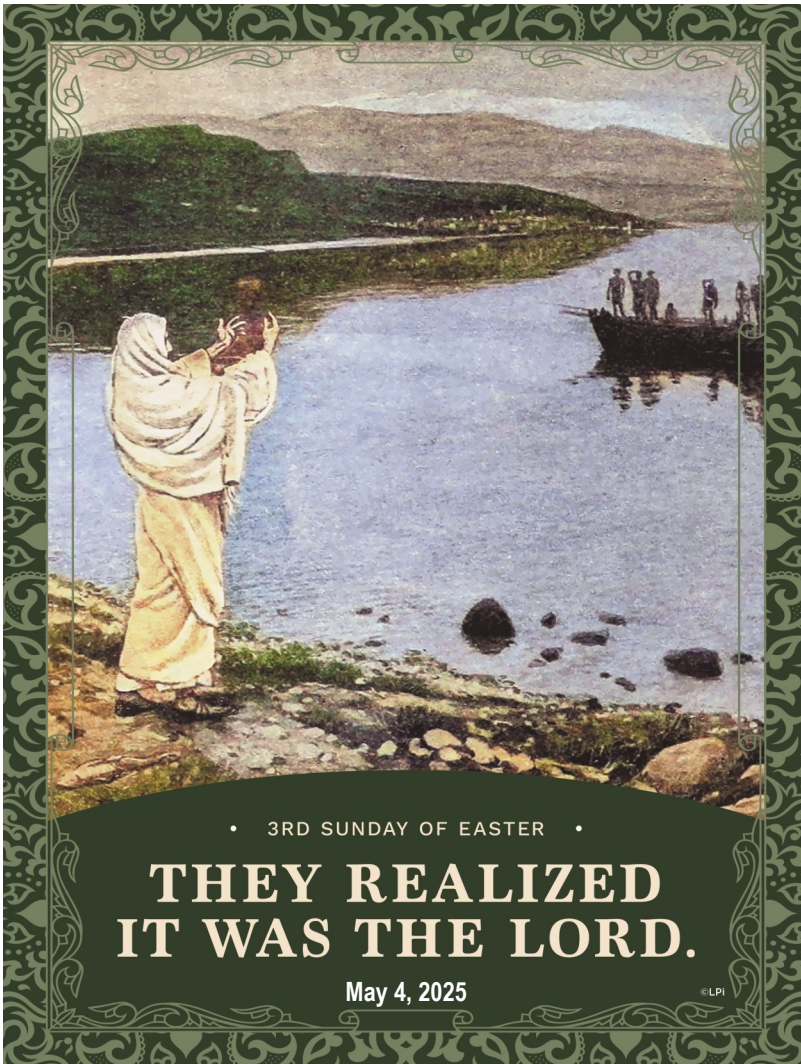




St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Pastor: Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.
Administrative Assistant: Gina Smith



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)

Psalms — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

Second Reading — "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."
(Rv 5:13)

Gospel — Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.
(Jn 21:5-6)

Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107

E-mail: stnick11@ptd.net

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)

610-826-2354

PREP:

Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA
Secretary for Youth Protection
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

1-800-276-1562
www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction: 6:30 PM

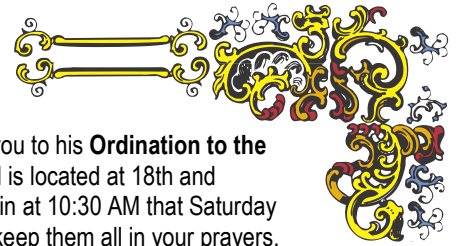
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

Our seminarian **Tyler Davis** has asked me to extend a **SPECIAL INVITATION** to all of you to his **Ordination to the Diaconate** on Saturday 17 May at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. The Cathedral is located at 18th and Turner Streets and parking is available at the Allentown Fairgrounds. The ordination Mass will begin at 10:30 AM that Saturday morning. There are to be six men ordained that morning. What a blessing to our Diocese! Please keep them all in your prayers.

