

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:

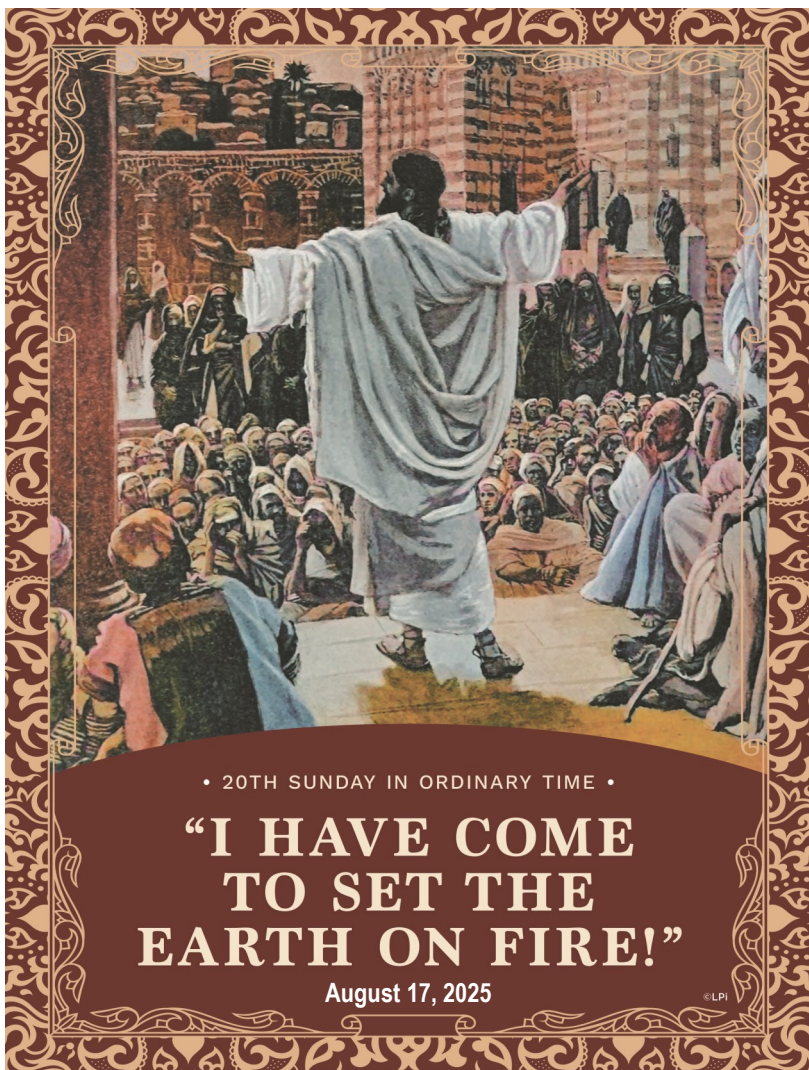
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading — Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel — Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or
holy hours

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Following Jesus requires us to pay the price and sacrifice, if not to go against the currents of life, in order to stay true to the values set forth by Christ. Therefore, the life of a Christian is seen as a constant battle with evil and social injustice. Today's Gospel is a testimony to us about that.

The Gospel today tells us that the Word of God brings division and not peace. In today's Gospel we hear one of Jesus' "sharp" words and it makes both the disciples and us also wonder, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law" (Luke 12:51-53).

Why is there this division? As we said: following God means that we are determined to live according to the values that God has brought into this world. And to be faithful to the values of that Gospel, it sometimes requires us to drastically sacrifice other values, to go against the behavior of those around us and our family members. From there, opposition and division will arise between parents and children, between brothers and sisters.

The exegetes (interpreters of the Bible) say that the division here is not the purpose of Jesus but the consequence of following him. And the war here is not a war between man against man, but a war against evil, the evil in man; it is a clash between the choices and values of followers and non-followers of God. But it is through this separation that man can re-establish the value ladder of life, with true values and peace on earth. Yes, to follow God, we must go against the flow of life, accept the opposition of others, and must fight the forces of evil and the devil.

Over and over again we realize that this life is only a preparation for the life to come. If we begin to make this life the center of our attention, we will forget that there are eternal values that form us. Once we realize that this life is a life that passes and never returns, we can begin to form our lives according to the Gospel: seeking the things that are above and being formed in values that will last forever.

That is the decisiveness of the Gospel, the price to pay for those who dare to follow the Lord in today's life.

Let us face life bravely and with joy. There are ways to live that deepen our humanity and our love for one another. There are also ways to live that lead to an eternal death. Let us choose wisely and give thanks to the Lord.

A Special THANK YOU From Bob and Linda Watkins

It is sometimes difficult to find the right words to show our appreciation to the over 40 parish families who helped make our Church Picnic a grand success. To all those who helped with transportation, setup, tear down and cleanup, our sincere THANKS.

To the bakers and cooks, your efforts were superb. Fourteen cakes were used for the cakewalk alone plus multiple deserts. The quantity and variety of prepared foods was exceptional. Without your efforts there would not have been a Picnic-THANK YOU.

To the Ticket sellers, Grillers, Bingo Caller and Kitchen helpers, Great job and THANKS.

To those who Donated prizes, gift cards, lottery tickets and Monetary Donations THANK YOU. Your efforts made everything work smoothly.

And lastly, THANKS to all who attended and helped make the day a success.



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



Mass Intentions:

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| 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) |
| Mon 8/18 | 8:30 AM | Gay Pecs (Mary Woytko) |
| Tues 8/19 | 8:30 AM | Monica Klotz (Mary L. Trexler) |
| Wed 8/20 | 8:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| Thu 8/21 | 8:30 AM | Brian Sauerzoph (Richard & Nancy Sauerzoph) |
| Fri 8/22 | No Mass | |
| Sat 8/23 | 4:30 PM | Eva Poliquin (Theresa Taddeo) |
| Sun 8/24 | 8:30 AM | Monica Klotz (Theresa Taddeo) |
| | 10:30 AM | Gerry Haines (Sue Hankee) |

Counting Our Blessings

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| 7/20 | Collection Envelopes | \$3,157.00 |
| | Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses | \$7,352.00 |
| | School | \$50.00 |
| | Europe | \$421.00 |

Thank You!



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 17 to 23

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

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

21 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

27, 28 Coffee & Donuts

October

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

November

16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Men's Malvern Retreat Weekend

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**. 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.

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.

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 (tmcclouskey95@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.



Page Turners Time Change

Page Turners, who meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center, have changed the time from 7:15pm to 6:30pm.

Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage to Italy

The PA Northeast Region Knights of Columbus are going on pilgrimage to Italy in the Summer of 2026, and all are invited to attend. The cost is \$3590 without airfare.



More details can be found at: <https://prorometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa/> or by emailing Jordan Cook at jordancook53170@gmail.com.



You Are Invited: BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS

DAILY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

- **Wednesday, September 3** – St. Joseph, Coopersburg (5050 St. Joseph Rd.) 8:00 a.m.
- **Thursday, September 4** – Holy Family, Nazareth (410 W. Center St.) 8:30 a.m.
- **Monday, October 20** – St. John the Baptist, Pottsville (S. Tenth and Mahantongo Sts.) 6:30 p.m.

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 (*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!

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.



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

For more information, please contact Trina Marie Fixl 570.249.9198