



# April 21– Fourth Sunday Of Easter

## MASS Intentions

- Saturday 5:00 PM (April 20):** Ludevit and Helen Uhanck by daughter Helen Haja and family
- Sunday 9:30 AM (April 21):** Ethel DeSousa by children
- Monday 8:30 AM (April 22):** Ethel DeSousa by Joann and Joe Kercksmar
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (April 24):** Gloria and Antonio Amorim by son Jose Amorim and family
- Thursday 8:30 AM (April 25):** Parishioners of Sacred Heart
- Friday 8:30 AM (April 26):** Casimiro Fernandes by sister Lourdes and family
- Saturday 5:00 PM (April 27):** Mary Sander by Isolina Mendes
- Sunday 9:30 AM (April 28):** Antonia and Edward Janco by 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**  
**Confessions also by appointment, please call the Rectory Office.**

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. This obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.



*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.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12

Peter's first discourse is more like an "apologia" than a sermon. In it, Peter answers the Sanhedrin's question directly.

### Reading II: 1 John 3: 1-2

By way of the Paschal mystery, we have truly become the children of God.

### The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

In this section, "good" really means "noble" or "ideal" and not just "good at" something or other. Unlike bad shepherds, who allow the sheep to be eaten by wolves, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



### Sanctuary Candle

*Manuel Amorim* by  
*Susana Barrows*

### Marian Altar (2)

*Ethel DeSousa* by Joann

### St. Joseph Altar (2)

*Health of Terry O'Neil* by wife

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



### *Every First Friday of the Month.*

Come spend quiet time with Jesus. **Anytime between 4:00 – 7:00 PM.** All are welcome to stop by for a few minutes, an hour or for however long you are able. Father Mullins is also available for Confessions from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar now for May 3.



The physical, spiritual and mental health and development of children is the responsibility of their parents. How amazing to

hear from the second reading today, "Beloved, we are God's children now." At times, parents entrust the care of their children to others: such as babysitters, teachers, coaches and doctors. These figures are given the authority but also the responsibility of caring for the children on behalf of the parents. In a similar manner, God has appointed bishops to care for His children. The diocesan Bishop is called to serve as the chief teacher, sanctifier, and shepherd of God's people. Much power and authority is given to him, not for himself, but so that he can be a servant to God's flock entrusted to him. Because a bishop serves a sacred and vital role, the Sacred Scriptures reveal critical requirements for those who receive this office: (1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).

We are truly blessed to have the Most Reverend Alfred Schlert as our bishop. One can easily see he serves God's children through the various social media of our diocese: our diocesan website at: [www.AllentownDiocese.org](http://www.AllentownDiocese.org); our diocesan news website at: [www.AD-Today.com](http://www.AD-Today.com); our diocesan Facebook page at: [Facebook.com/DioceseOfAllentown](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfAllentown); and the annual diocesan mission campaign located at: [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Among the activities he has done for God's children is he recently celebrated Mass at the Cathedral for all the Altar Servers throughout the diocese. In May, he will ordain a young man to the diaconate and in June, he will ordain five young men to the priesthood to serve in our diocese.

We at Sacred Heart parish are especially blessed because Bishop Schlert will be coming to celebrate Mass for us and our school children this week! On **Thursday, April 25th** at 8:30 AM, all are welcome to celebrate Mass with our Bishop and then have a little social and pictures with him in our parish center.

**BINGO:** Thanks to all who made our Bingo fundraiser last Sunday a great success! We gave out prizes of \$40 for regular games and \$60 for special games, and the 50/50 Bingo game gave out a prize of \$113! As we get more players, the prizes will increase. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers: ***we will have Bingo every Second Sunday of the month!***

## **Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC)**

### **#335 "What are the effects of the sacrament of Holy Orders?"**

This sacrament yields a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit which configures the recipient to Christ in his triple office as Priest, Prophet and King according to the respective degrees of the sacrament. Ordination confers an indelible spiritual character and therefore cannot be repeated or conferred for a limited time."

