

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 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:

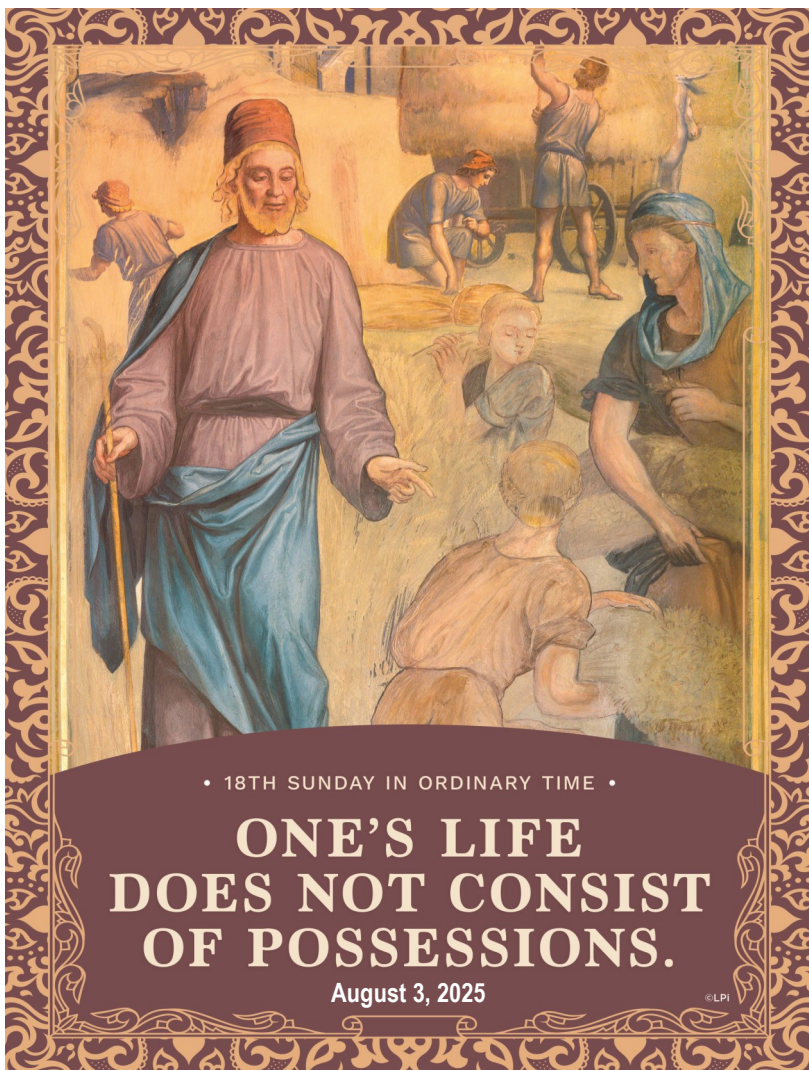
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading — If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel — Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

Mass Schedule:

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

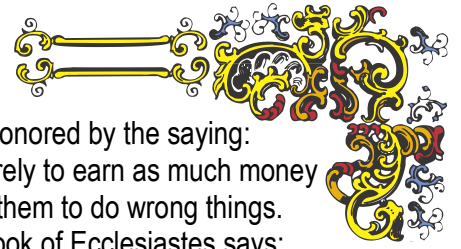
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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:



People value money, seeing it as the key to success in life because it is honored by the saying: "With money, you can even buy happiness." Some view the purpose of life as merely to earn as much money as possible for enjoyment, allowing their passion for wealth to dominate and lead them to do wrong things. They see money as a solid guarantee for their lives. However, the author of the book of Ecclesiastes says: "Vanity of vanities. All things are vanity" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). So, is money really a guarantee for life? Can we bring it with us the afterlife?

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not criticize the accumulation of wealth to become rich, nor does He disdain wealth. He only advises us that while accumulating money to get rich, we should also know how to be rich in the sight of God. We should not imitate the foolish rich man who only knows to accumulate material wealth for indulgence, treating wealth as a solid guarantee for life to live lavishly, while forgetting God and even his own soul. Moreover, we do not live forever; when we die, to whom will our riches go?

For us, wealth is not inherently bad because everything that God created is good. However, wealth can also become a faithful servant of ours or a harsh master that turns us into its miserable slaves. The Lord advises us to avoid greed and to share. One way to become rich in the eyes of God is to share and to help those in need. Everything we give away remains with us, and that is the basis for God to reward us abundantly in our eternal homeland. What we hoard miserly is not ours. What we give away and do for others is ours in the life to come.

There was a man who worked his whole life and saved a lot of money for himself. He was truly a cheapskate when it came to his money. He loved money more than anything else, and just before he died, he told his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the coffin with me. Because I want to take all my money with me to the afterlife."

