

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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### Parish Office and Religious Education:

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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday: 12 PM – 3 PM  
 Tuesday through Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM

**Pastor:** Rev. Abraham Ha, M.Div.

**Administrative Assistant:** Gina Smith

### 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 Neumann 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:

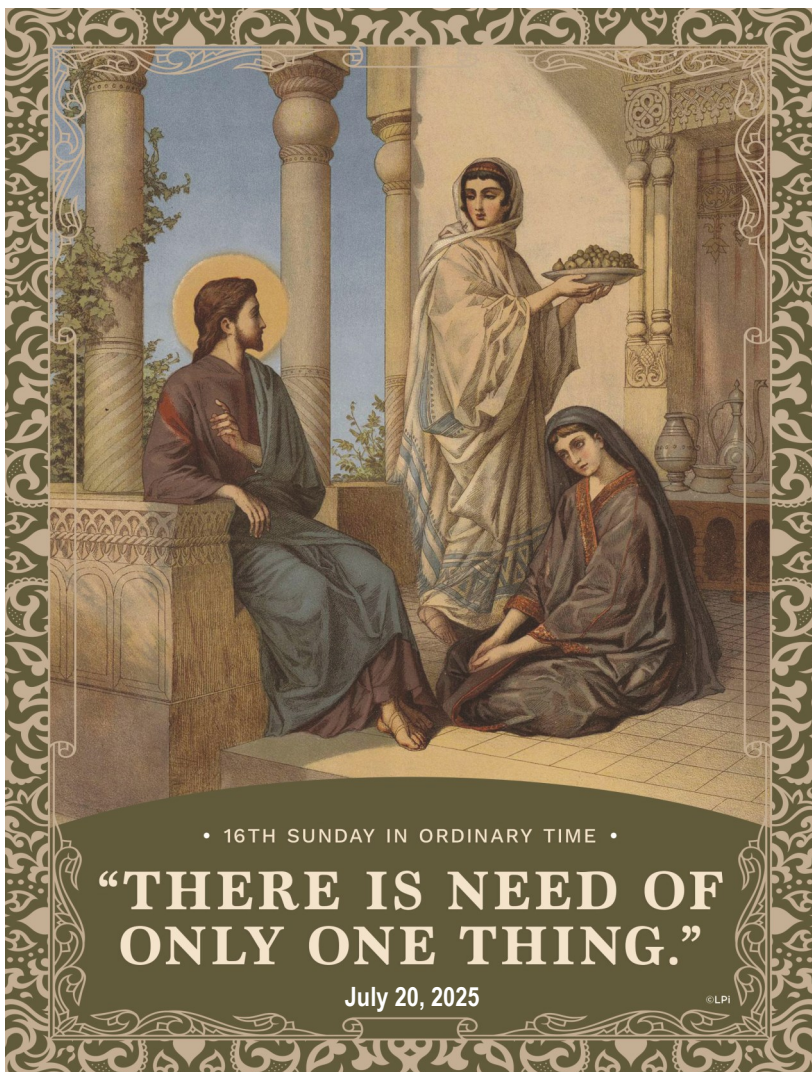
Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
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 Ext. 2204 [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
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### Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

1-800-276-1562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

**Psalm** — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

**Second Reading** — It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

**Gospel** — The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

## 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:



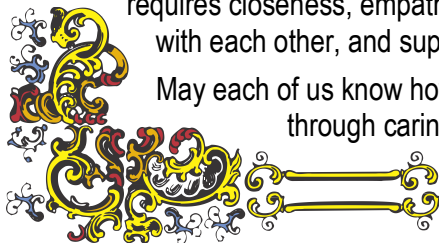
Today's Gospel remind us of a visit full of humanity that Christ Jesus made to the family of Martha and Mary. Both sisters were joyful to have the Lord visit them. One was busy serving tea and cooking, while the other was chatting happily with the Lord. It was truly a happy moment for the small, lonely family, now warmed and uplifted by the presence of the Lord. However, Martha was too focused on preparing a dinner. She wanted to make a sumptuous meal for the Lord. She even wanted her sister to stop talking with the Lord to help her prepare the meal. She boldly suggested to the Lord: "Please tell Mary to help me." This suggestion seemed to be rejected. Christ Jesus came not for food. He did not come to be served. The path the Lord takes to others is to love and serve. He does not want to be a burden to others. His presence in this house is to express care, solidarity, and empathy. Therefore, the Lord said to Martha: "Martha, you are worried about many things; the important thing is not serving, but listening to the Lord's words and teachings."

In fact, both attitudes are necessary: the spirit of hospitality is expressed specifically and actively through meal preparation, but it is equally manifested through heartfelt conversations. Jesus praises Mary's attitude, but does not diminish Martha's. He does not criticize Martha's activity and generous hospitality; He simply wants to use the image of Mary sitting at His feet to express the fundamental attitude that humanity must have towards God, which is the attitude of listening to the Word of God. The Word of God is everlasting and gives meaning to our daily activities.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta often began her busy schedule taking care of the poor by praying before the Eucharist early in the morning. She was admired by the whole world because of her works and selfless-sacrifice to the poor around the world.