The **Cardinals** of the Church have set the date for the **Conclave** to elect a new pope. The Conclave will begin on May 7th and it will conclude when a new pope is elected. This time we are in without a pope is described as both a time of "sede-vacante", meaning the "chair is empty", that is the Chair of Peter and a time of "inter-regnum", meaning "between reigns" of a pope. Since the pope has supreme executive, legislative and judicial power over the whole Church his tenure is called his reign. When a pope dies or abdicates, the cardinals begin to meet every day to oversee the day to day running of the Church, though they may make no decisions that are reserved for a pope to make, such as defining Church doctrine. One of the first things they decide is the date the Conclave begins, which is to happen 15-20 days from the Chair of Peter being vacant. These daily meetings are called congregations and will cease once the conclave begins.

The word conclave means to lock with a key, and is used to describe the meeting of the cardinals to elect a new pope because each day they meet the dean of the College of Cardinals will lock them in the Sistine Chapel.

The conclave will be preceded by a solemn Mass, attended by the Cardinal electors. In the afternoon, the Cardinal electors proceed in a solemn procession to the Sistine Chapel, where the Conclave begins to elect the new Pope. At the end of the procession inside the Sistine Chapel, each Cardinal elector takes a sacred oath by which they commit, if elected, to faithfully fulfill the *Office of Peter* as Pastor of the Universal Church. They also pledge to maintain absolute secrecy regarding everything related to the election of the Roman Pontiff and to refrain from supporting any attempts of external interference in the election.

At this point, the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations proclaims "*extra omnes*", meaning that all individuals who are not part of the Conclave must leave the Sistine Chapel. Only the Master himself and the priest or bishop designated to deliver a meditation remain. This meditation focuses on the grave responsibility that rests upon the electors and the necessity of acting with pure intentions for the good of the Universal Church, keeping only God before their eyes. Once the meditation is delivered, both that cleric and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations leave. The Cardinal electors then recite some prescribed prayers and listen to the Cardinal Dean, who asks whether they are ready to proceed with voting or if anyone needs any clarifications regarding the rules and procedures. All election procedures take place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel, which remains completely sealed off until the election is concluded.

Throughout the election process, the Cardinal electors must refrain from any form of communication with the outside world, except in a case of extreme emergency. They are allowed no radio, television, internet or print media.

Each day they are taken by special transport from the Casa St. Martha where they live in the Vatican during this time to the Sistine Chapel and back. Even their room windows in the Casa are sealed and shuttered.

To validly elect a new Pope, a two-thirds majority of the electors present is required. If the total number of electors is not evenly divisible by three, an additional vote is necessary.

If voting begins on the afternoon of the first day, there will be only one ballot. On subsequent days, two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon. After the votes are counted, all ballots are burned. If the ballot was inconclusive, a chimney positioned over the Sistine Chapel emits black smoke. If a Pope is elected, white smoke will billow out of the chimney.

If the electors fail to reach an agreement on a candidate after three days of inconclusive voting, a break of one day is allowed for prayer, free discussion among voters, and a brief spiritual exhortation by the Cardinal "Proto-Deacon" (Cardinal Dominique Mamberti). Voting will then continue in this manner, three days of voting with a break of one day for prayer and discussion among themselves, until a new pope is elected.

When a vote results in a two third majority, the Secretary of the College of Cardinals and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations are called into the Sistine Chapel by the Dean of the College, currently Cardinal Battista Re, who speaking on behalf of all the electors, asks for the elected candidate's consent with the following words: "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" Upon receiving consent, he then asks: "What name do you wish to be called?"

From this moment, the newly-elected Pope acquires full and supreme authority over the universal Church, meaning immediately upon his consent, the one elected is the new pope. The Conclave ends immediately at this point.

The new pope is then taken into a small room off the Sistine Chapel called the Room of Tears, where there are white cassocks in several sizes. He dons the white cassock of a pope and then returns to the Sistine Chapel, where each of the Cardinal electors greets him and pledges obedience to the new Pope, and thanks are given to God by all.

The Cardinal Proto-Deacon then announces to the faithful from the Loggia or balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, the election and the name of the new Pontiff with the famous line: "*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; Habemus Papam*", "*I announce a word of greatest joy, we have a Pope.*"

Immediately afterward, the new Pope appears and gives the Apostolic Blessing *Urbi et Orbi* (To the City and to the World) from the Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

They then schedule a solemn inauguration ceremony and also the visit of the new pope to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of Rome.

During this time, let us pray each day for the Church and especially the Cardinal electors who will choose our new pope. May the Lord send His Spirit on them to give them wisdom, prudence and right judgement, that the Church may be blessed with a new successor of St. Peter who is a shepherd whose heart and mind are one with The Good Shepherd Himself.

Peace- Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

Sat 5/3	4:30 PM	Gerry Haines (Dave, Mary, Stef & Brad FeKula)
Sun 5/4	8:30 AM	Steve Nederostek (Sue Hankee)
	10:30 AM	Justus & Katie Altmiller (Thomas Sparling)
Mon 5/5	8:30 AM	Rachael Boyer (Phyllis Koch)
Tues 5/6	6:30 PM	George Lizotte (The Semler Family)
Wed 5/7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 5/8	8:30 AM	Louann Bower (Sue Hankee)
Fri 5/9	No Mass	
Sat 5/10	4:30 PM	Joseph Dormans (Christina Dormans)
Sun 5/11	8:30 AM	Marie Werkheiser (Sue Hankee)
	10:30 AM	James Karmonick (Jennifer Karmonick)

Paschal Candle

Pascal Candle was donated by
Dave & Mary FeKula for the
Good Health of The FeKula Family



Blessed Mother Flowers

May 4 through 10

Alberta Lizotte (The Semler Family)

Miraculous Medal Novena



The prayers of the Miraculous Medal Novena are prayed publicly in our parish every Wednesday after the evening Benediction at 6:30PM. We offer public praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena as a perpetual novena of prayer as a part of the spiritual life of our parish. Please come and join together each Wednesday as we pray this beautiful prayer as a weekly devotion.

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
6-7PM

We come together to pray for those who have fallen away from the Faith!



Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Rosary: Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass. Monday & Thursday: 9AM. Tuesday: 6PM. Wednesday & Fridays: 3PM (*immediately after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*).

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Every Wednesday & Friday at 3PM.



Eucharist Adoration

Jesus still waits for us in the tabernacle. Please spend time with our Lord, in Eucharistic Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday between 8:30AM and 6:30PM.



Tabernacle Candle Intentions

To reserve one of the Lamps for a weekly intention, donation is \$10.

Altar Wine and Bread

You are able to reserve in your name the Altar Wine and Bread used throughout the week for all the Masses. Donation is \$20.



Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Flowers

Each arrangement is a donation of \$35.
Stop by or call the parish office.



Week of May 4 to 10

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
The Souls of Purgatory
The Souls of Purgatory*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!



If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound
Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery. Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday: Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

MEMORIAL GARDEN PHASE III PAVER SALE

Pavers can now be purchased for permanent placement in Garden, located in church cemetery. Cost: \$125.00 per custom engraved paver. (up to 3 lines, 15 characters per line). Forms available on tables in Church Portico. Can be dropped in collection basket in envelope marked: Memorial Garden. Cash or check to: Kim McGonigle.

Please feel free to take & share forms with anyone who: served in military or knew Mike (Police, Firefighters, DARE students/families, EMS, Lehigh Township citizens, Knights, Church friends, etc.). Garden is Open to the public.

Any Questions please contact Kim:
484-221-1434.



Knights of Columbus



St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join. Call the Parish Office for more information.

To make your registration easier, you can join the K of C online at kofc.org/JoinUs.

K of C General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM.

