

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.

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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
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading — For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel — "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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

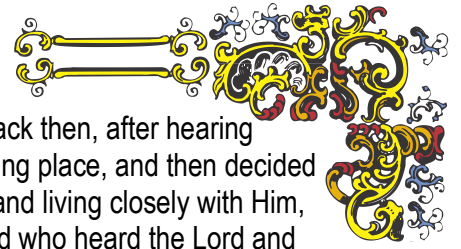
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or
 holy hours

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Faith is essential for us to recognize God and follow Him. The disciples back then, after hearing the Lord's call, left everything and followed Him. They came, saw the Lord's dwelling place, and then decided to live with Him. The irony for the Apostles was that even after following the Lord and living closely with Him, they still did not fully believe in Him. They were those called, chosen, followed, and who heard the Lord and witnessed many miracles, yet they still felt a lack of faith. They asked the Lord to increase their faith to fulfill their mission. Therefore, they said to the Lord, "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

Yes, although the time with the Lord was not very long, the disciples witnessed the works of the Lord, the miracles, casting out demons, healing diseases and disabilities, especially, they were personally trained, taught, and corrected by the Lord. The Lord's example of prayer, His self-discipline, His spiritual life toward God the Father, His human life, His behavior and conduct toward the disciples and the people were continuous, solid, and excellent training from the Lord for them. However, the disciples still felt lacking; saying they did not understand, they had not recognized the Lord, nor absolutely believed in Him. The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (Luke 17:6). When the Lord replied the disciples in this way, He did not avoid the issue; He made clear that "Faith is essential, the prerequisite for them to believe and recognize the true nature of the Lord." Faith is necessary for everyone. Faith is important because of its effectiveness. Without faith, people cannot recognize the Lord nor absolutely believe in Him.

God compares faith to a tiny mustard seed, but over time it will grow and strengthen. Faith is trusting and completely entrusting oneself to the power of God. Faith is not obtained through learning or knowledge. Faith is a gift from God. With faith, we can turn the impossible into the possible. God uses His power to make all things possible for those who have faith. Faith opens the door for us to enter a new world, a different world, the world of God that mortal eyes cannot see. There are many intellectuals with degrees who do not have faith, while simple, uneducated folks have strong faith. If we demand everything to be clear before we believe, then it is no longer faith.

We inherit the treasure of faith through the Church. We receive faith in the Sacrament of Baptism. Faith needs to be nurtured, learned, and lived out. Saint James says: "Faith without works is dead" (Jm. 2:26). We cannot receive faith and then hide it away; it needs to shine forth through service.

In summary, as long as we believe and love God but do not see Him as the ultimate goal of our life, instead looking into the mirror reflecting our own ego, we will forever be the most miserable and unhappy people in the world.

Lord, please increase our faith. With faith in God, we will be steadfast and live in peace.



Sing Unto the Lord

The music ministry of St. Nick's would like to invite those who would like to be a part of enhancing the gospel with song to join one of our various choirs.

Please speak to any of the musicians for information.

"Those who sing pray twice" - St. Augustine

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let the parish office know.



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/6	8:30 AM	Dorothy Lack (JoAnne Klucsarits)
Tues 10/7	8:30 AM	Health & Well Being of Tony (Cindy Saab)
Wed 10/8	8:30 AM	Mike Harkness (Ellen Knoblach)
Thu 10/9	8:30 AM	Dennis Moore (Mary L. Trexler)
Fri 10/10	No Mass	
Sat 10/11	4:30 PM	Dolores Oswald (Mary Beth Ward)
Sun 10/12	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich & Family)
	10:30 AM	Rachael Boyer (Mary FeKula)

Counting Our Blessings

9/7	Collection Envelopes	\$2,716.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	School	\$383.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$429.00

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, Tuesday, & Thursday: 9AM. Wednesday & Friday: 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 October 5 to October 11

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Susan Johnson (Kate Adam)
Wednesday Adorers*

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

Fall Calendar of Events

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.



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

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.

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 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 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

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 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!

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.

Sunday Missal

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



Knights Breakfast Wrap-up

Thank you to all who attended our Sep 21 Knights of Columbus breakfast.



We served 156 adults and 2 children 6 up. The proceeds earned enable us to help fund church projects and our many charities.

Our next scheduled breakfast will be Nov 16. If you have previously attended, thank you! If not, please consider doing so in the future!