

## 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:

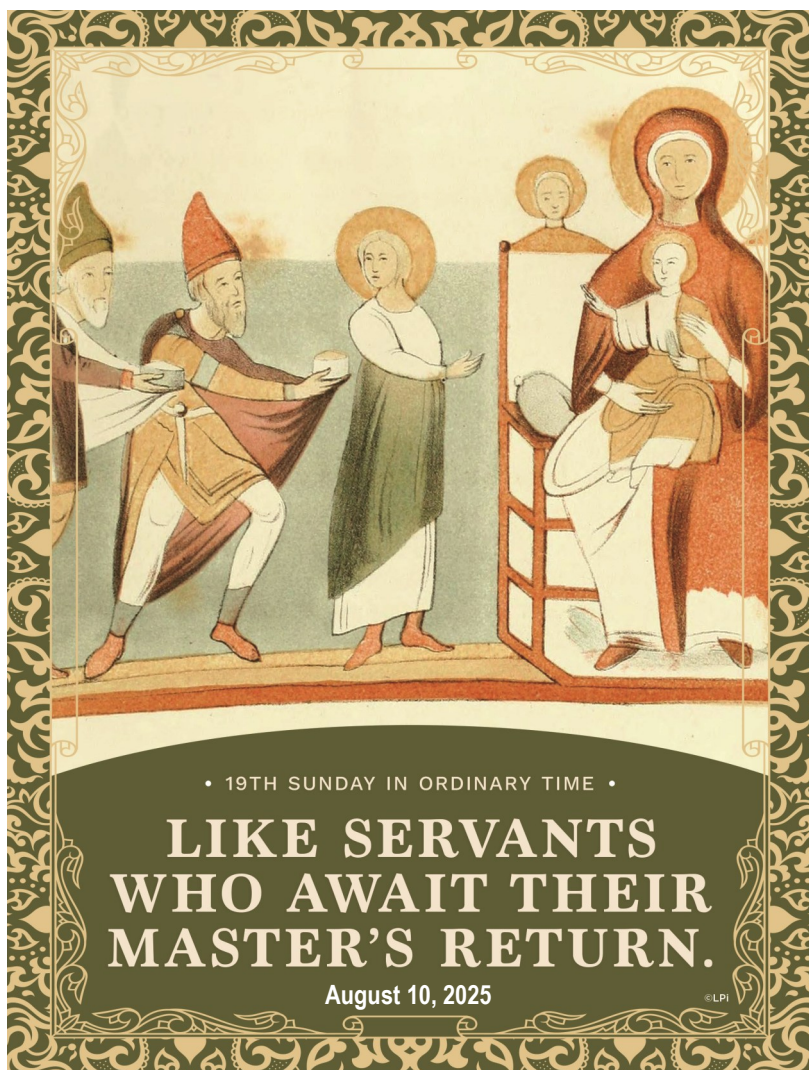
Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
 Secretary for Youth Protection 610-871-5200,  
 Ext. 2204 [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

**Psalm** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading** — Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

**Gospel** — Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, through Thursday: 8:30 AM

### Feast of the Assumption Holy Day:

Thursday: 7:00 PM (vigil)

Friday: 7:00 AM

### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

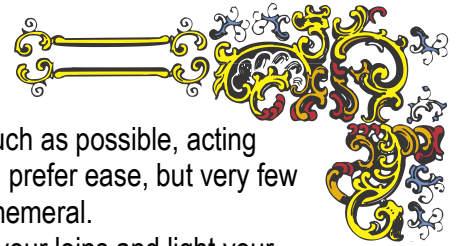
Benediction: 6:30 PM

### Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Thursday: 30 minutes before benediction or holy hours  
 (other times by appointment)

# A Message from Our Pastor:



We tend to hoard wealth, hustle to make a living, and seek to enjoy as much as possible, acting as if we will never die. Alongside majority of us who love life, enjoy pleasures, and prefer ease, but very few reflect on our own death and consider earthly riches as transient, fleeting, and ephemeral.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continually invites everyone to be vigilant: "Gird your loins and light your lamps" (Luke 12:35). Being vigilant is like the five wise virgins, who not only brought lamps but also oil; like the faithful servant waiting for the master to return; like the wise person guarding against the thief; like the wise servant acting according to the master's wishes. Vigilance does not mean being in a deep, slumbering sleep, but being awake even while resting. Vigilance also means being wise and promptly acting according to the will of one's master. Often, We Christians are very vigilant in prayers and moral obligations, such as keeping the first Fridays of the month or attending Mass on weekdays and Sundays, but we are often very drowsy in the demands of the Gospel.

Christianity is not a religion that lulls people to sleep. It is love; it is the way; it always awakens everyone. As a path to walk, Christians must be vigilant, because only by being awake and opening our eyes can we see the direction to go, and the purpose to reach a peaceful destination. Be awake to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven that is present. Be awake to avoid causing misunderstandings for others, to not distort the Gospel and the Church. Being awake is serving. And the more we serve, the more we will recognize the Kingdom of Heaven coming; the more we serve, the more we will become like Jesus Christ in His loving service.