Pocono NASCAR Race Weekend

June 20-22 (rain date Mon 23)

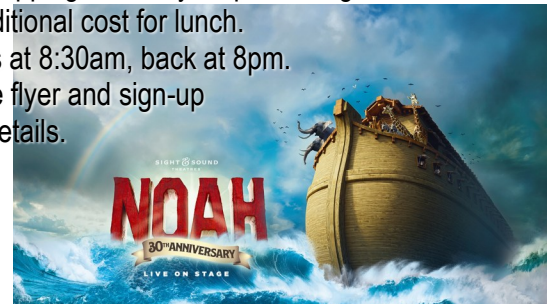
Volunteers Needed! Come join us!

We get \$100/person/day! Signup sheet and information flyers are on the table in the portico. Questions? Call the parish office, 610-767-3107 or Tony Scarselletti 610-393-4671; ascarsel@ptd.net



“Noah” Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster

Join us and journey with Noah as he builds the ark and faces the great flood in this larger-than-life production that brings the Bible's beloved story to life. Get your tickets now and be part of this extraordinary experience. Two dates: Saturday, July 26 at 3pm (tickets only and drive yourself) \$87.00 for adult, \$42.00 for child- Due by 6/8/25 or Friday, August 15 at 3pm bus trip (transportation and show). Limited number of tickets. Bus and Show Ticket for 8/15/25 - \$130.00 for adult, \$85.00 for child - Due by 6/29/25. Stopping at Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch. Additional cost for lunch. Bus leaves at 8:30am, back at 8pm. Please see flyer and sign-up sheet for details.



Rosary Society

The Rosary Society will gather to pray the Rosary May 7 after Benediction with a meeting to follow. All are invited.

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let the parish office know.

Calling ALL Preschoolers

SJNRS in Slatington has begun a Preschool for ages 3-5. It's an extremely flexible program with 2-5 days/week, & 1/2 or full day programs. There is flex admission during the school year. The program focuses on gross/fine motor skill development, social skills, religion, and hands-on learning for academics. Call the school @ 610-767-2935 for more information.

Fr. McElduff Scholarship

The Fr. McElduff Scholarship is available to all students entering grades Preschool through grade 9, attending a Catholic school. Download the form from the St. Nicholas website or stop by the parish office. Once the form is completed, return it to the Parish Office. The form must be completed and returned no later than May 25, 2025.

Call 610-767-3107 for any questions.

Please Apply!



Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

Banns of Ordination

Mr. Tyler W. Loch, who was baptized in the parish, has been called to the Order of the Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Loch will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

Rosary Leaders Wanted



Would you prayerfully consider joining our ministry to lead the rosary 1x per month before Saturday 4:30 Mass or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Masses?

Call or text Michele at 484-695-8407

Counting Our Blessings

4/20	Collection Envelopes	\$1,854.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Easter	\$3,866.00
	School	\$240.00

Thank You!

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our Bible Study began February 27th and continues every other Thursday until June 5, 2025. This is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study places you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.



Join us for this 8-week video study program. We meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, call or text Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or geneballas@msn.com. We hope you will join us!



Fun Plant & Sip Event

Join us for our Plant & Sip event, where you can unwind, have fun, and let your inner gardener shine on **Tuesday, May 13 from 6:00 to 7:30pm!**

Bring your container and choose between planting a flower or tomato plant. Flower cost is \$25. Tomato Plant is \$15.

Sip & relax while you get your hands dirty and embrace your creativity. Meet in the Church parking lot.

RSVP by signing up in the Portico. Any questions, please contact Deborah Fritz at 610-463-6093 or Crystal Zambelli at 610-554-3845 or email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Something Soothing

Interested in Herbal Remedies, Essential Oils, soothing Herbal Teas, and Herbal Skincare?



Join us on Saturday morning, **May 10, 2025, from 10:30am until 12 noon** for a Presentation and Demonstration by Vanessa Sabatine, owner of Herbs to Your Success, a health and wellness spa located at 64 South Main Street, Nazareth, PA. Vanessa will speak on these topics, demonstrate how to make your own herbal tea, and answer any questions. Come and learn something new!