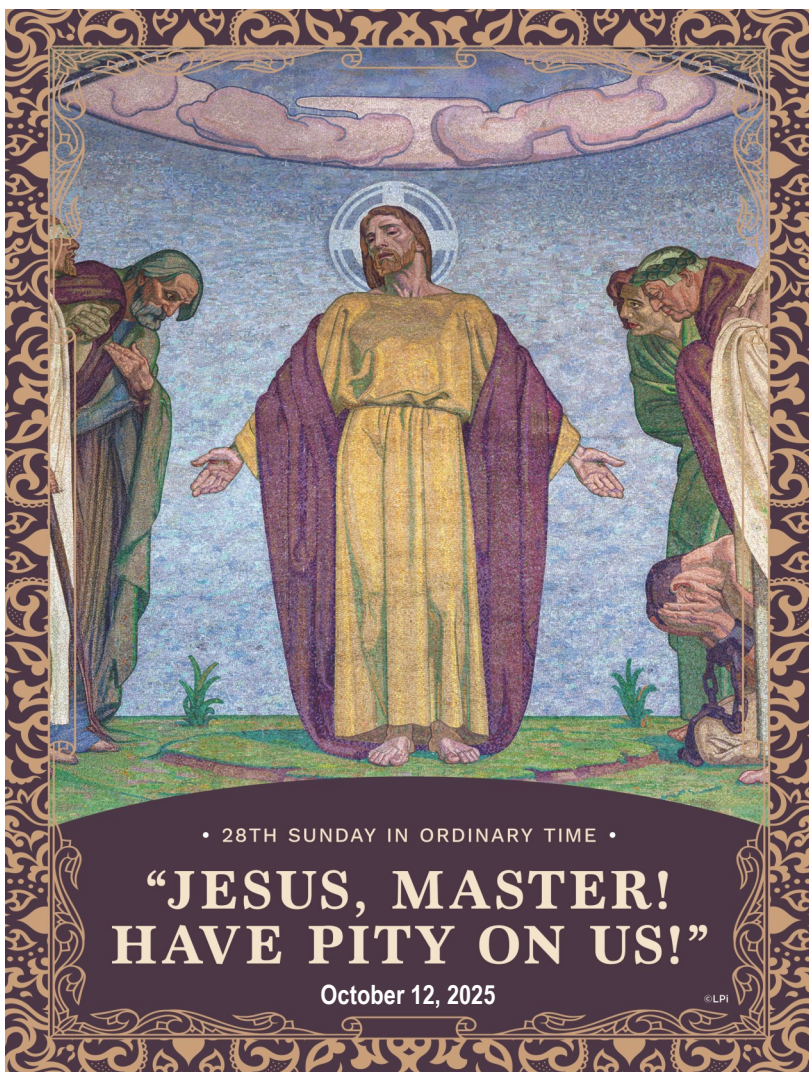


St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Monday: 12 PM – 3 PM
Tuesday through Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading — If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel — Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

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

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:



Living in this world, we need to be grateful to each other. Gratitude is a necessary attitude that must be shown toward the benefactor. In life, the words “thank you” are always readily on the lips of polite and courteous people. “Thank you” is a very familiar phrase to all of us. Thank you God, thank you everyone. We should be grateful to grandparents, parents, to those who surround and help us when we face difficulties... Gratitude is the recognition and appreciation of what we receive from others.

In the first reading from the book of Kings, there is the story of the Syrian Army commander Naaman who was healed by the prophet of God by stepping into the Jordan River to bathe seven times. Naaman was cleansed of all traces of his illness. He showed reverence to God and he and his attendants returned to offer thanks to the prophet of God. Upon arrival, he stood before the man of God and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant” (2 Kings 5:15). Before being cleansed of his leprosy, Naaman was a foreigner. He had never recognized the grace of life and living. Obeying the man of God, stepping into the river and dipping seven times under the water, Naaman was completely renewed. From the small favor of being healed, he recognized the favor of life and the Giver of life. He praised the name of God and worshiped the Lord. This was truly a wise attitude.

The Gospel passage narrates the story of ten lepers who were healed by the Lord, but only one, a foreigner, returned to give thanks to God. The story makes us question our consciences. Perhaps we are very sincere believers, yet sometimes we fail to give thanks to God. Saint Luke reports: One of them, seeing that he was healed, came back, loudly praising God, then fell at the feet of Jesus and gave thanks to Him, and he was a Samaritan (Lk 17:15-16).

Jesus did not reproach those who had been healed of leprosy but did not return to give thanks, when He said: “Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Lk 17:18). He was surprised not to see them return to glorify God. The one who does a favor does not demand repayment. But the one who receives a favor has the duty to give thanks. The Lord reminds each of us never to forget to give thanks for the blessings we are receiving and enjoying.

