

## 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:

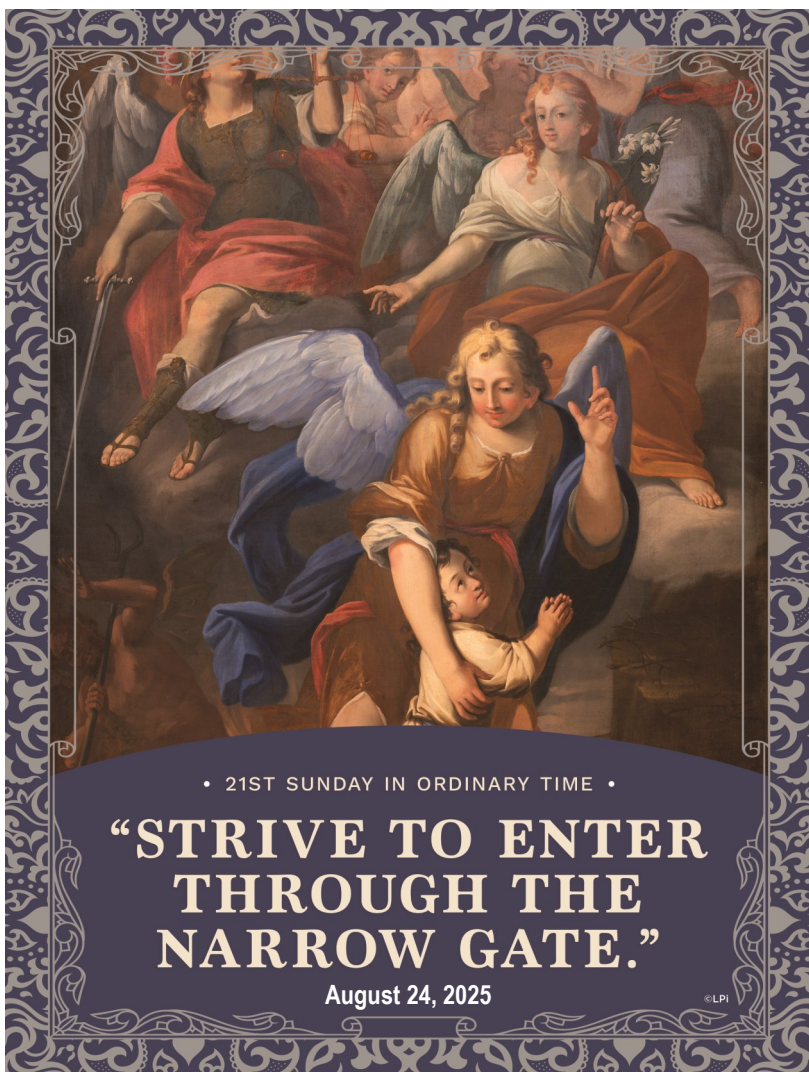
Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
Secretary for Youth Protection 610-871-5200,  
Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

### 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



## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

**Second Reading** — So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

**Gospel** — For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (Lk 13:30)

## 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

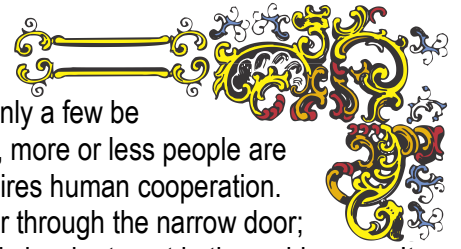
### Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or holy hours

(other times by appointment)

# *A Message from Our Pastor:*



Today's Gospel tells us that a Jew came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus does not answer directly: more or less people are saved. Because, more or less people are saved depends on their free choice. God always wants man to be saved, but requires human cooperation. To be saved, man must go through the narrow gate, as Jesus said: "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." Narrow gates are definitely harder to get in than wide ones. It is hard to get in so we have to try. We have to try to be little, for "Whoever becomes like a little child will enter the Kingdom of Heaven." We have to try to be humble, for "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted." We have to try to give up, because "Whoever wants to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We have to try to live as loving and caring ones, "For when I was hungry, you gave me food, when I was thirsty, you gave me drink, when I was naked, you clothed me, when I was in prison you visited me."

The narrow way is the way of the Beatitudes, the way of the Ten Commandments. But there are countless ways to keep the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes. There are many people who take the narrow path through family life: those who strive to fulfill their duties as fathers, husbands, wives, mothers, children and other duties towards the family, the Church and society. There are many people who follow the narrow path of the evangelical counsels, that is priests, religious... They accept to live in poverty, chastity, obedience and devote all their energies to serve God and the Church. There are also people who are not religious or married, but are single in the middle of society to have more time to serve God and the Church. There are people who enter the narrow path by witnessing to their faith in God, justice, charity and love. They testify by word, deed and even accept to shed their blood for others as the church's martyrs.

