM – Noon. Basket Raffle, Food Sale and Bake Sale.

SS Peter and Paul's "SVDP" is planning a LIVE NATIVITY at the Lehighton Amphitheater on Saturday, December 20, from 4 to 6 PM. They need young people to participate as shepherds, the Magi, the Holy Family, and an "angel" choir. Also needed are children volunteers, especially those who are able and comfortable singing. Please contact Esther Meier at: 570-657-6738.

Save the date: All are invited to attend the closing celebration for the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, December 28 at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. 2:00 PM will be a choral presentation, The Sacrament of Penance will also be available from 2-3pm. The closing Mass will be at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop Schlert.

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.



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

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Color: Black only	Sizes: M – XL
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As we journey through Advent, may each of us commit ourselves to preparing for Christmas. A few things to do to keep your focus on Christ:

- Light the candles each day on your family Advent Wreath.
- Use the greeting "Merry Christmas" instead of Happy Holidays.
- Purchase religious Christmas cards that remind your recipients of the fact you seek God's blessing upon them this season.
- Purchase religious Christmas stamps for your mailings.
- Prominently display your Nativity set in your home or with your outdoor decorations.
- Add an extra Mass or family prayer to your spiritual preparations.
- Stay focused—remembering:

Jesus is the reason for the Season.

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