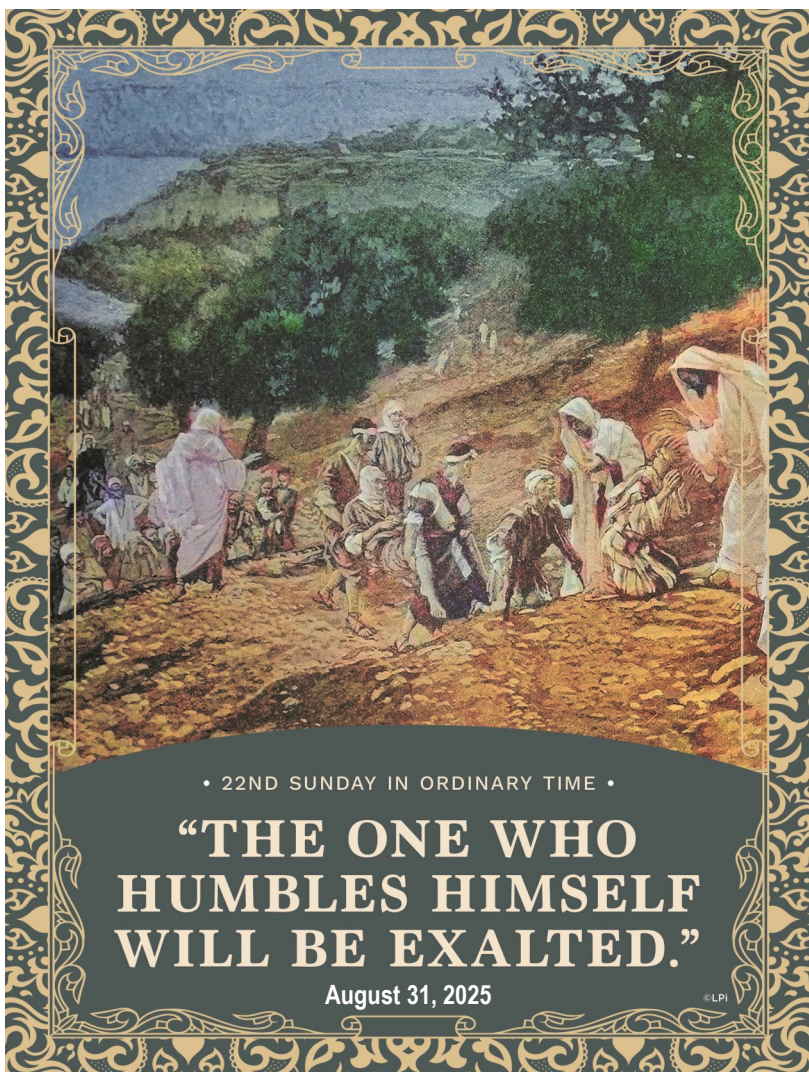


St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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 — Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

Second Reading — You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

Gospel — "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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

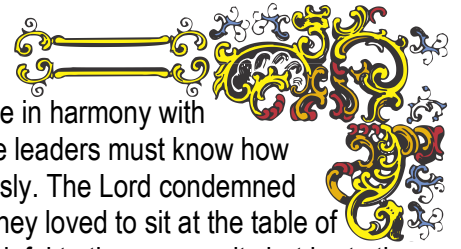
Confessions:

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 Readings and Gospel tell us to live humbly with everyone and to live in harmony with each other in sincere love. The leaders must know how to bow down to serve. The leaders must know how to be humble when living among others, know how to treat others with love selflessly. The Lord condemned the snobbery of the Pharisees because they loved to be recognized at the party; they loved to sit at the table of honor". They used their authority to be served by others. Their way of life is not helpful to the community but hurts the others. The Lord also teaches us that when having a banquet, we should treat even those who cannot afford to offer us a glass of wine in return. Do not invite each other in a "reciprocal" way, but the important thing is human love for each other. Man is nobler and more precious than money, above all earthly material things, so he must know how to put humans' love over profit calculations. Do not exclude our brothers and sisters for material gain, but use our wealth to buy the Heavenly friendship.

That is also the way of life that Christ Jesus has implemented throughout his earthly life. He chose to be born into poverty. He lived humbly in the middle of the village of Nazareth. He came to earth not to be served but to serve. It was at the Last Supper that he did his servant's duty when he stooped to wash the feet of his disciples. He is the Lord, the Master but does not care about his noble position; he only knows to lower himself to become a servant for everyone. Jesus does not choose a unique subject to serve. Jesus did not exclude anyone from the table that He himself provided. All people from east to west are invited to participate in the banquet that the Lord has prepared.

Today, Jesus still invites us to continue on the path that He has walked. The path of humility that he can come to live in harmony and to serve us. The way of pride leads us only to separation from others, and causes brokenness due to envy and jealousy. Regardless of class or race, each person is received with love and respect. With that, the world we live in will be peaceful and prosperous. Only then, will the world we live in be filled with love, joy and laughter.

However, in the midst of this life, there are still those who use superior power to oppress the underlings. In the midst of this life, there are still tears of the poor, disabled, unhappy, and elders who cannot find comfort and support of their fellow human beings. The world will not have peace and prosperity, if we do not know how to live humbly and support each other. The world will only have cries and grievances if there are still arrogant and unloving people on this planet. The world will fall apart if no one else bows down to serve one another.

Mission Appeal—August 30-31

This weekend, at all masses, Rev. Paul Sunny is 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 "Tauktae" 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.

There is a story that tells: on a narrow road close to the mountainside, on one side is a steep cliff, on the other side is a deep abyss, two mountain goats go in opposite directions. Because the road was too narrow, only enough for one animal to pass, the two goats were too confused to calculate how to pass each other. If they jostle, they can fall into the abyss and die. They suddenly came up with a way: one of them knelt on the ground to let the other step over him. So they continue their way.

Yes, in today's world, if we want to save ourselves from the pit of doom, we need to know how to build human love rather than build splendid and magnificent facilities. If we want to be happy and prosperous in today's world, we need to become selfless people to serve others.

May each of us always learn the lesson of the Lord's humility to come to our brothers and sisters, to sacrifice ourselves, to become useful to others, so that we may contribute to the building up of our peaceful world, a place where God's love and human love can be felt, and each person can find joy in receiving and giving acts of love. Amen.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 8/30	4:30 PM	Eva Poliquin (Tom & Lisa Pignataro)
Sun 8/31	8:30 AM	Gay Pecs (Theresa Taddeo)
	10:30 AM	Kay Niedzwiecki (Dave & Mary FeKula)
Mon 9/1	8:30 AM	Monica Klotz (Mel & Rita Moyer)
Tues 9/2	8:30 AM	Kimberly Geueke (Brian Keefe)
Wed 9/3	8:30 AM	Joseph & Steffie Mordawski (Lorraine Stefanoski)
Thu 9/4	8:30 AM	Antonet Squicciarini (Carl Squicciarini)
Fri 9/5	No Mass	
Sat 9/6	4:30 PM	Mary Tanzola (Janice & Bill Tanzola)
Sun 9/7	8:30 AM	Judith Bouse (Brian Keefe)
	10:30 AM	Catherine McDermott (Bill & Krista Ambrosino)

Counting Our Blessings

8/3	Collection Envelopes	\$3,733.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$394.00
	Assumption	\$55.00

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 21 to September 6

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Poor Souls of Purgatory (Semler Family)
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist
(Semler Family)*

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) 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.

Hi Book Lovers!

The Page Turners Book Club is excited to share our upcoming Book Club schedule with you! Get ready for great reads, thoughtful discussions, and fun community time. Here's what's coming up:



- ♦ Sept 2 and 16 - complete "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis
- ♦ Oct 7 - "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (the 1886 Classic) by Robert Louis Stephenson
- ♦ Oct 21 - Movie - Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- ♦ Nov 4 and 18 - book to be determined
- ♦ Dec 2 - "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens

Page Turners meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Any questions, please contact community@stnicholaswalnutport.org or call Cindy at 610-751-5601.

Grocery & Gas Gift Card Raffle

To help support our parish, we are holding a raffle for \$250 or \$100 in GIANT gift cards, or one of five \$50 gift cards to Thomson's Meat Market. Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold in the social hall after Masses Aug. 30/31 and at our booth at the Palmerton Festival. Drawing will be held during the week after the Palmerton Festival.



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.



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.



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

We Wish Everyone a Blessed and Restful Holiday.

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