On the contrary, there are many people who do not want to follow the narrow path. They are not willing to make sacrifices and give up. They refuse to "become little." They refuse to "humble themselves." They do not want to keep the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. They get married but do not want to fulfill their duties as husband and father, wife and mother. They are children in the family but they don't want to honor their parents. As Christian Catholic living in the heart of the Church, they do not want to fulfill their assigned duties. They fall into evils: gambling, alcohol, sex, drug, deception, and corruption...and they refuse to repent and return to the right path. They do not know how to

love, as Jesus said: "When I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat, when I was thirsty you did not give me drink, when I was naked, you did not clothe me, when I was in prison, you did not visit me."

In short, God always desires for all people to be saved. Not only that, but He also showed the way to salvation. Therefore, being saved or not depends on our cooperation. It is true that God said: "A broad way is the way that leads to destruction" (Mt 7:13), and people also have a saying "success does not come by accident, but is the result of efforts."

## **Mission Appeal—August 30-31**

Next weekend, at all masses, Rev. Paul Sunny will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people belongs to fishermen community, majority of whom depends on fishing for their livelihood. 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in the communities. The archdiocese depends on outside contributions to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists, and the humanitarian projects of the homes for the orphans, aged and destitute, which provide food, shelter, health care, and education. In 2021, Hurricane "Taufat" left hundreds of families homeless. Monsoon sea-erosion each year, destroys several homes of the fishermen who live near the sea and make a living from fishing. The archdiocese is yet to recover from the crippling effects of financial devastation caused by the pandemic lockdowns. We humbly request your generous contribution to the second collection. Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated. May God bless you.

## **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](mailto:jordancook53170@gmail.com).





## Mass Intentions:

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| 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)                      |
| Mon 8/25  | 8:30 AM  | Monica Klotz (Sue Hankee)                      |
| Tues 8/26 | 8:30 AM  | Harry Wisser (Carl Niedzwiecki)                |
| Wed 8/27  | 8:30 AM  | Eva Marie Poliquin<br>(Beth & Mary L. Trexler) |
| Thu 8/28  | 8:30 AM  | People of the Parish                           |
| Fri 8/29  | No Mass  |  |
| Sat 8/30  | 4:30 PM  | Eva Poliquin (Tom & Lisa<br>Pignataro)         |
| Sun 8/31  | 8:30 AM  | Gay Pecs (Theresa Taddeo)                      |
|           | 10:30 AM | Kay Niedzwiecki<br>(Dave & Mary FeKula)        |



### 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.

### 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.

### Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

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| 7/27 | Collection Envelopes                        | \$3,638.00        |
|      | <b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b> | <b>\$7,352.00</b> |
|      | School                                      | \$218.00          |

### St. Joseph Flowers

**August 24 to 30**

*John and Mary Hock (Diane Turner)*

### Blessed Mother Flowers

**August 24 to 30**

*John and Mary Hock (Diane Turner)*



### 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 24 to 30

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
**St. Nicholas Memorial Society**  
Wednesday Adorers*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
**St. Nicholas Memorial Society***



## Fall Calendar of Events

### 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



## 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.



## 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.

## 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)

## 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!

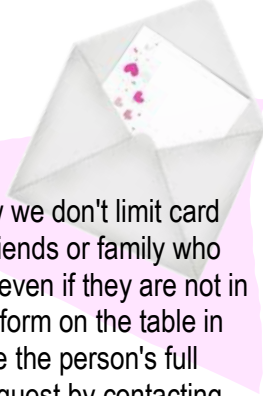
Contact: Anthony Scarselletti, Our Lady of Perpetual Help group, 610-393-4671, [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com).

## Caring Cards

The Caring Cards team hopes that everyone who received a card we crafted for them enjoyed them.

We just wanted to let everyone know we don't limit card requests to our parish. If you have friends or family who would benefit from receiving a card, even if they are not in our parish please fill out the request form on the table in the portico. Please be sure to include the person's full address. You can also make your request by contacting Pat Hunsicker at 484-464-7265.

We meet in the church hall the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 10:30. If anyone would like to join us please do, we would welcome any additional help.







## 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 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!

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

For more information, please contact Trina Marie Fixl 570.249.9198