

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Tuesday through Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM

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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:

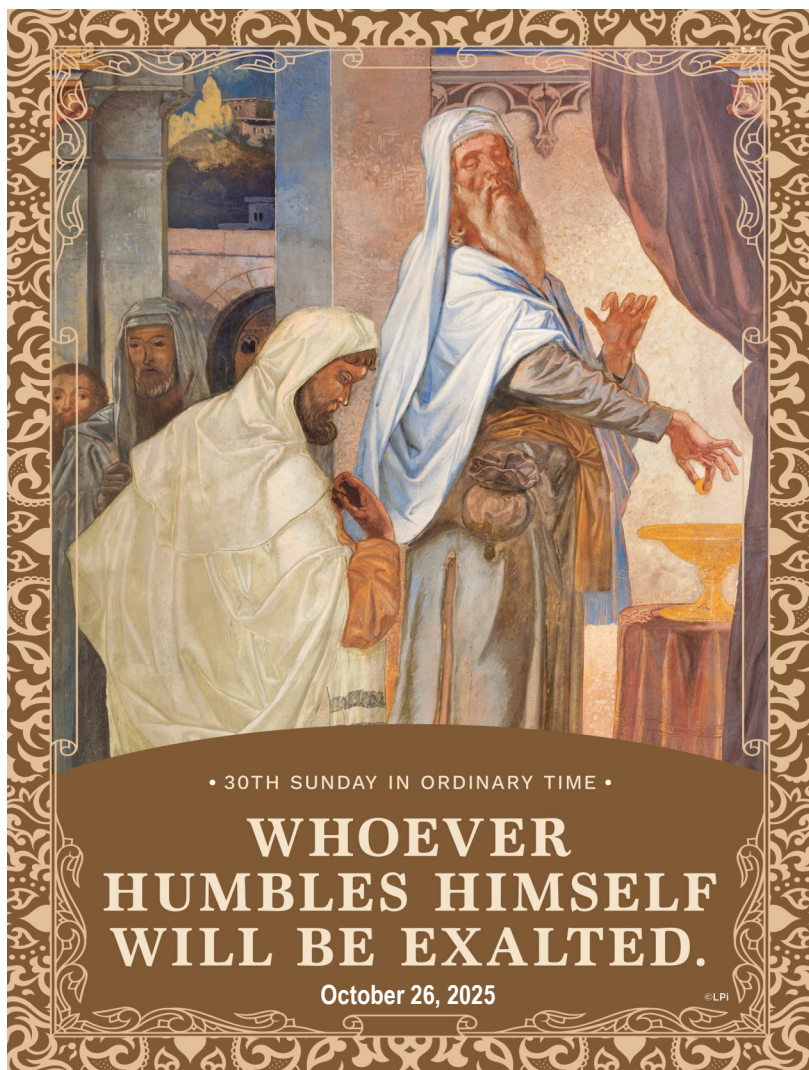
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Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel — "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 AM

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: No mass

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction: 6:30 PM

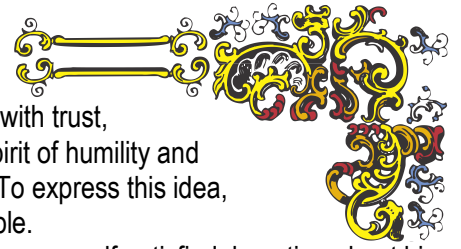
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or holy hours

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



In the Gospel readings of recent Sundays, Jesus taught the apostles to pray with trust, gratitude, and perseverance. This Sunday, He continues to teach them to pray in a spirit of humility and repentance, because God always shows love to the righteous, the poor and humble. To express this idea, Jesus presented the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the Temple.

While praying, the two had very different and opposing attitudes. The Pharisee was self-satisfied, boasting about his good deeds. He thought that because of these good deeds, God must grant him salvation, and he even showed contempt for the sinful tax collector.

We must remember that before God, we are all sinners. The Pharisee was not humble enough to recognize that he was a sinner, but instead took pride in being righteous before God. In contrast, the tax collector had nothing to boast about. He knew he was a sinner, spoke few words, but the attitude of his heart pleased God. His humble prayer of admitting that he was a sinner and asking for mercy earned him forgiveness.

People who often judge others harshly usually know very little about themselves. To truly know oneself, one must humbly acknowledge one's faults. A person who does not acknowledge their own faults can easily cause harm to others. A person who knows their own faults is more likely to be cautious in words and actions to try to avoid causing harm when dealing with others. The Pharisee's prayer was only to boast about himself and despise others. He separated himself from others and placed himself above everyone, feeling proud of himself. Therefore, he did not receive the grace of God's forgiveness.

Prayer is opening the heart to receive God's love. Prayer is when we look inside and back at our actions to clearly recognize our own weaknesses. We need to be aware of our shortcomings in order to open our hearts to receive God's forgiving love. Prayer is not the time to compare ourselves with others or to recount our merits, but to place ourselves before the holiness and justice of God, as Saint Paul shared with the Corinthians: "It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord " (1 Corinthians 4:3-4). Only when we place ourselves before the light of God do we clearly see our imperfections and shortcomings, and through that, we can open our hearts to receive God's mercy.

Humility has the power to transform sinfulness into holiness, unjustness into righteousness. Conversely, pride and complacency can turn good into evil. Humility, self-abasement, and self-forgetfulness are always regarded as the foundation of holiness, the root of virtues. No amount of humility is ever enough, but even a little pride is too much. Do not close yourself off in complacency because of your own righteousness, nor close yourself off in despair because of your sins.