Living in this world, we do not know when, at what hour, or at what minute we will die. Some of us still think that we will never have to die. Therefore, we cling to the world, living for enjoyment, living for fun, etc. However, the majority of us are very confused, anxious, and restless because God will come unexpectedly: "For the hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" (Luke 12:40). The Lord will come when no one expects it. A thief always breaks in very unexpectedly, and his sharpest weapon is surprise. God also comes very unexpectedly, and He only reminds us to be vigilant. Do not cling too tightly, laboriously to the fleeting and ephemeral riches of this temporary life and forget about eternal life, the life to come. The Lord comes unexpectedly but is very interesting and joyful for those who know to stay awake, like the five wise virgins, like the steward who always wisely follows the will of his master. No one knows when they will die, but death will become a happiness for those who always know to awaken. The only fear is that people think they still have tomorrow, still have time to prepare, but in reality, the hour of death will come very suddenly and harshly. Therefore, the Lord always reminds us to stay awake. Stay awake to contemplate, appreciate, and discover the presence of God and the blessings He bestows, making our life brighter, fresher, and more meaningful.

May we always know to stay awake to overcome the earthly delusions. May we not lose our heavenly treasure for the fleeting fame and fortune. Amen.

## Altar Servers Wanted

Father Abraham is seeking Altar Servers for weekend Masses. Interested individuals are invited to contact Father Abraham or the Parish office. Father Abraham will provide training for those who are interested.



## Land of Peace mission



On the weekend of:

Sep-20-21-2025, our brothers

and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission, a nonprofit organization, will be visiting our Parish speaking about the Christians and the ongoing situation in the Holy Land. They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, to raise funds to help support our fellow brothers and sisters. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem through these sales and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please visit our website: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)

## Feast of the Assumption Holy Day Masses

**Wednesday, August 14:**

7:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

**Thursday, August 15:**

7:00 AM (Holy Day)







## Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 8/11	8:30 AM	Stephen & Rose Barankovich (The Barankovich Family)
Tues 8/12	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Wed 8/13	8:30 AM	Eva Poliquin (The Nihen Family)
Thu 8/14	8:30 AM	Monica Klotz (Sue Hankee)
	7:00 PM	Special Intentions (Holy Day)
Fri 8/15	7:00 AM	Special Intentions (Holy Day)
Sat 8/16	4:30 PM	Eva Poliquin (Faith Andrejack)
Sun 8/17	8:30 AM	In Memory of deceased Ditalia Family (Joe Ditalia)
	10:30 AM	Robert Speicher (Carl Niedzwiecki)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

7/13	Collection Envelopes	\$3,203.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	School	\$288.00
	Mission	\$135.00

## 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 10 to 16

*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*

## Fall Calendar of Events

### August

- 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



## Bishop Schlert to Speak and Simulcast of Carlo Acutis Canonization on Men's Retreat Weekend, September 5!

Our Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite men and women to experience the excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend at Malvern Retreat House, St. Joseph in The Hills, Malvern, PA.. Learn, reflect, "dump your stuff", concentrate on the most important gift in your life: YOUR\_LIFE, the gift from God. And UNIQUE to this year, the men's weekend will feature Bishop Schlert as our guest speaker and we will be simulcasting the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, early Sunday morning, directly from Rome! While the women's weekend will not have the special events, you will have all the benefits of the traditional weekend. The simulcast is open to the general public. Contact me for more information. Come and seek the Lord INTENTIONALLY. Join the men's weekend, Sep 5, 6, and 7; or the women's weekend, Sep 12, 13, and 14. The retreat goes from Fri night to Sun morning. Welcome!

Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group, 610-393-4671, [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@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.



## 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.

## Important Notes!

**Starting Tuesday, August 5th**, Masses are held at 8:30am instead of the usual 6:30pm.

**Confessions are held each Wednesday**, 30 minutes prior to the start of Benediction or Holy Hours.

## 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](mailto:ccniedz@gmail.com)) or Thomas McCloskey at: 786-423-3206 ([tmccloskey95@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Basket Social, Assumption BVM

Assumption BVM Social Hall,  
649 W. Washington St., Slatington  
**Saturday, August 16, 1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**and Sunday, August 17, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



- Drawing begins at 1:00 on Sunday
- Refreshments available Saturday afternoon
- Tickets \$5/sheet (26 chances) or 5 sheets for \$20.

Please join us!

## Thank You to All Who Made the Church Picnic a Success!

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's church picnic such a wonderful and memorable event. To our dedicated organizers, Linda and Bob Watkins—thank you for your time, energy, and creativity in planning every detail. From the setup to the cleanup, your work made the day flow beautifully.

To all who attended; donated food, gift cards and items; grillers, bingo caller—thank you for making our picnic so special. Your presence and joyful spirit truly made the event a celebration of our church family.

To support next year's picnic, we will be selling the leftover food:

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| • Frozen Hamburger pack of 8         | \$10.00 |
| • Frozen Hot Dogs 2 doz.             | \$10.00 |
| • Hamburger rolls pack of 8          | \$1.00  |
| • Hot dog rolls pack of 8            | \$1.00  |
| • American Cheese 2-pound pack       | \$5.00  |
| • Large bag of Cape Cod Kettle Chips | \$5.00  |

Please sign up in the portico, contact [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

or call 610-751-5601 to make arrangements for pick up.

Food sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to many more gatherings that bring us closer as a community.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 (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](mailto: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.**



## Palmerton Festival

"All hands on deck for the Palmerton Festival"! This year we will be making potato pancakes again, halupki, and kielbasa sandwiches. Thank you to all who have signed up to work at the

Palmerton Festival. There are several remaining needs. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the portico. If you can not attend the festival and would like to help, please consider a monetary donation to help defray the cost of food supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the box as marked located in the kitchen. Thank you again! Marion Nihen

Potato peelers are also needed September 4, 5 and 6 starting at 9:30am.

Friday, September 5 5-11

Saturday Sept 6 11-11

Sunday September 7 12-9.



See Marion Nihen 610 767 9621 or

Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716 for more info

## 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](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

For more information, please contact Trina Marie Fixl 570.249.9198