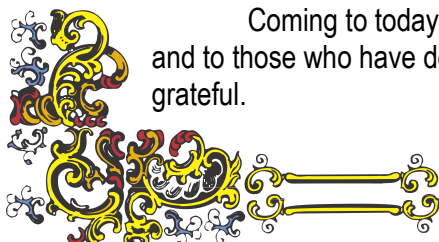
Similarly, many times the Lord has healed our heart and body. How often do we actually recognize God's mercy and love, so that we are able to offer thanks? Through the Sacraments in the Church, we are cleansed of original sin, forgiven of personal sins, receive graces, and partake in the healing and nourishment of heart and body; all these are enough for us to always remember to give thanks to God.

Gratitude is not only one of the greatest virtues but also the foundation of all other good virtues. Being thankful helps make one worthy of continuing to receive God's grace. There are so many great and solemn blessings that God has reserved for those who are grateful. Ingratitude is like digging a pit to bury one's own life, standing among the ranks of demons. Giving thanks is the best prayer that anyone can offer. Words of thanks express gratitude, humility, and understanding.

Gratitude can change our lives. Happiness and success are built from gratitude. Therefore, from ancient times until now, our forefathers have always reminded future generations to always remember the merits of those who have given us this life. Thus, gratitude is always present around our lives; we often just do not pay attention enough to notice it. Never be so busy that we forget to say “please” or “thank you.” Life without gratitude is a meaningless life. If life is just a series of complaints about injustice and losses we have encountered, without remembering the blessings that have come to us, then surely we will become depressed, a common illness in today's society.

Coming to today's Eucharist, following the example of the Samaritan, let us give thanks to God, and to those who have done good to us, especially asking God to transform us into people who are always grateful.

Lord, please let us always live with a grateful heart, grateful to God, grateful to others, so that our lives become a song of gratitude for God's love.





Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/13	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Saab (Cindy Saab)
Tues 10/14	8:30 AM	Dorothy Lack (Sheila Panik)
Wed 10/15	8:30 AM	Peter Kilpatrick (JoAnne Kilpatrick)
Thu 10/16	8:30 AM	Lynn Marie Dugan (Arlene McGowan)
Fri 10/17	No Mass	
Sat 10/18	4:30 PM	Edward & Margaret Kochie (JoAnne Kilpatrick)
Sun 10/19	8:30 AM	Alois Badura (Adelaide Badura)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Jr. & Thomas Papay III (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

St. Joseph Flowers

October 12 to 17

In Loving Memory of my parents, Bill and Monica Klotz. Happy 70th Anniversary, Mom and Dad. Although you're no longer with me, your Love will always be. (Vicki Beck)

Blessed Mother Flowers

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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 12 to 18

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Paulette and Keith Lloyd (Scott, Stacy & the boys)

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Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Kilpatrick and Kochie families (Joanne Kilpatrick)

Fall-Winter Calendar of Events

October

28 North of 50 Chili Cookoff
1:00 pm Social Hall

November

1 Mass of Remembrance at 11am;
Reception after Mass in Social Hall
4 Election Day
11 Veteran's Day
16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
22-23 Gift Card Social
27 Thanksgiving

December

6 St. Nicholas Celebration/Tree Lighting after Mass
6-7 Coffee & Donuts
9 Christmas Craft
16 North of 50 Charcuterie
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas



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.

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

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

Gift Card Raffle Social

We will be holding a Gift Card Raffle Social in the social hall on Nov. 22 & 23, with a bake sale and homemade food from our kitchen team.

By raffling gift cards instead of baskets, we will be able to raise funds for our parish and have plenty of seating to make this a nice social event while people enjoy the yummy food.

The hours will be Saturday 11 am-6 pm (10 am for people with mobility difficulties) and Sunday 9 am-2 pm, with live drawings starting at 2 pm.

Please consider donating gift cards and/or baked goods and volunteering at the event. Suggestions for gift card donations are available in the main portico. Please place gift cards in an envelope with your name in the collection basket, or drop them off at the parish office.

Sign up sheets for volunteer shifts are in the main portico. Contact Laurie Ann Vincent (610-349-9546, Vlaurie43@gmail.com), Trina Marie Fixl, or Jen Karmonick with any questions.



Land of Peace Mission **LAND OF PEACE**

This weekend (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.

See Website: www.landofpeace.org

Palmerton Wrap-up Meeting

There will be a Palmerton Festival follow-up meeting on Thursday, October 16th at 6:00pm in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.



Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

Bible Study

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



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

Please join us for this 11-week video study program.

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 received excellent reviews. We hope you will join us!

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



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.

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