

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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 Tuesday through Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM

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St. Nicholas Parish Mission Statement:

St. Nicholas is a Catholic Parish Church of the Diocese of Allentown that seeks to live the Catholic Faith in love together through our practice of the Sacramental Life, meditating on the Word of God and sharing the joy of the Gospel to our community.

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:

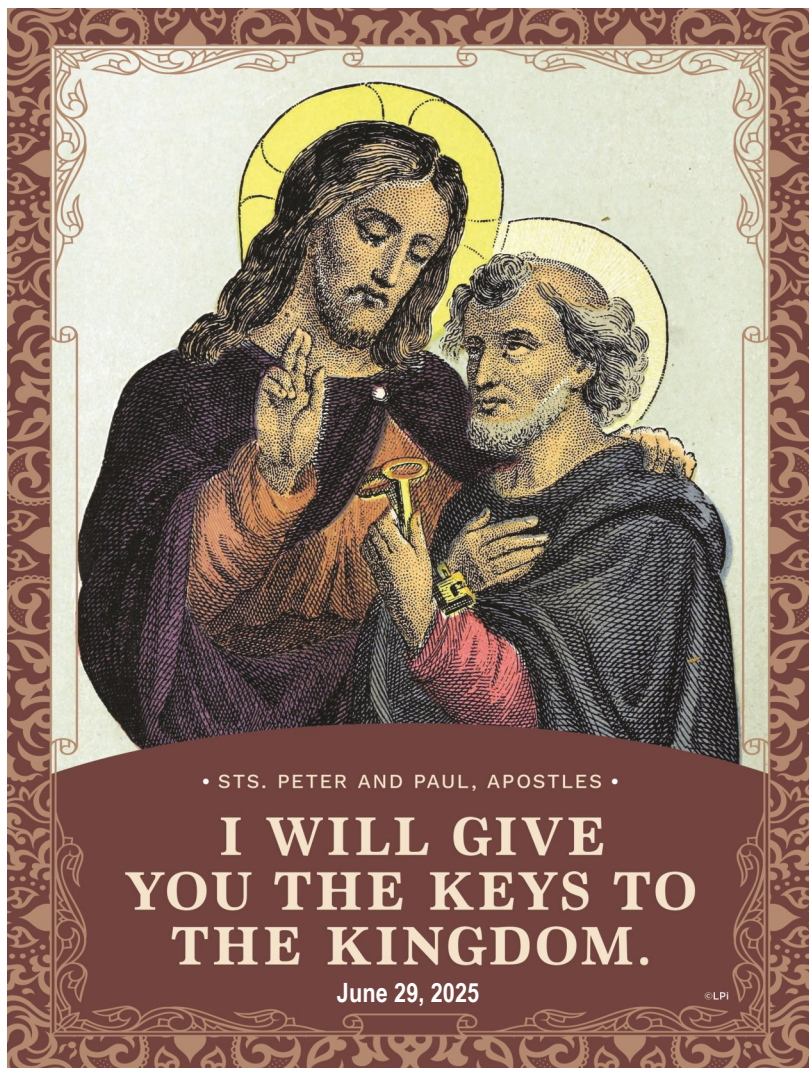
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

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 Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." (Acts 12:11)

Psalm — The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.
 (Ps 34)

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel — I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM
 Tuesday: 6:30 PM

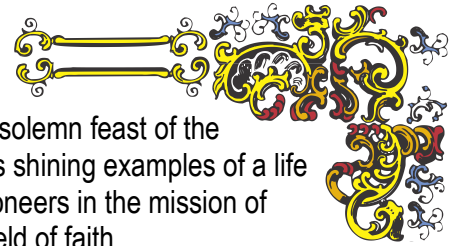
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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:



Today, together with the entire Catholic Church, we joyfully celebrate the solemn feast of the two apostles Peter and Paul. In honoring them, we remember these two figures as shining examples of a life of witness to the faith through the spirit of unity in diversity. They are likened to pioneers in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel as bright stars in the Church, and as heroes in the battlefield of faith.

