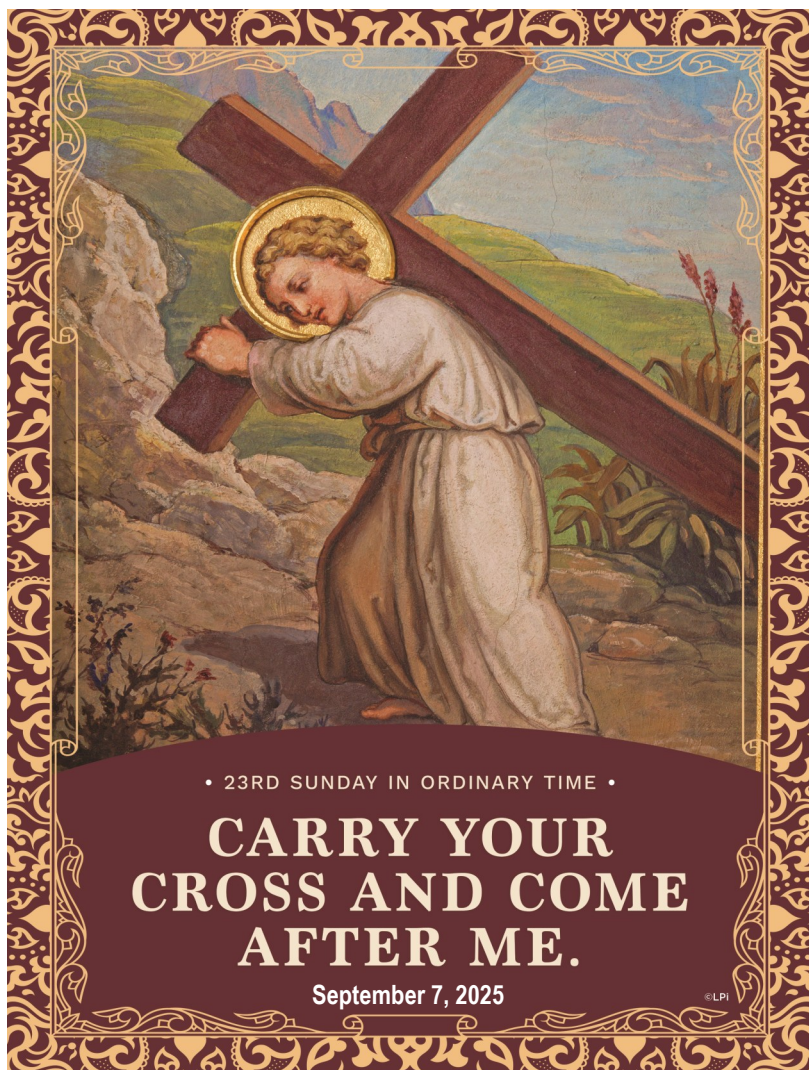


St. Nicholas Catholic Church

1152 Oak Road Walnutport, PA 18088
www.stnicholaswalnutport.org

Parish Office and Religious Education:
610-767-3107 E-mail: stnick11@ptd.net

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 — And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading — Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel — Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

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)



PREP News:

St. Nicholas Parish Religious Education Program (CCD) begins promptly at 6:30PM on Monday September 08, 2025 with a Monthly Presentation to Parents followed by "Family Time with the Children".

Parent's Presentations will continue every 2nd Monday of each Month (Monday September 8th through Monday May 11, 2026). **Importantly, these Presentations are open to all parishioners who are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith and to build our parish community.**

If you need to register a child for the 2025-2026 school year, registration forms and calendars will be in the Social Hall after Masses on three Sundays: **August 24, August 31, and September 07, 2025 at 9:30-9:45AM and 11:30-11:45AM.** Also, we are always in need of additional teachers and aides, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Brian Keefe (267-337-5289).

Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
 Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Thursday: Patriot Day
 Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (**See Saint's Bio in this bulletin**)

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



Saint's Bio: Saint John Chrysostom | September 13

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568. ©LPi



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/knightsforcolumbuspa/> or by emailing Jordan Cook at jordancook53170@gmail.com.





Mass Intentions:

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| 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) |
| Mon 9/8 | 8:30 AM | Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki) |
| Tues 9/9 | 8:30 AM | People of the Parish |
| Wed 9/10 | 8:30 AM | Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko) |
| Thu 9/11 | 8:30 AM | Rosemary Huertas (Mary Woytko) |
| Fri 9/12 | No Mass | |
| Sat 9/13 | 4:30 PM | Kim Geueke (JoAnn Klucsarits) |
| Sun 9/14 | 8:30 AM | John Beginnes (Mary Woytko) |
| | 10:30 AM | Hilda Steirer (Dave & Mary FeKula) |

Counting Our Blessings

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| 8/10 | Collection Envelopes | \$4,194.00 |
| | Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses | \$7,352.00 |
| | Preservation & Restoration | \$315.00 |
| | Assumption | \$50.00 |

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 September 7 to 13

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Poor Souls of Purgatory (Semler Family)
Wednesday Adorers*

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

Fall Calendar of Events

September

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



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.

New Ultrasound Machine Donated to Care Net of Carbon County by Knights of Columbus PA NE Region

The councils of the PA Northeast Region of the Knights of Columbus and the KofC Supreme council have donated a new ultrasound machine to Care Net of Carbon County in Nesquehoning. The donation consisted of \$17,500 raised from the PA NE region councils and a matching \$17,500 from the Supreme Council. This machine is an affective resource in revealing the life growing inside of a mother who may have no resources or are considering an abortion. The mother's decision to allow the child to live is greatly increased.

Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising efforts. Our council's donation was \$1000.00. Your participation is what allows our council to participate in this work.



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.





You Are Invited: BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS

DAILY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

- **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.



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

Readings the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
 Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

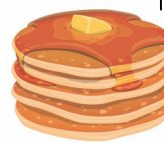


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All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■
 Under 6 Free

Pancakes
 Sausage
 Home Fries
 Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets
 Creamed Chip Beef
 Ham
 Toast

Sunday, September 21, 2025
8am - 12:00pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall