

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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:

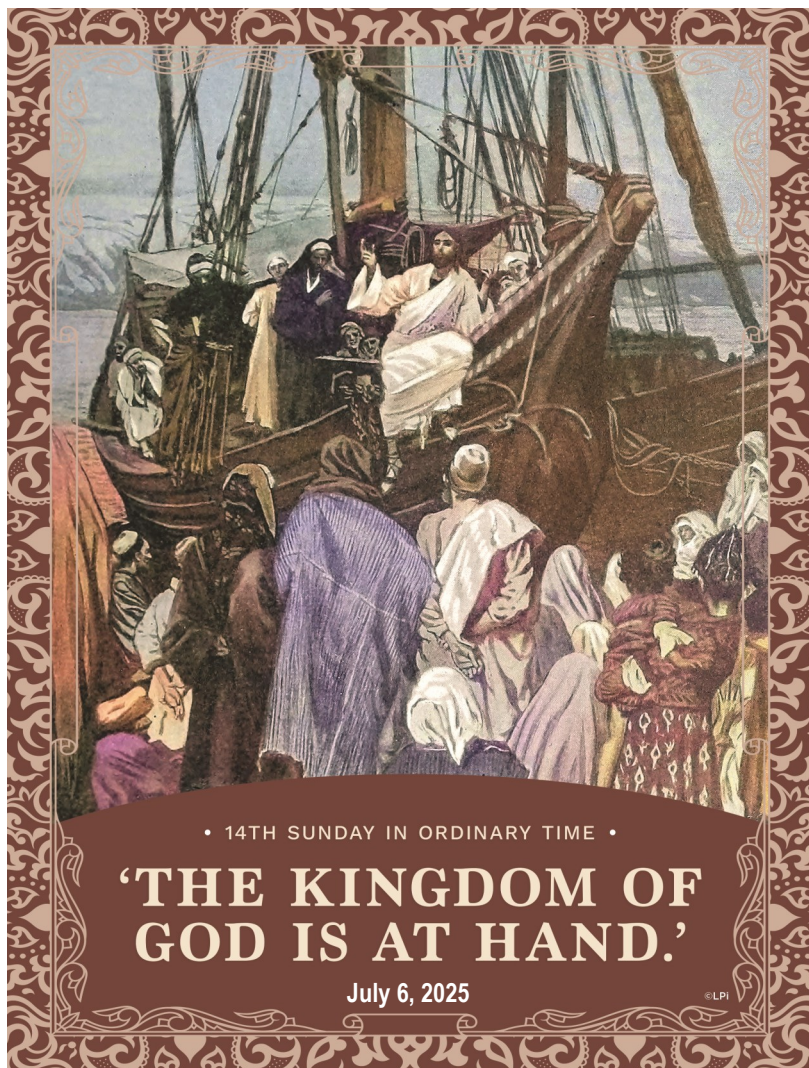
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 Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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 — Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading — From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel — Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

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

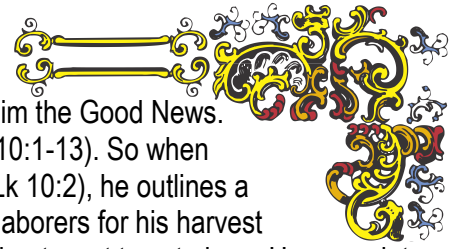
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Today's Gospel describes Jesus sending a group of 72 disciples to proclaim the Good News. The number 72 is described by Genesis as referring to different peoples (cf. Gen 10:1-13). So when Jesus said to his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (cf. Lk 10:2), he outlines a scenario and suggests that we pray, that is, ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest (cf. Lk 10:2). This is an element to ensure the mission of evangelization. Jesus did not want to act alone. He came into the world to bring God's love to mankind and to spread it with a style of communion, of brotherhood. So he immediately founded a community of disciples, a missionary community with the urgent purpose of proclaiming the Gospel.

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus gave practical instructions for the mission of the disciples. That mission is preaching with great joy; light luggage: "Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; friendly greetings: Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' what to do: cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" (Lk: 10). Must have humble and transcendent attitude, accepting what one has to offer, not looking for comfort, ease. Giving the "Mission" to the disciples, Jesus did not tell them "what to preach". He only told them the "must live" details. For Jesus, going out to witness with actions was more important than witnessing with words.

There are three ways of witnessing: speaking, doing, and living. The most efficient are the second and third ways. Everyone knows that it's easy to say, harder to do, and even harder to live as you say. It is our deeds and life that make our words more believable. But even when people haven't said or can't say, haven't done or can't do certain things, they can live what they believe in and want to share. So in order to evangelize persuasively, Christians must live their lives to be credible. If life is trustworthy, then naturally, words are also trustworthy. To be apostles, evangelizers, especially relevant today is to make the Christian life believable. Thus, our whole life must be "testified" by words, manners, communication, in the family, in the society, at work and etc. For people with a sense of mission, anything, any aspect of life, they can be a proclamation and evangelizer.

Let us always recognize our missions and our journey. Let us see ourselves as chosen, sent, instructed, and warned. Let us see our work as important. Let us face all opposition with our faith and the power of the name of Jesus. Let us return rejoicing and be told of even greater joy in heaven.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

- Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot (See Saint's Biography)
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint's Biography | St. Benedict

Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he

organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gospel, how will you be a light?





Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 7/7	8:30 AM	Eva Poliquin (Barry & Louise Yanders)
Tues 7/8	6:30 PM	Tom, for physical & spiritual health (Cindy Saab)
Wed 7/9	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 7/10	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 7/11	No Mass	
Sat 7/12	4:30 PM	Stephen & Catherine Halko (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erschen)
Sun 7/13	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich & Family)
	10:30 AM	Margie Vallo (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)

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 July 6 to 12

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

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



Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/ Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10:24-33

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.



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

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, (6-9 pm)
- Saturday, July 12, **Flirtin' With the Mob** (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.

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 610-767-3107 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.



Boy Scouts

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



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

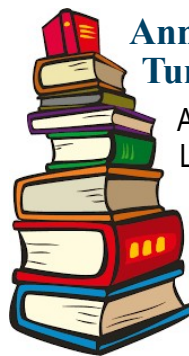
Event Time: 7:05 game start

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.

Enjoy Your Independence Day Weekend!



God Bless America!