Today, all of us are truly busy. We have little time to talk to each other. We have even less time to visit one another. Let us remember that without conversation, there will be no understanding and empathy for one another. Without human visits, relationships will fade over time. Sometimes, even family members do not have time to visit or talk to each other. The lack of human visits leads to growing distance. The absence of dialogue will result in lost empathy. True love does not stop at mere words. Love does not remain in feelings of compassion but must be committed to alleviating the pains of others, to healing the wounds of our brothers and sisters. True love always requires closeness, empathy, and support. It is through closeness that we understand each other, empathize with each other, and support one another.

May each of us know how to spend time with one another through visits, through acts of assistance, through caring with compassion. May each of us know how to forget our own ego to care for the concerns of our brothers and sisters, to live for others, to work together to build a world filled with love. Amen.



## Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
Friday: St. James, Apostle  
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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.

## Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30





## Mass Intentions:

Sat 7/19	4:30 PM	Eva Poliquin (Art & Louise Mazza)
Sun 7/20	8:30 AM	James & JoAnn Karmonick (Jennifer Karmonick)
	10:30 AM	Fred Kochmaruk Jr. and Martha Papay (JoAnn Kochmaruk)
Mon 7/21	8:30 AM	Mary Sarisky (Sue Hankee)
Tues 7/22	6:30 PM	Marian A. and Genevieve S. – for physical and spiritual health (Cindy Saab)
Wed 7/23	8:30 AM	Peter Kilpatrick (JoAnne Kilpatrick)
Thu 7/24	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 7/25	No Mass	
Sat 7/26	4:30 PM	Nicholas & Helen Erschen (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erschen)
Sun 7/27	8:30 AM	Alois Badura (Adelaide Badura)
	10:30 AM	Charles G. Trinkle (Bill & Krista Ambrosino)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

6/23	Collection Envelopes	\$2,698.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	School	\$35.00
	Other	\$82.00

## 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.

## 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 20 to 26

*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

## Palmerton Festival

"All hands on deck for the Palmerton Festival"! This year we will be making potato pancakes again, halupki, and sausage sandwiches. Please consider donating a few hours to make this a big success again for our parish.

Friday, September 5 5-11

Saturday Sept 6 12-9

Sunday September 7 12-9.

Sign ups will be shifts of 2-4 hours, sign up sheets will have all time slots needed.

See Marion Nihen 610 737 1181 or

Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716 for more info

## 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

## Important Notes!

**Tuesday Daily Mass will be held at 8:30am effective August 3.** Confession times will be held on Wednesday evenings before Benediction from 5:45 - 6:15. Also, please note there will no longer be a Latin Mass held at St. Nicholas.

**Parish office is Closed** from 7/13 - 7/18 and will reopen on Monday, July 21, 2025

## Seven Sisters Apostolate

There is a Women's Prayer Group starting at St. Nicholas Parish for Father Abraham Ha. Women from our parish will offer their prayers for our new priest in the form of a Holy Hour, using a simple structure established by the Seven Sisters Apostolate, an international ministry that is operating in all 50 states as well as many countries around the world!

Seven Sisters Apostolate's mission is to pray for individual priest in small groups of only seven women per parish. Each woman chooses a different day of the week to offer one Holy Hour. In this way, Father Abraham (and Father Adam) receives a Holy Hour every day of the week from the women of St. Nicholas Parish! It is a blessing for both the priest and the women of our parish! Learn more by contacting Cindy Saab at 484-894-7613 or [clsaab53@gmail.com](mailto:clsaab53@gmail.com).

## Free Tennis Clinics for Children

Valley Royale, 738 Mahoning Dr East, Lehigh Township is offering free tennis time for children. The VR Foundation hosts **free one-hour clinics at 4pm (4-8th grade) and 5pm (9-12th) every Sunday.**

Please sign up on [valleyroyaletennis.com](http://valleyroyaletennis.com) if you would like to attend!

Call 610-767-3107 for any questions. Please Apply!

## 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. 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.





## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:clitwin1@gmail.com)



## Summer Reading Series: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

Join the Page Turners and Father Abraham this summer as we dive into the thought-provoking and spiritually rich classic, *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Through a series of fictional letters from a senior demon to his nephew, Lewis offers profound insight into faith, temptation, and the human experience.

### Reading Schedule:

- ♦ **July 15** – Letters 1 through 10
- ♦ **August 5** – Letters 11 through 20
- ♦ **August 19** – Letters 21 through 31 and *The Toast* at the end of the book

Whether you're reading it for the first time or revisiting this classic, we invite you to reflect, learn, and grow together in faith. Meeting held in the Parish Center from 7:15 to 8:30pm.

The rest of the books scheduled for the remainder of the year will be announced at a later date.

## 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 completion date has been extended to August 29, 2025.**



## June Sweepstakes Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June sweepstakes! There were nine winners, including one \$1000 winner, and we netted \$2,690 for our parish.

