

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:

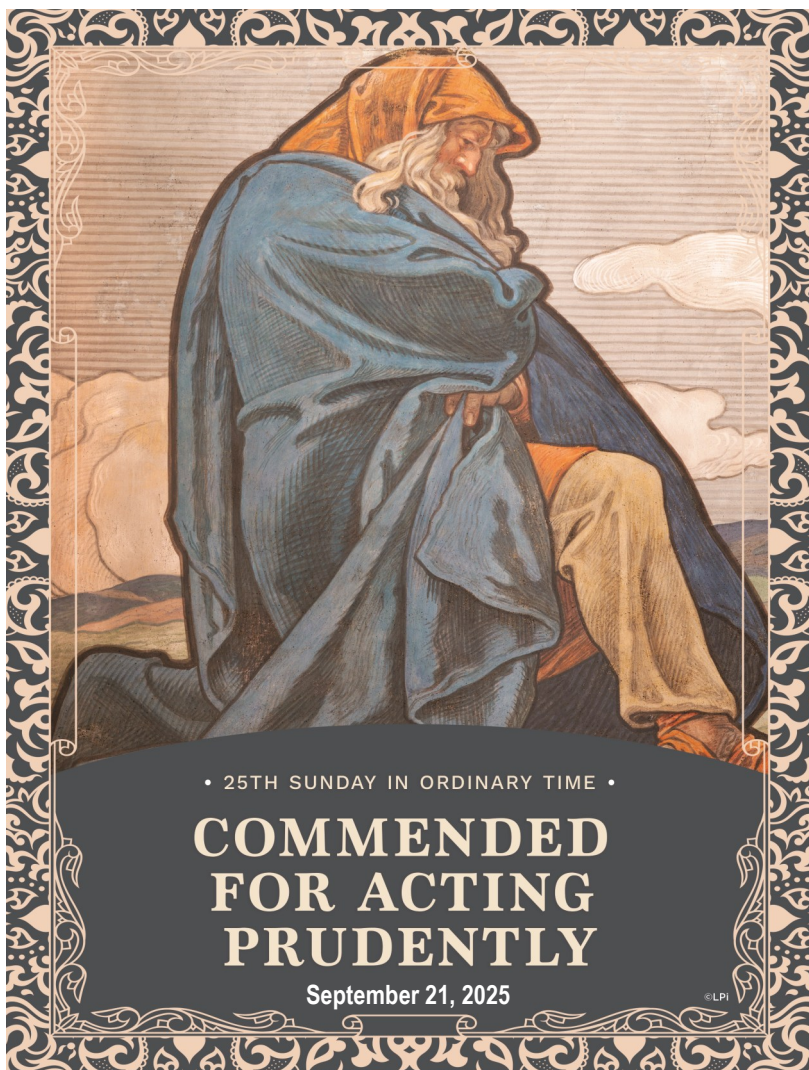
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Secretary for Youth Protection 610-871-5200,
Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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 — The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalms — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading — There is also one mediator between God
and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.
(1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel — "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate
one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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

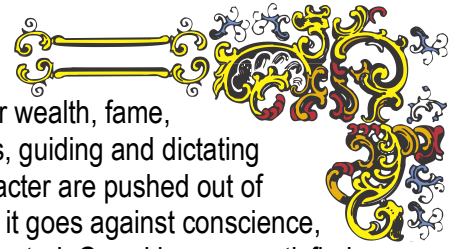
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or
holy hours

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Looking at today's social reality, one can see that people often chase after wealth, fame, status, and power. In this race, people have allowed money to dominate their lives, guiding and dictating both their way of living and their feelings. At that time, God, conscience, and character are pushed out of their hearts. Money and fame become idols, and they do anything to get it, even if it goes against conscience, moral principles, fairness, and charity, as long as they become richer and get promoted. Greed is never satisfied. Human ambition is never-ending.

Today's Word of God reminds us to use money to gain eternal life by sharing and helping others. Do not be harsh with our brothers and sisters. Do not accumulate unjust and dirty money. Use our abilities to help others. That is how we gain eternal life. Because one's life does not end with death. Life continues. The difference is that humans no longer act as stewards of the money that God has given. Humans are only in one of two states: enjoying eternal happiness because they have been generous stewards with others throughout their lives, or suffering eternal torment due to the loss of God's gifts and unfaithfulness in their duties to God and others. Therefore, the Lord tells us to use money to gain friends in the Kingdom of Heaven. We must use the blessings God has given—money, time, and ability—to show love to the unfortunate lives around us.