However, looking back at the lives of these two saints, we see that they were very ordinary people. They were two individuals different in personality and background but shared the same calling from Christ, the same faith in Christ, the same mission entrusted by Christ, and at the end of their lives, both were martyred for Christ in Rome. Sharing the same faith and carrying the same mission, Christ brought them to a common goal: a glory crowned in triumph. These two different individuals had remarkable similarities. Christ connected these similarities of them so that all may be one in Him. Saint Peter, once cowardly, fearful, and denying Christ, later loved Christ passionately. Saint Paul, who once hated Christ intensely, later loved Christ above all else. Christ used the events of the rooster crowing and the fall from the horse to purify them. Once, they were very different, now they both are united in the love of God.

Peter and Paul, before they became saints, were also sinners, weak, stumbling on the path of faith. They had a sinful past. Peter was once rebuked by the Lord as Satan; he denied his Master three times. Paul repeatedly sought to capture and kill those who bore the name Christian; he was involved in the stoning of Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. Both were zealous and eager, wanting to use their strength and earthly means to defend their Lord and to eliminate those who did not share their faith. Jesus saved both, each in their own way. The crowing of the rooster and the fall from the horse are indelible marks on the journey to sainthood.

Receiving the light from Christ, the missionary activity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these two Apostles became the foundation of unity. They became as bright as two stars in the sky of the Church, worthy of the faithful to contemplate and emulate. They knew how to be humble, recognizing themselves as lowly sinners and then opening their hearts to receive God's love and mercy.



Through the intercession of Saint Peter and Paul, may we always be aware of our weakness in order to recognize the forgiving love that the Lord still has for us. May we learn to rely on God's grace to perfect ourselves each day. And may we be dedicated to listening to God's word and speaking about God to others. Amen.

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/ Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17



Boy Scouts

Boys Scouts meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area. For example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

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.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 6/28	4:30 PM	Konrad Goworowski (Libby Getz)
Sun 6/29	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich & Family)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)
Mon 6/30	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Tues 7/1	6:30 PM	Mari, for physical & spiritual health (Cindy Saab)
Wed 7/2	8:30 AM	Carol & Tony McCarthy (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)
Thu 7/3	8:30 AM	Michael Babich (Elaine Jenkins)
Fri 7/4	No Mass	
Sat 7/5	4:30 PM	Rachael Boyer (Mary L. Trexler)
Sun 7/6	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)
	10:30 AM	Joseph Dormans (Christine Dormans)

We Need Your Help!

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



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 June 29 to July 5

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

Summer Calendar of Events

July

26 Sight and Sound Theater "Noah" (Drive Yourself)

August

3 Parish Picnic – 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Walnutport Canal Pavilion

15 Sight and Sound Theater "Noah" and Shady Maple (Bus Trip)

22 IronPigs Baseball Game – 7:15pm at Iron Pigs Stadium

September

5, 6, 7 Palmerton Festival Fundraiser

5, 6, 7 Men's Retreat in Malvern, PA

12, 13, 14 Women's Retreat in Malvern, PA

27, 28 Coffee & Donuts



Rosary Leaders Wanted

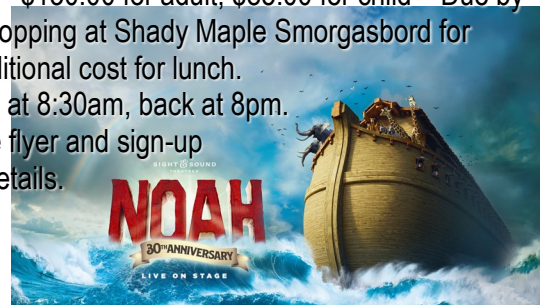


Would you prayerfully consider joining our ministry to lead the rosary 1x per month before Saturday 4:30 Mass or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Masses?

Call or text Michele at 484-695-8407

"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.