The wife agreed without hesitation. Months went by, and the man sadly passed away. At the funeral, his wife approached the coffin with an envelope in hand. Solemnly, she placed the envelope inside the coffin with her husband.

Seeing this, the priest standing nearby asked the woman, "What's in the envelope?" She replied, "My husband's last wish was to be buried with all his money. So, I had to make sure his wish was fulfilled." The priest, puzzled, looked at the small envelope and added, "But dear lady, he was so rich. How could you fit all his money in there?"

The wife responded, "Well, of course, there was too much, so out of courtesy, I transferred all his money into my account and wrote him a check."

We must remember that earthly things can never satisfy the human soul. Only God can give us the happiness that our souls crave. Therefore, Saint Paul says, "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth" (Col 3:2). And Jesus advises us, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal" (Mt. 6:19-20). What makes us rich in the eyes of God is not what we have or what we do, but what we are.



May each of us always know how to use our inheritance, which is our talents and abilities, to gain friends for the Kingdom of Heaven in the future. Please do not accumulate the decaying treasures of this life, but rather accumulate merits for the life to come. Amen.

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20



Mass Intentions:

Sat 8/2	4:30 PM	Constantine & Irene Gerkovich (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erschen)
Sun 8/3	8:30 AM	Bruce Trexler (JoAnne Kilpatrick)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)
Mon 8/4	8:30 AM	Paul Cary (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Tues 8/5	8:30 AM	Joyce Reitz (Susanne Baker)
Wed 8/6	8:30 AM	Monica Klotz (The Nihen Family)
Thu 8/7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 8/8	No Mass	
Sat 8/9	4:30 PM	Rolande Smith (The Semler Family)
Sun 8/10	8:30 AM	Robert Speicher (Theresa Speicher)
	10:30 AM	Charles Lakovits (The Kuronya Family)

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

7/6	Collection Envelopes	\$3,039.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$198.00
	Mission	\$102.00

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 August 3 to 9

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of

Wednesday Adorers

Fall Calendar of Events

August

- 3 Parish Picnic – 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Walnutport Canal Pavilion
15 Sight and Sound Theater "Noah"
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

October

- 28 North of 50 Chili Cookoff 1:00 pm Social Hall



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

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.

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

Seven Sisters Apostolate

We still need a few more women to offer your prayers for Fr. Abraham Ha's Ministry at St. Nicholas parish. Each woman chooses a different day of the week to offer prayers for our parish priest. Your prayers are sure to bring forth blessings for both our priest and our parishioners! Please contact Cindy at 484-894-7613.

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.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program is still alive and doing well. If you would like to have the Statue in your home, there is a sign up sheet in the portico next to the hall door on the side of the main parking lot.



The Statue is ready for pick up in the Portico or Choir Room after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. We ask that you return the Statue the following Sunday before the start of the 10:30 Mass for the next person to pick her up.

If help is needed, please call: Carl J. Niedzwiecki at: 610-767-6016 (ccniedz@gmail.com) or Thomas McCloskey at: 786-423-3206 (tmccloskey95@gmail.com). If you never had the Statue in your home, we are more than willing to bring her into your home and help you get started in this devotion to Mary and **it would be nice to have a group to say the Rosary together. We also ask that anyone having the Statue in their homes pray for Vocations to religious life.** Thank you and May God Bless You. Carl Niedzwiecki. Sponsored by St. Nicholas K of C.

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.



Saint Nicholas Church Picnic

August 3, 2025, 12 noon to 5 pm

- Parking is to the Right of the pavilion. Please leave the front row for the needy.
- Food tickets will be available from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.
- If you are bringing a cold item there is refrigerated storage.
- If you are bringing Hot food, please provide a hot surface and an extension cord.
- Deliveries of food or other donations will be accepted at the Walnutport Canal Pavilion on the day of the picnic beginning at 10:30 am.
- Bingo will start at 1:30 The tentative schedule is for 10 regular bingo, 2 Specials and a grand prize coverall.
- The Cakewalk will begin at 3:45.
 - If you are donating a cake, please provide a brief description of the item.

Thank you to all who donated time and Goodies.

New Bible Study to Begin

The Letter of James: Practical Wisdom for Living a God-centered Life



Our next Bible Study will begin on September 11th and continue every other Thursday until January 29, 2026. This study will offer wisdom for ordinary Christians in everyday life. It speaks to all of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. For anyone who struggles to live a truly Christian life, **James** offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling everyday circumstances.

Please join us for this 11-week video study program. James (*together with Peter and Paul*) was one of three key leaders of the early Church. James (*often called the Lord's "brother"*) was a man who taught the wisdom of the kingdom of God in a style reminiscent of Jesus himself.

We will meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins, 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. Bible Studies at St. Nicholas have received excellent reviews. We hope you will join us!

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.



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.

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. 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