

## 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:

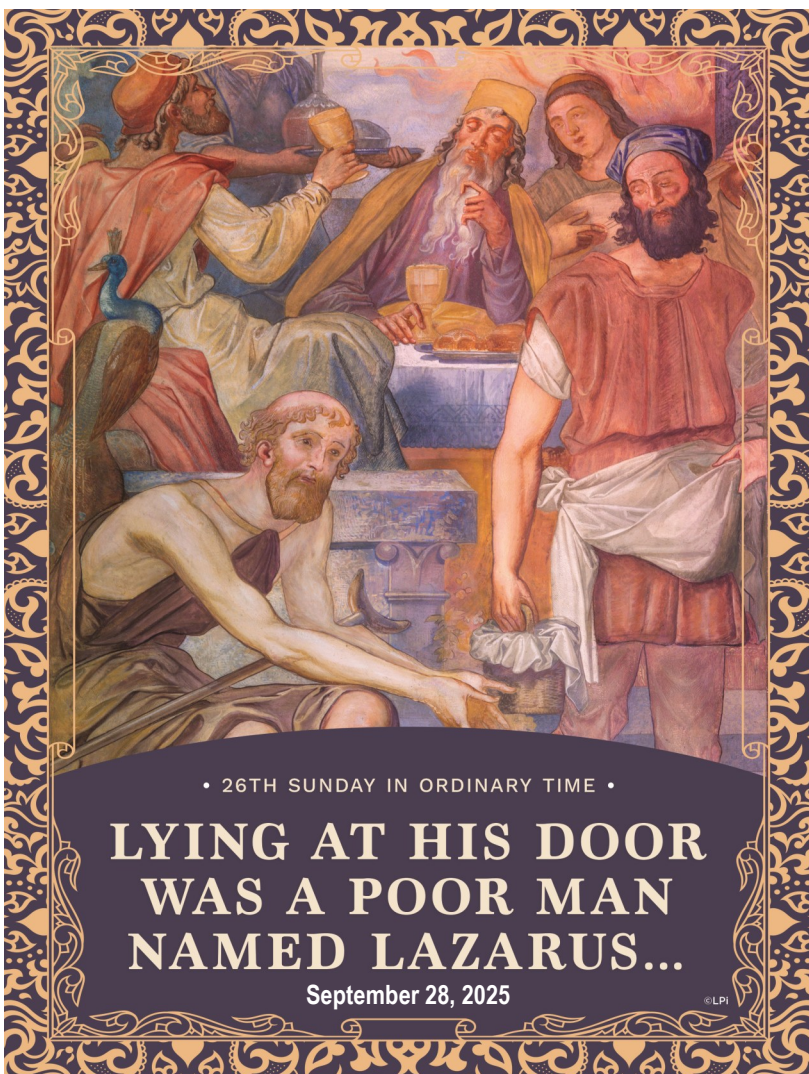
Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
 Secretary for Youth Protection 610-871-5200,  
 Ext. 2204 [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### 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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading** — But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

**Gospel** — Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

## 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

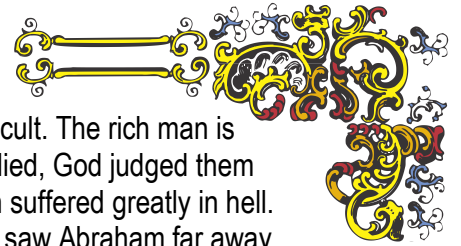
### Confessions:

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 the story of a rich man and the poor Lazarus. It's difficult. The rich man is dressed comfortably while Lazarus has a very difficult life. But after both of them died, God judged them fairly: Lazarus was comforted, sitting in the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man suffered greatly in hell.

While enduring torment from the netherworld, the rich man looked up and saw Abraham far away, and he saw Lazarus. in the bosom of Abraham. At that time, he begged father Abraham to have mercy and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and drop it on his tongue to cool him, because he was burned by fire terribly. The rich man's regret was too late!

Abraham said in detail: "My child, remember: you received your blessings throughout your life; and Lazarus received full of misfortunes throughout his life." Now, Lazarus is comforted here, while you must suffer. Furthermore, between us there is a great chasm, so that even if we want to cross over to you, we cannot, and even if those there want to cross over to us, they cannot. "This won't work either."

Unable to save himself, the rich man then pledged for his family members. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his five brothers' house to warn them and correct their way of life, lest they too end up in torment like him. But Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." The rich man said they wouldn't listen, but if someone came to them from the dead, they would repent.

Abraham replied, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead." That's right, there are so many warnings, but people are only scared when they first hear them, and after a few days, they forget everything, and things go back to the way they were!

Actually, the rich man's sin wasn't his wealth, but his indifference and lack of concern for the poor, sick Lazarus who was lying right at his gate. Living right next to each other without seeing or helping is truly an inhumane and immoral act. The rich man's sin of indifference will become a crime because he refused to help in time and Lazarus became exhausted and died, making him worthy of God's punishment in the fires of netherworld!

True wealth doesn't come from the possessions we accumulate, but from the possessions we give away. The truly rich are those who know how to generously share, while the truly poor are those who only know how to hold out their hands to receive. The truly wealthy are those with few needs, so they always feel fulfilled, while the truly poor have too many needs they want to satisfy, so they always feel lacking. True wealth is most valuable when it is spiritual wealth.

We should remember that happiness comes from giving; only by giving can we accumulate merit in this life and the next. On the contrary, an unhappy life is one that does not give. An unhappy person is selfish, only thinks of themselves, and only lives for themselves. The unfortunate will not experience the joy of giving. They live without a future because they did not accumulate merit for themselves in the afterlife thru acts of charitable sharing and humble service. Thus, we not only sin in thought, word, and deed, but also in our shortcomings in the duty of love, when we are indifferent to the suffering of others.

God created us with a heart to love, to feel the suffering of others and be moved with compassion. Don't be indifferent to unfortunate ones. Don't be indifferent to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. On the Day of Judgment, the Lord will not ask us if we were rich or poor. God will not ask us about our status, but He will ask about our solidarity with others. Are we charitable toward others? Are we too indifferent, even callous, toward our brothers and sisters? May the Lord Jesus always have compassion on all people, and may He help us always know how to share with our poor brothers and sisters. May we never be indifferent or apathetic to the suffering of others. Amen.



## **Coffee & Donuts**

Join your fellow parishioners in the social hall for a little break with delicious donuts after all the masses this weekend.



## **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 9/27	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)
Mon 9/29	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Tues 9/30	8:30 AM	Charlie Unger (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Wed 10/1	8:30 AM	Felicia Dormans (Christine Dormans)
Thu 10/2	8:30 AM	Rose Pitts (Brian Keefe)
Fri 10/3	No Mass	
Sat 10/4	4:30 PM	Steven Poliquin (Art & Louise Mazza)
Sun 10/5	8:30 AM	Jean & Fred Barlow (Kate Adams)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)

## Counting Our Blessings

8/31	Collection Envelopes	\$3,176.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Mission Co-op	\$1,520
	Preservation & Restoration	\$375.00

*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 28 to October 4

*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

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/](https://prorometours.com/knightsofcolumbuspa/) or

by emailing Jordan Cook at [jordancook53170@gmail.com](mailto:jordancook53170@gmail.com).



## Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign is now underway. All proceeds will be split between Care Net of Carbon, providing pregnancy resources to mothers in crisis, and Cay Galgon Life Center, providing residency and training to mothers in crisis.



To participate, take a bottle from the baby stroller in the paved lot portico. Fill it with change or make a donation and bring it back and place it in the stroller.

Your donations will be collected, tallied, and checks will go to the centers at the end of the campaign. The campaign is currently underway and will go through the end of October.

**Please help us help them.**

Anthony Scarselletti, Council 16656, 610-393-4671, [ascarsel@ptd.net](mailto:ascarsel@ptd.net)

## 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.

## Hello Readers!

As the leaves begin to fall and the cozy season approaches, the Page Turners have unveiled our upcoming lineup of reads to carry us through the rest of the year.



- ♦ 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 - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig
- ♦ Dec 2 - "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens

The Page Turners meet the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center at 6:30pm. For details contact [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org) or 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](mailto: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!

## 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](http://www.landofpeace.org)

## NORTH OF 50 CHILI DAY!

October 28, 1 o'clock in the social hall

Feel free to bring your favorite chili, fixins, like sour cream, cheddar cheese, rice, corn muffins, beverage or dessert! We will even have free mystery door prizes!

Come one and all for a fun gathering at St Nick's!

contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092

Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716



## Bible Study

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



Our next Bible Study began on September 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:geneballas@msn.com). Bible Studies at St. Nicholas have receive excellent reviews. We hope you will join us!

## Retirement Announcement

After many years of service, our Maintenance Person, Robert Obrecht, is retiring. Congratulations to Bob and Thank you for your many years of dedicated work.



We are looking for a new Maintenance Person about 12 hours per week. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact the parish office.



## Annual Pet Blessing

Father Abraham will be performing the annual Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Bring your furry (and not so furry) friends on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 12:00 noon to the "Barking" lot.

We hope to see you and your critters there!

## Sunday Missal

Sunday Missal order forms are located in both porticos. Please sign up if you would like one.