Legacy Wall Tiles Orders Due by 6/30

Help support our preservation and restoration projects by purchasing a tile for yourself, in memory of family or other loved ones, or by asking a business to purchase one as a "friend of the parish" - but please no advertising slogans or phone numbers. Business tiles are in a separate section of the wall.

Small tiles (4x8, 84 characters) are \$100 and large tiles (8x8, 126 char.) are \$200. Forms are available in the porticos or by emailing the office. We need to order tiles in batches of at least 10, so please order and pay by June 30. We might not place another order until next year! If you have any questions, contact Jen Karmonick at 202-669-0836 or jenkarmonick@gmail.com.

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.



Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

200 Block E. Northampton Street, Bath, PA

The annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Picnic will be held on

July 11 and 12, 2025.

Come enjoy great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5-10 pm!

Entertainment will be provided by:

- Friday, July 11, **Still Kickin'**, Classic Rock Band, from 6-9 pm;
- Saturday, July 12, **Flirtin' With the Mob** from 7-10 pm.



Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogies, turkey and pork barbeque, waffles and ice cream, food trucks and more.

Tricky Tray and Yard Sale all weekend including Sunday morning, July 13.



Volunteers Needed for Our Parish Picnic!

Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 3, from noon to 5pm at the Walnutport Canal Pavilion, and we need your help to make it a fun and successful event for everyone!

The committee is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- **Setup & Takedown** – Help us set up and cleanup tables, griddle, and pop-up tent.
- **Bingo Caller** – We need someone to lead the games!
- **Cake Bakers for the Cakewalk** – Bake and donate cakes for one of our favorite picnic traditions.
- **Prize & Supply Donations** – Accepting donations of small prizes and gift cards to support the activities.
- **Food Donations** – Share your favorite side dishes or snacks.

Please sign up in the porticos or contact Bob Watkins at 484-515-5242 or email::

community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

Cash or gift card donations marked Parish Picnic may be placed in the collection basket.

Our Lady of Peace Women Retreat: Sept. 12-14, 2025

Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. We will share thought provoking conferences to help explore more in our faith. The theme will be "Eucharist: Food for the Journey". We will have Father Mike Davis, rector of Malvern Retreat House, as retreat director. The conferences will be directed in an effort to assist us to grow closer to our Lord. Weekend check-in begins at 5:00 PM and ends after Mass on Sunday morning about 11:00 AM. Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives. To register, call 610 644-0400 or go directly to Our Lady Of Peace - 2025 - Malvern Retreat House . Other retreats are available at the calendar tab on the home page: www.malvernretreat.com

For more information, please contact Trina Marie Fixl 570.249.9198

Iron Pigs Game

Event Date: August 22, 2025

Event Time: 7:05 game start

Cost: \$13 with \$2 ballpark credit for food or merchandise



Join your fellow parishioners for a fun and relaxing evening at the Iron Pigs Game. Stay and enjoy the Fireworks after the game. 30 seats have been reserved in section 105.

Sign-up sheets are available in the portico after masses. Last day to sign-up is July 20. Contact Carl Litwin at 610-767-2624 email clitwin1@gmail.com



Announcement from The Page Turners Book Club!

After reading "With God in Russia" and "He Leadeth Me", the Page Turners are announcing the rest of 2025 book selections!

Get ready for a year filled with intriguing mysteries, timeless classics, and thought-provoking reads. Here's the list of

books we'll be diving into:

- ♦ **"The Thursday Murder Club"** by Richard Osman
- ♦ **"The Red Tent"** by Anita Diamant
- ♦ A **C.S. Lewis** book (title to be chosen)
- ♦ **"Unbroken"** by Laura Hillenbrand
- ♦ **"The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"** by Robert Louis Stevenson & Charles Raymond Macauley
- ♦ A **Stephen King** book (or something spooky for Halloween!)
- ♦ **"A Christmas Carol"** by Charles Dickens

We invite you to join us for a year of great reads and lively discussions! For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at community@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

