

# Sacred Heart Church

Religious Education Office  
243 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071  
(610)-826-2335

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Sacred Heart's PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)!

PREP for the 2026-2027 term is open for registration for students going into 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in the fall of this year. Please note: we reserve the right to start your child in a lower Level based on previous PREP Level completed and/or evaluation. PREP classes will be held on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass from **10:30am – 11:45am** in the school, and run from **September – May**. The program is for students who do not receive Religious Education as part of their daily class subjects in school. This year classes will begin on September 20, 2026 and finish on May 16, 2027. \* **Confirmation classes for Level 8** students will begin on **August 2, 2026**

Registration Fees are as follows: \$80 for one child; \$130 for two children; \$150 for three or more children. Also, a Sacramental fee of \$25 is due at time of registration for any child receiving a Sacrament (1<sup>st</sup> Penance and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, or Confirmation). These fees help us to buy the materials and resources we need to bring the faith of the Church to your sons and daughters. All fees are due at time of registration.

Enclosed in this packet you will find the PREP calendar with extra information on Sacramental parent meetings and dates of the Sacraments, and a lot of other events. Please, keep this calendar on your refrigerator, or place it in an area where it will be seen. Also enclosed, you will find all the registration paperwork that needs to be filled out and returned to the Religious Ed. Office; for your convenience you may place it in the collection basket at Mass addressed Attn: PREP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office, or email me at [shccre@ptd.net](mailto:shccre@ptd.net)

Absenteeism is a constant concern and we understand that life and schedules are in constant flux, but it's very important that your child(ren) attend class. It will be your responsibility to coordinate with your child's teacher to make up any missed work. We will work with you to make sure your child(ren) receives the proper Catholic education they need.

The safety and security of our staff and students are our utmost concern. It's important your child(ren) arrive to PREP before 10:30am, after this time the door will be back-locked and you will not be able to enter the building from the outside.

A Catholic School education is always available. Scholarships are available to Saint John Neumann Regional School. For information or to apply, you're invited to call (610) 826-2354.

We look forward to working with you and your children in the new term as we bring the message of Jesus Christ to the world.

God Bless,

*Steve Uhnak*

Steven J. Uhnak  
Coordinator of Religious Education  
Sacred Heart Church

*Fr. Michael Mullins*

Rev. Michael E. Mullins, Pastor  
Sacred Heart Church, Palmerton

# 2026-2027 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Calendar

PREP Classes will occur every Sunday from 10:30am – 11:45am from Sept 20, 2026 – May 16, 2027. Children are also expected to fulfill their Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations.

**Exceptions:** On the following Sundays, there will be **NO** class, but there is still a requirement to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation:

Sunday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Columbus Day weekend

Sunday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Thanksgiving weekend

Sunday, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Christmas Vacation

Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Dr. Martin Luther King weekend

Sunday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Presidents Day weekend

Sunday, March 21<sup>th</sup> & March 28<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Palm Sunday and Easter

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Mother's Day weekend

## **Special Extra Date for Parents of Children receiving Sacraments:**

\*\*Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Parent Meeting for Confirmation @ 7pm in Church

\*\*October 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 Confirmation at Sacred Heart. Confirmation Retreat: TBA

\*\*Tuesday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 – Parents Meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Penance @ 7pm in Church

\*\*Saturday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Penance @ 10:00am in Church

\*\*Tuesday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 2027 – Parent Meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion @ 7pm in Church

\*\*Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2027 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat @ 9:30–11:30am in Parish Center

\*\*Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2027 – 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during 9:30am Mass

## **Holy Days of Obligation Masses: (Mass Times are Subject to Change)**

\*Every Sunday: Vigil Mass (Sat.) 5:00pm and Sundays 9:30am

*Immaculate Conception* Tuesday Dec 8, 2026: Monday 5pm; Tuesday 8:30am & 7:00pm

*Christmas* Friday Dec 25, 2026: Eve (Thur) 4:00pm & 7:00pm; Day (Fri) 9:30am

*Mary, The Mother of God* Friday Jan 1, 2027: Vigil (Thur) 5:00pm; Friday 8:30am & 7:00pm

*Ash Wednesday* Feb 10, 2027: 8:30am; 12noon (Service of the Word with ashes); 7pm

*Easter Sunday* March 28, 2027: Vigil (Sat) 8pm; Sunday 9:30am

## **Regular Confession Times:**

Mon, Wed – Fri from 7am to 8am; Sat from 4pm – 4:45pm;

First Fridays from 6pm -7pm

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month from 4pm to 7pm in church

## **Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm; Stations can be prayed all year when the church is open or at home.

