

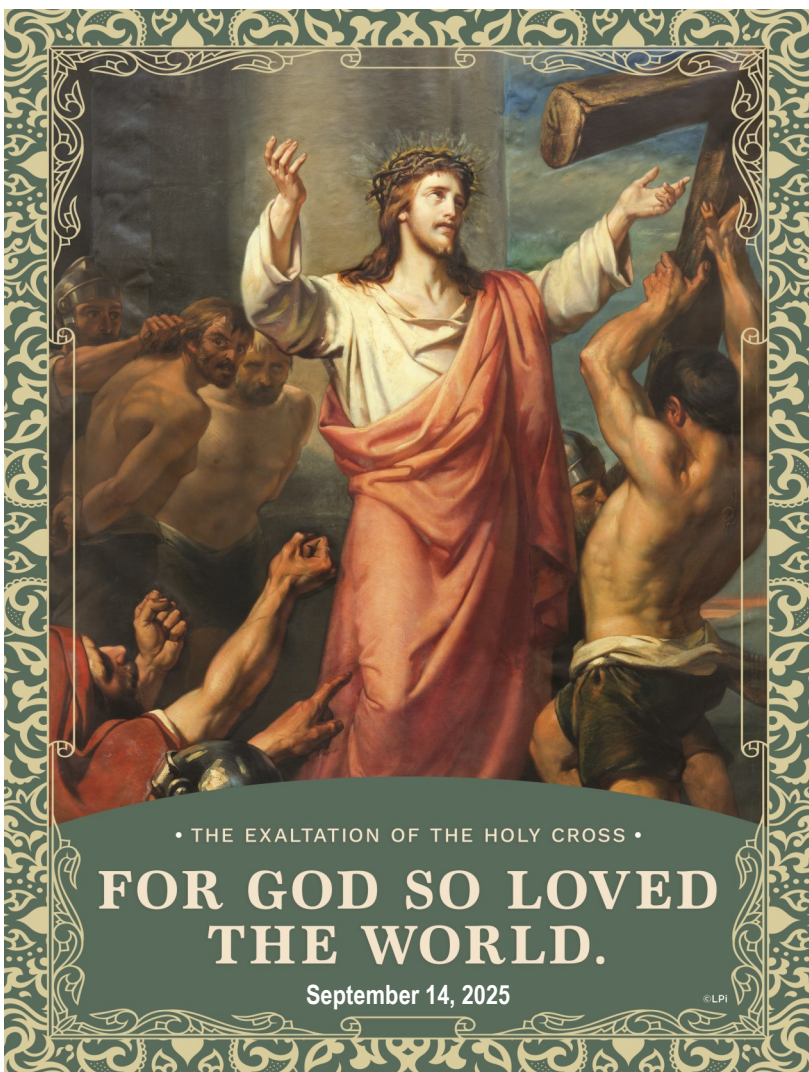
St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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

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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 — "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us."
 (Nm 21:7)

Psalm — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading — He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel — For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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:



The Church's annual liturgy dedicates September 14th to invite us to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Jesus with joy because of the grace of salvation. On this day, the Holy Cross is presented not from the perspective of suffering or the heavy essential burden of life that one must carry with Christ, but from the perspective of glory, as a reason for those who believe in Jesus to be proud and without tears.

The Holy Cross, a most brutal and terrible instrument in human history used by the Jews as a means of torment to crucify Jesus, but He transformed it into a means of saving the world. From then on, the Holy Cross became the only Hope in the triumphant Glory of Christ, bestowing upon us the grace of forgiveness and all blessings. Therefore, "we must boast about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him, we are freed, live, and rise again; it is He who frees and saves us" (Entrance Antiphon).

This is reflected in the readings. Saint Paul regards the Holy Cross as a great motivation to "praise" Jesus: "He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted Him and gave Him a name above every name" (Phil 2:8-11). According to Saint John, the Holy Cross is like an instrument for human salvation: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life" (John 3:14). So today the Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with joy because of the gift of salvation.

Looking at the Holy Cross, we will discover the story of God's love for humanity in general and for each one of us in particular.

The Holy Cross is the wisdom and power of God because "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" (1 Cor: 1:24-25). The Holy Cross has become a sign of love, hope, and life. The Holy Cross is a symbol of saving Love. The Holy Cross is the pride and glory of believers. Saint Paul had a desire: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14).

Jesus died on the cross to prove that He loved the world more than He loved Himself. On the cross, Jesus demonstrated that God's love for us is the highest form of love: Love to the utmost, a total self-giving Love of God. To love is to sacrifice, to give oneself: to give oneself for the good of others. Jesus offered Himself on the cross as a compensation for the salvation of humanity.

