

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading — But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel — "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107 E-mail: stnick11@ptd.net **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

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:

In November, the Church invites us to remember our loved ones who have passed away. They may be our grandparents, parents, spouses or friends. They may also be those who have caused us countless sufferings. They may have repented but no longer have the opportunity to make amends or do good deeds. They are undergoing the purifying fire of purgatory to become worthy of partaking in the banquet of the Son of God.

Today, on the All Souls' day we pray for the souls in purgatory. They are those who have lived and tried to keep the commandments of God, but could not do so perfectly, so they temporarily are prevented from entering the presence of and seeing God and have to atone for their sins in purgatory until their penance is complete...

Catholic doctrine teaches us that: there is heaven to reward the righteous, hell to punish the wicked, and purgatory to cleanse souls still burdened with minor sins not yet fully atoned for. The souls in purgatory cannot do anything themselves to be forgiven by God; there, they only hope for one thing: that their punishment will soon end so they can quickly enjoy the presence of God. Therefore, they greatly need our prayers, our good deeds and merits, and the sacrifices of us who are still living in this world, to be offered to God for the benefit of those in purgatory.

Trusting in the mercy of God, the Church has dedicated the entire month of November each year to pray for the souls in purgatory. This month especially, we should try to perform countless good deeds, fervently attend numerous Masses, and make many sacrifices, offered for the souls in purgatory. Surely, many souls in purgatory are delivered from the punishment of purgatory and go to heaven to enjoy happiness with God.

The doctrine of the communion of saints of the Church is most clearly seen in this month. Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are united with the triumphant saints in heaven, we contribute to freeing the souls suffering in purgatory through our prayers and good works, and through Baptism we — believers fighting on earth — are united with one another in the love of Jesus Christ.

Each of us has relatives who have passed away; if they have already attained the happiness of heaven, they will intercede for us before God's throne. If they are imprisoned in purgatory, they greatly need our prayers and sacrifices. Every Mass, every prayer, every good deed we perform is like a cool drop of water that soothes their suffering and shortens their time of purification in purgatory.

November is also the special month for us to pray for and show gratitude to our deceased loved ones. Offering Masses, praying, reciting the Rosary, doing good deeds and accumulating merits, etc., are ways for us to express our gratitude to them.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

10/5 Collection Envelopes \$3,834.00
Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses \$7,352.00
School \$229.00
Preservation & Restoration \$533.00

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 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)
Mon 11/3	8:30 AM	Paul Cary (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Tues 11/4	8:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Carl J. Niedzwiecki)
Wed 11/5	8:30 AM	Margaret Dergosits (Carol & Keith Thomason)
Thu 11/6	8:30 AM	Sylvia Taddeo (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 11/7	No Mass	
Sat 11/8	4:30 PM	Robert Bird (Susan & Byron Miller)
Sun 11/9	8:30 AM	Dolores Oswald (Tom & Lisa Pignataro)
	10:30 AM	MaryEllen Meixsell (JoAnne Kochmaruk)

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.

St. Joseph Flowers

November 2 to 8

George Woytko and Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)

Blessed Mother Flowers

November 2 to 8

John & Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)

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 November 2 to 8

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

George Woytko and Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)

John & Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of **Bill Tanzola** (Donna Hartenstine)

Fall-Winter Calendar of Events

November

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

17-19 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration & Retreat

22-23 Gift Card Social

Thanksgiving Mass: 8:30 AM

December

- St. Nicholas Celebration/Tree Lighting after Mass 6
- 6-7 Coffee & Donuts
- Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation 8 Mass: 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM
- **Christmas Craft** 9
- 16 North of 50 Charcuterie
- 24 **Christmas Eve Masses:** 4:30 PM and 10:30 PM
- 25 **Christmas Day Masses: 8:30 AM** and 10:30 AM
- 31 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM

January

New Years, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother 1 of God Mass: 8:30 AM

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.

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 Sunday:

or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk Monday:

14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33 Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10 Thursday: Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-

11/Lk 16:9-15

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.

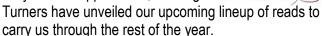
There are several ways you can help. We are asking for canned or boxed food donations that would be used for a Thanksgiving Dinner, such as cranberry sauce. vegetables, turkey gravy, instant potatoes, rice, applesauce, or cake mixes. All food items can be brought back to the social hall before November 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



- ♦ 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.



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.

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

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

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

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





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.

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful

Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving

Time Ends

Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election

Day

Next Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