There was a man died and went to heaven. He met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates who led him down the golden streets. They passed mansions after beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a shack. The man asked Saint Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. Saint Peter replied, "I did the best with money you sent us."

From the above story, we draw this lesson: Only the "money given away" is the "money saved" that holds value for transactions in the afterlife and truly brings eternal happiness to us.

Remember that: We will not become rich before God with "earning" money, but with "giving" money. Only when we generously give to the poor can we truly be faithful and wise stewards who follow the will of the Lord. Only when we see money as a means to serve others can we prove ourselves to be loyal to God. Jewish Rabbis say: "The rich help the poor in this life, but the poor will help the rich in the next." When commenting on the story of the foolish rich man who built bigger barns to store more wealth, Saint Ambrose said: "The belly of the poor, the house of the widow, the mouth of the little child are barns that last forever." The Jews believe that almsgiving to the poor is recorded in the giver's account in the afterlife. Therefore, true wealth does not depend on what one holds, but on what one generously gives away.

May God help us use His gifts to buy the happiness of the Kingdom of Heaven through a life of charity and love for the poor and unfortunate brothers and sisters He sends to us. Amen.

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

- Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45



Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

- Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday: National Migration Week
- Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Calling ALL Preschoolers

SJNRS in Slatington has begun a Preschool for ages 3-5. It's an extremely flexible program with 2-5 days/week, & 1/2 or full day programs. There is flex admission during the school year. The program focuses on gross/fine motor skill development, social skills, religion, and hands-on learning for academics. Call the school @ 610-767-2935 for more information.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 9/20	4:30 PM	Dolores Oswald (JoAnne Klucsarits)
Sun 9/21	8:30 AM	Kim Geueke (Mary Eisenreich)
	10:30 AM	Fred Kochmaruk Jr. & Erik Hosmann (JoAnne Kochmaruk)
Mon 9/22	8:30 AM	Robert Celentano (The Barankovich Family)
Tues 9/23	8:30 AM	Rosie Piperata (Barb)
Wed 9/24	8:30 AM	Monica Klotz (Diane Turner)
Thu 9/25	8:30 AM	Pattie DePaolo (Barbara Clough)
Fri 9/26	No Mass	
Sat 9/27	4:30 PM	Mike McGonigle (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Sun 9/28	8:30 AM	Robert Bird (Gene Ballas)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)

Counting Our Blessings

8/24	Collection Envelopes	\$2,519.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$120.00

Thank You

Miraculous Medal Novena

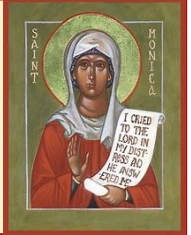


The prayers of the Miraculous Medal Novena are prayed publicly in our parish every Wednesday after the evening Benediction at 6:30PM. We offer public praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena as a perpetual novena of prayer as a part of the spiritual life of our parish.

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 21 to 27

*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

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

Custom engraved pavers are available for \$125.00 each for placement in the Memorial Garden. Forms can be found in the Church Portico and

payments (cash or check)

should be dropped off at the Parish office or in collection basket in a marked envelope.

Any questions please contact Kim: 484-221-1434



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.



Meatballs for Mercy!

News Radio 790 WAEB Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Mercy School For Special Learning

October 18, 2025

Dinner served from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA

Cost: FREE! 50/50 raffle; Tricky Trays; Donations appreciated—No tickets or reservations required

For any questions or interest in sponsorships, **please contact Mark Napierkowski at mnapierkowski@mercyschool.org or 610-451-3786**

Please join us to support Mercy School, a private institution which has been an indispensable resource for special-needs students in Lehigh Valley since 1954!



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:

- ♦ 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.



Marian Catholic High School Fall Open House

Explore, Discover, Belong.

Saturday, October 25th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Come tour the school with our Marian Mentors, meet faculty and staff, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Please RSVP with Mary Milosh at mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116



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!



Our Deepest Thanks

thank you
very much

Dear Susanne,

Our deepest thanks for your contribution to the Father McElduff Scholarship Fund. Your check will be deposited into the restricted account. This account is used solely for student scholarships. **Thank you again and God Bless You!**

Sincerely,
The Scholarship Committee

Land of Peace Mission



The weekend of October 11-12, 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

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.

This Weekend!

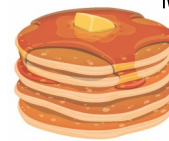


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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