## **Recitation of the Rosary:**

Before each weekend Mass during the months of October and May, or as a family at home anytime.

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PREP Program – Religious Education Registration  
243 Lafayette Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071

Term: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Both Parents Catholic: Yes / No

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the Primary contact person in the family for all information coming from the Religious Ed Office?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILD #1 INFORMATION

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic?** Yes / No

Gender:  Male  Female

**Sacrament Details :** Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs** (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

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**NOTE:** If any of your children were baptized outside of this parish, and you have not already supplied us with a copy of each child's baptismal record, you will need to supply one for our files.

Tuition Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sacramental: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILD #2 INFORMATION

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender:  Male  Female

**Sacrament Details :** Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

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## CHILD #3 INFORMATION

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender:  Male  Female

**Sacrament Details :** Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

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## CHILD #4 INFORMATION

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic? Yes / No

Gender:  Male  Female

**Sacrament Details :** Check all that apply, Date, and Where

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharist: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (Medical, Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, etc.):

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## ***Student/Youth Emergency Information and Procedure Form***

(Please Print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Person with whom student is Living: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of illness, accident or emergency to the student named above, the ***Diocese of Allentown*** and its representatives are authorized to proceed as indicated below. Please, thoroughly complete the following information, and number each item in the order of desired action you wish us to take, e.g. 1, 2, 3, etc.

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If above CANNOT be located, Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Take Student to the nearest Emergency Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

Date of last Tetanus immunization or Booster Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student presently on any medications?  Yes  No

If yes, state the name(s), dosage(s), reason for the medication, and prescribing physician:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please note any injuries, recent surgery, prolonged illness, corrective lenses, or special health problems. Listing these would help emergency personnel care for your child in an emergency situation, and will help us to give special attention:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Diocese of Allentown and its representatives to use their judgement in determining emergency care and procedures for my child. I also understand and agree that the Diocese assumes no financial obligation for expenses incurred in carrying out emergency procedures and/or emergency transportation.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# PREP Dismissal Procedures

**My Child/Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

May walk home

May be picked up by the following people:

**NAME**

**RELATIONSHIP**

**PHONE#**

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\*Please notify your child's teacher if other arrangements for pick-up are made that are not listed or provided here. Thank you.

**Sacred Heart  
Parish Religious Education Program  
Palmerton, PA**

Dear Parents,

On Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 we will teach the Child Protection Catechesis Curriculum, mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. This curriculum, known as Circle of Grace must be taught every year in the classroom or at home.

Please read the next page carefully. If you **DO NOT** wish your child(ren) to be taught the material in class, please fill out the bottom portion of the next page and return it to your child's teacher. The form needs to be returned to us by Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you choose to opt-out of the classroom setting for your child(ren) or your child is absent, then you will be given online instructions for you to teach and complete at home.

Thank you for continuing to place your trust in us as we uphold the faith and moral teachings of the Church.

God Bless,

*Steven Uhnak*

Steven J Uhnak  
Coordinator of Religious Education  
Sacred Heart Church  
Palmerton, PA

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Parish Religious Education Program  
Palmerton, PA**

Dear Parents,

Each year, Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Diocese of Allentown teach the Child Protection Catechesis Curriculum mandated by the *Charter for the Protection for Children and Young People* passed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The material in this curriculum has been prepared in light of our faith and in accordance with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of the program is to help children improve self-reliance, raise self-esteem and master personal safety skills – all while reassuring them that most people are kind, safe and committed to their well-being. Students learn to identify specific signs and behaviors often used by predators.

You as a parent are the primary educator of your child. If you have concerns as to whether this material is appropriate for your child, we can provide a link for you to view the material. You may also attend the session, simply make arrangements with me ahead of time and I will alert their teacher(s).

Again, if you do choose the opt-out decision, or your child is absent then you must teach the curriculum at home and hand in any completed work.

The Child Protection Catechesis will be taught in PREP on **Sunday Oct 25, 2026**

We thank you for continuing to place your trust in us as we seek to work with you and your child in partnership.

**Any parent who does NOT want their child(ren) in class while the Child Protection Catechesis is being taught is asked to complete, sign, and cut along the line and return the bottom of this form to your child's PREP teacher. We will work with you to receive materials you will need to cover this at home.**

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**We do NOT want our child to participate in the Child Protection Catechesis Program**

**Name of Family** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Children and Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_