The Holy Cross is deeply imprinted and inseparably linked with Jesus Christ. Even after the Lord rose gloriously, the wounds of the passion on the cross remained visible and were not erased. The Cross of Christ transcends time and is present in every moment of our lives. That presence changes everything.

Each of us is living a life for ourselves. Each of us is receiving the cross with different attitudes. Some accept the cross to atone for sins. Some accept the cross out of love for others. And there are also those who are rejecting the cross in their lives. Happiness or suffering depends on the choices we make in life. But whether people want it or not, the cross still exists; the cross of duty; the cross of sacrifice, giving up unjust greed, sinful desires, and petty selfishness. Accepting the cross will bring us peace of mind because we have lived according to our human duties. Accepting the cross is also an opportunity for us to make up for the shortcomings in our lives and those of others.

Accepting the cross is also an opportunity for us to advance toward the glory of resurrection with the Lord in heaven.

We love and worship Jesus on the Holy Cross. In today's consumer and pleasure-seeking society, the darkness of power, money, fame, and pleasure is obscuring the shadow of the Holy Cross. We are throwing ourselves into darkness at all costs. Today's society needs to be illuminated by the light of the Holy Cross. From the Cross of Christ comes love that blesses the world, life that fills the human heart. To venerate the Holy Cross is to venerate the love and life of Christ.

May the Lord, who was pleased to accept the cross for us, support and help us carry the daily cross as we follow Him. May the Lord help us to live a noble life of sacrifice so that we do not regret the past, but always have peace because we have fulfilled our duties with love for God and love for others. Amen.





Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 9/15	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)
Tues 9/16	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Wed 9/17	8:30 AM	Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
Thu 9/18	8:30 AM	Rosemary Huertas (Mary Woytko)
Fri 9/19	No Mass	
Sat 9/20	4:30 PM	Kim Geueke (JoAnn Klucsarits)
Sun 9/21	8:30 AM	John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
	10:30 AM	Hilda Steirer (Dave & Mary FeKula)

Counting Our Blessings

8/17	Collection Envelopes	\$3,600.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$280.00
	School	\$315.00

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 14 to 20

*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
Wednesday Adorers*

Fall Calendar of Events

September

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.

Land of Peace Mission

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made

of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. 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. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the

opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. See Website: www.landofpeace.org



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

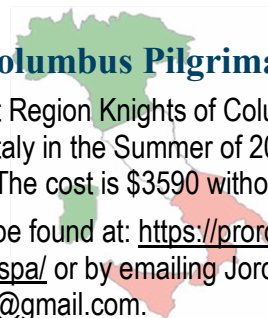
Page Turners meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Any questions, please contact community@stnicholaswalnutport.org or call Cindy at 610-751-5601.

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.



Thank You to Palmerton Festival Volunteers!!!

We would like to thank everyone who made our parish's participation at the Palmerton Festival such a resounding success. We thank especially everyone who volunteered their time to help grill, serve food, take orders, and sell raffle tickets during the festival. We'd also like to thank our Kitchen Team for their countless hours of preparing the food and the parish community who helped peel potatoes. We'd especially like to thank Lisa Pignataro for her donation of homemade pizzelles; Ed Andrejack for the use of his truck to haul equipment; the men who helped set up the floor, tent, and supplies; Gaston Farms for cabbage; Thompson Meat Market for meat; Twin Maple Farms for potatoes; Krakus Deli for meat; and the many people who were unable to volunteer, but made donations to help defray the costs of supplies.

The event was successful in many ways. It helped bring our parish together by uniting many longtime parishioners who are frequent, dependable volunteers along with quite a few people newer to the parish or newer to volunteering in the common cause of benefitting our parish and showing our presence to the community. We also served the community, as hundreds of people were thrilled that we were able to provide them with such delicious potato pancakes, halupki, kielbasa, and pizzelles. Many came back to tell us how good the food was, and many reminisced fondly about family members who made similar items.

Finally, we expect that the weekend will have been a significant fundraiser for our parish, with more information to come in the near future!

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items (prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.) to be donated to those in need within our area.



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. Contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484-597-3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

New Bible Study

The Letter of James: Practical Wisdom for Living a God-centered Life



Our next Bible Study began on September 11th and will continue every other Thursday until January 29, 2026. This study offers 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 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 receive 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.

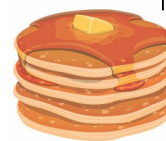


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All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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