### **#336 "With what authority is the priestly ministry exercised?"**

Ordained priests in the exercise of their sacred ministry speak and act not on their own authority, nor even by mandate or delegation of the community, but rather in the Person of Christ the Head and in the name of the Church. Therefore, the ministerial priesthood differs essentially and not just in degree from the priesthood common to all the faithful for whose service Christ instituted it."

**Word of the Week: Apollos** - an Alexandrian Jew mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as an enthusiastic convert whose eloquence in Ephesus and Achaea won a great following. His continued success in preaching Christ in Corinth created a problem for St. Paul on his arrival. He was disturbed to learn that Christian cliques were forming, each responding to the personal appeal of different disciples. Paul's emphasis on the importance of unity is instructive (Acts 18:24-28): "It is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all those slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas,' 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parceled out?" (I Corinthians 1:11-12). And again a short time later: "What could be more unspiritual than your slogans, 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos?' After all, what is Apollos and what is Paul? They are servants who brought the faith to you" (I Corinthians 3:4-5).

**Saint Quote of the Week:** *"A single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death."* - Saint Anselm of Canterbury.

*"No one will have any other desire in heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of each and every one will also be the desire of God."* - Saint Anselm.

**Saint of the Week: Anselm** (c. 1033 – 1109) This learned young Italian wanted to become a monk, but his father's disapproval led him to a secular life that he later described as dissipated. After his mother died, he moved to France to continue his studies with his family. In 1060 he joined the Benedictines at Bec in Normandy, and in 1078 he was elected abbot, which involved him increasingly in civil and ecclesiastical affairs in France and England. In 1093 he became Archbishop of Canterbury, a position he held until his death. During his rule, Canterbury became the primary seat of England, but Anselm was twice exiled for conflicts with English monarchs. He wrote a systematic study of Christian beliefs and many letters to his beloved monks. He is a doctor of the church. Feast day: 21 April.



**Are you new to the area?** If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please contact the Parish 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:

1. Fully Initiated (received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.)
2. Minimally 16 years of age.
3. Attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
4. In a valid marriage, if married.
5. Supporting your Church.



**It is time for us to spring clean our database!! Parishioners**—please contact the Rectory Office by email at: [shpmtn@ptd.net](mailto:shpmtn@ptd.net) or phone at:

610-826-2335 with change of address, phone number, email, change in household, etc.

**Thanks for helping us keep our records accurate.**

**Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025.** Cost: \$5,499.00 per person. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa at: [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



**4/20-4/21** In Support of the Parish

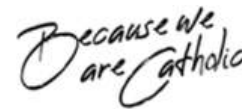
**4/27-4/28:** In Support of the Parish

**Attendance Weekly Goal:** 450

**Actual 4/13-14:** 291



Visit our parish website to sign up for online giving at: [www.shcpalmerton.org](http://www.shcpalmerton.org) with "MyEoffering." Call Sandy with questions at: 610-826-2335.



**2024 Because We Are Catholic Appeal, (BWAC) is Underway.**

**This Thursday, April 25, join**

**us as we welcome Bishop Schlert to celebrate our daily Mass at 8:30 AM.** Take a moment to visit the

website at: [becausewearecatholic.org](http://becausewearecatholic.org) to watch the **BWAC Kick Off video** to learn more about the

program and where the donations are going. Thank you to every generous person who has given to the

**BWAC Appeal.** Every penny helps those in need.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$3.6 million to support community programs, senior services, retired priests, vocation efforts, parish projects, Catholic schools and more. These efforts cannot take

place without funds from the Appeal. **Our Parish Goal is \$22,196.** The Diocesan Stewardship and

Development Office thanks you for your continued support of this important campaign and is counting

on your support for this year. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the

mail or visit the Appeal's website at: [becausewearecatholic.org](http://becausewearecatholic.org) or call the Appeal Office

at: 800-831-4443.

**Help to reengage Catholics** who have fallen away from the faith by simply extending an invitation to

them to come with you to Confession, Mass or Adoration. This simple gesture may be all it takes to

welcome back a person who has been away. Don't be surprised at the positive response you may

receive.



**Then Jesus spoke to them, saying**

**"I am the light of the world;**

**He who follows Me will not walk**

**In darkness but will have**

**The light of life."**

**John 8:12**

## MOTHER'S DAY CASH BINGO



*Sunday, May 12*  
*Doors open 12 Noon*  
*Bingo starts 1:00 PM*

Cost: \$25 includes Regular BINGO, specials and door prize ticket. All Mothers will receive an extra door prize ticket. To purchase your tickets in advance please call the Rectory Office at: 610-826-2335.



*Thank you* to all who came out and dropped off your items for our Flea Market recently.

Continue to save your treasures for us. Another drop-off date we will be scheduled shortly. Check upcoming bulletin for the date. **NOTE: We will NOT BE ACCEPTING:** mugs, glasses, single dishes, stuffed animals, men's suits and electronics. **We will ACCEPT:** *books, puzzles, craft items, clothing, Christmas and kitchen items, jewelry, purses, CD's, DVD's and gift cards.* If possible, please place your donated items in boxes.

This is a big event and volunteers are needed in many areas. It is a wonderful way to meet people from the Parish. Volunteer opportunities include helping to get donations ready to sell, set-up gym, clean-up afterwards, kitchen help, raffles, and various other ways to get involved. Questions, please contact Bernice Borowski at: 610-392-0625 between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Our Flea Market Fundraiser is scheduled for June 21 through June 23, 2024.

**Diocese of Allentown Chess Tournament**  
**9:30 AM check-in. 10:30 AM matches begin.**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
**St. Elizabeth Regional School (gym entrance)**  
**433 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall**

All Chess Club Members or CYO eligible Chess Players in Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited. Registration fee \$4.00. Checks payable to District 2 CYO. RSVP to Mrs. Georgia Mock at: [ghodyl@hotmail.com](mailto:ghodyl@hotmail.com). Provide participant names and grades, parent contact info (email and phone) by May 3, 2024.



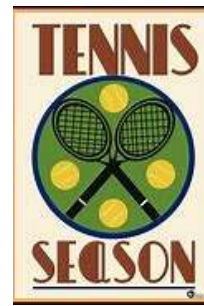
**SJNRS announces New Pre-K Program** for the Fall (2024-2025).

All children who will be 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024 are eligible to enroll. Students will have the option to attend full or half days. Enroll today call: 610-826-2354.

**Consider giving your child the gift of a catholic education.** SJNRS is accepting applications for 2024-2025 school year for Grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dr. Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354 or email: [office.sjnrschool@gmail.com](mailto:office.sjnrschool@gmail.com) for details.

**Dine and Donate: Help SJNRS earn 15% back at PJ Whelihan's (Platz's) located at 101 North Harranty Road, Lehighton on Thursday, April 25.** All you need to do is **mention St. John Neumann Regional School Palmerton** when you place your dine in or take out order. SJNRS will receive a percentage back from your order. **Bon appétit!**

**Save the date for SJNRS 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Raffle April 27 & 28 in our Social Hall.** Great prizes, food and baked goods available. Ticket Cost \$5/sheet or \$20/5 sheets. Questions, contact Pam Keer at [pamkeer@yahoo.com](mailto:pamkeer@yahoo.com) or phone at: 610-657-7850 or Dana Massey at 484-725-8378.



**CYO Tennis for grades 4-8, practice Saturday mornings 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at Tamaqua Area High School beginning May 4.** \$20 registration fee. For details, please contact Carolyn Gowin at: [carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com) or phone at: 610-751-3744 as soon as possible.

**CYO MASS and AWARDS BANQUET** for participating students and families is planned for Sunday, May 19 at SS Peter and Paul, Lehighton at 10:00 AM.

**For more info on an event** or if you are interested in being involved with CYO, please contact **Carolyn Gowin at: [carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.L.gowin@gmail.com) or phone at: 610-751-3744.**

**Mother - Daughter Tea: Next Sunday, April 28,** from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Allentown. Mother and daughters, ages 9 to 13, are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of femininity. The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style. Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included. Register at: [allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407).



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