God's grace only comes to those who open their hearts to receive it. Both sin and merit can cause us to close ourselves off or open up. The important thing is to always see that we need God. Spiritual growth lies in becoming smaller, in stepping aside to allow God to take over and completely govern our lives. The more we grow in God, the more strongly we feel our increasing need for Him.

Lord Jesus, grant us the humility to beat our breasts and acknowledge our faults and sins so that we may always receive Your mercy and forgiveness.



Special Masses and Spiritual Events:

- All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on Saturday. There will not be any special mass for this occasion.
- **Mass of Remembrance** will be Saturday, November 1 at 11:00 AM. Reception in the Social Hall to follow.
- **40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration & Retreat:** November 17, 18, and 19 with Father John Hutta, Pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, Hellertown, PA. Father Hutta will help us reflect about "The Life of St. Nicholas of Myra—The Gift of Hope".
 - ✠ **November 17:** adoration will begin after Morning Mass at 8:30 AM until 6:30 PM.
Confession: 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
Evening Prayers, Meditation and Benediction at 6:30 PM
 - ✠ **November 18:** adoration will begin after Morning Mass at 8:30 AM until 6:30 PM.
Evening Prayers, Meditation and Benediction at 6:30 PM
 - ✠ **November 19:** adoration will begin after Morning Mass at 8:30 AM until 6:30 PM.
Evening Prayers, Meditation and Benediction at 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions:

Sat 10/25	4:30 PM	Eva Poliquin (Mary & Dave FeKula)
Sun 10/26	8:30 AM	The Gardiner Family (Clare Walsh Miller)
	10:30 AM	Stasia Lukasik (Edward Lukasik)
Mon 10/27	8:30 AM	Bill Tanzola (Roland & Pat Hunsicker)
Tues 10/28	8:30 AM	Robert Gonella (The Semler Family)
Wed 10/29	No Mass	
Thu 10/30	No Mass	
Fri 10/31	No Mass	
Sat 11/1	11:00 AM	Mass of Remembrance Intentions
	4:30 PM	James Smith (Rolande Smith)
Sun 11/2	8:30 AM	George Woytko & Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)
	10:30 AM	Rachael Boyer (Sue & Eugene Hankee)

St. Joseph Flowers

October 26 to
November 1

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 26 to November 1

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

Casmir Domurat Jr. (Their Family)

Stasia Lukasik "Babci" (Their Family)

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

Fall-Winter Calendar of Events

October

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

November

1 Mass of Remembrance at 11 am;
Reception after Mass in Social Hall
4 Election Day
11 Veteran's Day
16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
17-19 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration & Retreat
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



One Family for Thanksgiving

St. Nicholas parish is one family in the Church, and we celebrate Thanksgiving as family. There are some who may not have a Happy Thanksgiving because of financial concerns. As a Parish Family we would like to reach out to our parishioners in need of assistance. It is through our generous sharing of our gifts that we can thank Our Lord for His kindness and generosity to us.



There are several ways you can help. We are asking for canned or boxed food donations that would be used for a Thanksgiving Dinner, such as cranberry sauce, vegetables, turkey gravy, instant potatoes, rice, applesauce, or cake mixes. **All food items can be brought back to the social hall before November 13.** Another option is to take an envelope marked "Turkey" and make a monetary donation. **These envelopes will be on the table in the portico and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office by November 13.** Monetary donations will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards for the turkeys.

Finally, do you know of anyone in our parish or area that needs assistance? Fill a slip available in the portico and place it in an envelope marked "TURKEY". These envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. All information will be kept confidential.

Pick up will be November 22 and 23 in the social hall. The name of the family to receive the food package and the family size is needed ASAP, but no later than November 15, so we can plan how much additional food needs to be purchased.

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.

- ◆ Nov 4 - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig
- ◆ Dec 2 - "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens & Group Christmas Celebration

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 wrapping up. 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.

It is time to return your bounteous baby bottles! They should be placed back in the baby carriage by the end of October.

Your donations will be collected, tallied, and checks will go to the centers at the end of the campaign.

Please help us help them.

Anthony Scarselletti, Council 16656,
610-393-4671, ascarsel@ptd.net



Gift Card Raffle Social

We'll 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'll 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.

Hours:

- ♦ Sat. 11 am-6 pm (10 am for people with mobility issues)
- ♦ Sun. 9 am-2 pm, with live drawings starting at 2 pm.

Please consider donating gift cards, money to buy gift cards, and/or baked goods and volunteering at the event. Suggestions for gift card donations are in the main portico. Please place gift cards or cash/check in an envelope marked "Gift Card Raffle" in the collection basket (and please include your name), 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.

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

9/28 Collection Envelopes	\$3,733.00
Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
School	\$482.00
Preservation & Restoration	\$181.00

Community Team Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for the Community Team is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall.

All team members, as well as anyone interested in volunteering, are encouraged to attend as we begin organizing activities and events for the 2026 calendar year. Questions, please contact Cindy at 610-751-5601 or email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends Next Weekend
(November 2)**

Turn your clocks BACK!



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



Join Us!



Change in Church Entrances

Within the next few weeks, the door nearest Oak Rd will **no longer be accessible for Parishioners to ENTER**, although it will remain available for exit.

This modification is being implemented for security reasons.

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

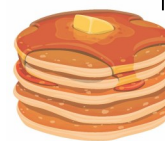


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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, November 16, 2025
8am - 12:00pm**

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall