

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
 Secretary for Youth Protection 610-871-5200,
 Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel — "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:7-8)

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

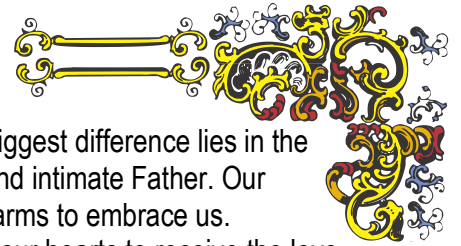
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Wednesday: 30 minutes before benediction or
 holy hours

(other times by appointment)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Prayer in Christianity is very different from prayer in other religions. The biggest difference lies in the object of prayer. The One we beseech is not a god high above, but a very close and intimate Father. Our God is not a harsh or irritable judge, but a merciful Father who always opens His arms to embrace us. Therefore, when we come to the Lord, we must eliminate fear and sincerely open our hearts to receive the love that God offers. We also need to firmly believe that prayer is not just about asking for this or that. God knows exactly what we lack. The fundamental inner attitude needed when praying is complete trust in God as a loving Father, who is very generous and full of mercy. When we come to the Lord, He embraces us with loving arms. He also places us on His shoulders. In the loving arms of the Lord, we have no reason to be afraid.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the necessity and effectiveness of asking in prayer. We must pray continually, never becoming weary or losing heart. The Lord uses a parable to illustrate this: the unjust judge who meets a persistent widow.

The widow was lonely and helpless but persistent and determined; she firmly believed that by pleading and begging, the judge would eventually agree to hear her case. The judge was someone who neither feared God nor respected anyone, yet he still yielded to the widow. He ruled in her favor not out of love or responsibility but out of fear of being disturbed. If an ungodly, unjust judge is moved to grant the plea of a beggar, how much more will God, the righteous and just one who rewards and punishes fairly, the compassionate one who always supports the humble who call upon Him!

When Jesus told this parable, Jesus did not mean that one must pray persistently to have God answer, but He wanted us to trust in the power of prayer, because "Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him" (Mt 7:9-11).

Prayer is the breath of the soul, the life, the strength of a Christian. A faith without prayer is merely a selfish, material belief. Prayer is the meaning of life. Prayer holds a special importance in life. Prayer only truly has value and power when it stems from a faith that is of quality and alive. When praying, the mind is lifted up to God to praise, glorify, adore, repent, and ask for grace. The highest level of prayer is: "not my will, but yours be done" (Lk. 22:42).

God is a loving and merciful Father, ready to grant us the necessary blessings. However, because He is a loving Father, He does not grant everything we ask for. He knows what is good and beneficial to give us. Our duty is to trust, persevere, and pray diligently. Let us pray every day, before going to bed, upon waking, when going to work, before eating. Let us pray continually and never lose heart.

Lord Jesus, grant that we always love the life of prayer; grant that we firmly believe that by our own strength, we can do nothing, but with Your grace, we can do many good things in daily life. Amen.

Priestly Podcast

Who could ever imagine that a priest reading the Bible would take the country by storm? If you have not begun listening to the *Bible in a Year* podcast, I urge you to do so. In each episode you can learn how to apply biblical principles to everyday life.

There is also the *Catechism in a Year* podcast available. Each episode provides a guided prayer, a reading from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and an explanation to help you to understand the Catholic Faith.

These podcasts, hosted by Father Mike Schmitz, are free resources available to all on a variety of platforms. Each podcast has a free reading plan available. While today can be Day 1 for whichever podcast you wish to hear, there is no need to complete either of them within 365 days. These podcasts contain adult themes, so parental discretion is advised.



Generosity is Heating Up!

A generous parishioner donated \$1500 **toward the purchase of the new stove** for the St. Nick's kitchen. Thank you so very much and God Bless.

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.





Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/20	8:30 AM	Robert Gonella (The Semler Family)
Tues 10/21	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Wed 10/22	8:30 AM	Bill & Monica Klotz (Vicki Bell)
Thu 10/23	8:30 AM	Jennifer & Emma Kern (Living)
Fri 10/24	No Mass	
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)

Correction

The Mass on Sunday, Oct. 12 for Rachael Boyer was from DAVE & MARY FEKULA not just Mary FeKula.

Blessed Mother Flowers

October 19 to 25

*In Honor of the 9th wedding anniversary of
Trina Marie and Tony Fixl*



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.



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.

Week of October 19 to 25

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
St. Nicholas Memorial Society
Wednesday Adorers*

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

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.

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

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 21 - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig
- ♦ 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.

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!

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.



SACRED HEART of JESUS PARISH Fall Tricky Tray

Friday, October 24 – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday, October 25 – Noon to 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 26 – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
in the Church Auditorium
117 Washington Street, Bath, PA



Boy Scouts

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

Counting Our Blessings

Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses		\$7,352.00
9/14	Collection Envelopes	\$3,071.00
	School	\$84.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$197.00
9/21	Collection Envelopes	\$3,373.00
	Latin America	\$174.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$129.00

Thank You

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



A Helping Hand is Needed!

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

