



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading — Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel — On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction: 6:30 PM

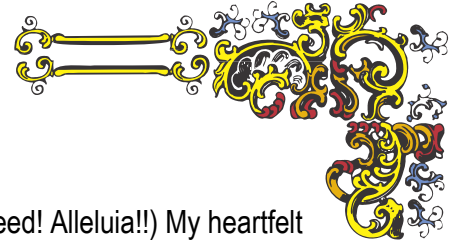
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

(other times by appointment)

A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

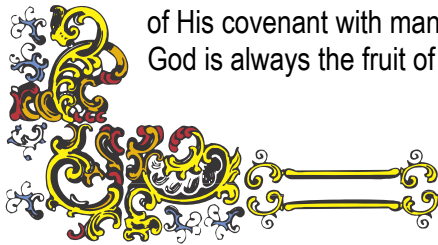
Christus surrexit, Surrexit vere! Alleluia!! (Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!) My heartfelt thanks to everyone who in any way contributed their time and talent to making the Holy Week and Easter liturgies in our parish such a beautiful celebration. As the liturgies so wonderfully proclaimed the sting Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, so may our hearts, our minds and our voices resound with the joyful Easter proclamation - He is risen!!

And I also pray and hope that the message of today, the message of the Mercy of God, will be a message we, the Church of Christ, continue to bring to the world, to all those we meet. The world and all who are in it, need to fly to the Mercy of God each day and seek His grace to live in the truth.

Recall today the teaching of Pope St. John Paul II, the Pope of Mercy:

"Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to His home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvelous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it. On the part of man only a lack of good will can limit it, a lack of readiness to be converted and to repent, in other words persistence in obstinacy, opposing grace and truth, especially in the face of the witness of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

Therefore, the Church professes and proclaims conversion. Conversion to God always consists in discovering His mercy, that is, in discovering that love which is patient and kind as only the Creator and Father can be; the love to which the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" is faithful to the uttermost consequences in the history of His covenant with man; even to the cross and to the death and resurrection of the Son. Conversion to God is always the fruit of the" rediscovery of this Father, who is rich in mercy."



Peace- Father Adam

We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

An intimated spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at carolswavely@ptd.net. The retreat will be held May 19th – 21st, 2023.

Deadline for Registration is May 12th, 2023.

Weekly Blessed Mother Statue Visitation Program

Our Parish Knights of Columbus Council offers all parishioners and friends the opportunity to take the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home for a week. During this week you are asked to pray the rosary each day for your own special intentions and for the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us join together to ask our Blessed Mother to intercede and inspire vocations. Sign-up Sheets are located on the bulletin board in the portico nearest the entry to the social hall.



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 Deacon Mike in the parish office know.



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 4/15 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 4/16 8:30 AM Thomas Pignataro Jr
(Lisa & Thomas Pignataro)
- 10:30 AM John Gallagher
(Lorraine Gallagher)
- Mon 4/17 8:30 AM Robert Allesch
(Jeannette Noakes)
- Tues 4/18 6:30 PM Cecilia Kempter (Friend)
- Wed 4/19 8:30 AM Lorraine (Taddeo) Oriente
(Frank & Joanna Klucsarits)
- Thu 4/20 8:30 AM Bonita Kotch (Al Kotch)
- Fri 4/21 No Mass
- Sat 4/22 4:30 PM Janet and Lewis Kern
(Kate Holland)
- Sun 4/23 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- 10:30 AM John Gallagher
(Mary & David FeKula)

Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Duane J. and Carolyn M. Holdren.
(Donated by Keith & Kathleen Holdren)



Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Holy Rosary: Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass. Monday & Thursday: 9AM. Tuesday: 6PM. Wednesday & Fridays: 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.

Adoration is powerful! Thank you to everyone who reaffirmed their commitment to spend at least 30 minutes with the Lord per month! Indeed, we are still seeking new (30-minute) commitments to our monthly Adoration schedule on any given Wednesday of the month (*between the hours of 09:30 to 6:30PM*) by signing the clipboards on the table in the vestibule.

Counting Our Blessings

4/2	Sunday Collection	\$4,885.00
	School	\$165.00
	Rice Bowl	\$128.00
	Easter Flowers	\$828.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$146.00
	Other	\$326.00
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	Total	\$6,478.00

Thank You!

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 April 16 to 22

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of

John Gallagher
(Lorraine Gallagher and Family)
St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers

BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.

Father McElduff Scholarship

The Father McElduff Scholarship is available to our St. Nicholas 8th graders who are planning to attend a Catholic High School. To apply for the scholarship stop by the church office for an application or download it from the website. You may also call Deacon Mike Kudla at 610-767-3107. Scholarship applications are due Monday, May 8, 2023 to Deacon Mike. Good luck to all of our 8th graders!

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area. For example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, premie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.



Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

This Weekend!



Knights of Columbus Council #16656

All You Can Eat Breakfast

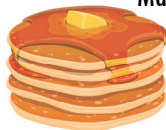
\$10 Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■ Under 6 Free

Pancakes

Sausage

Home Fries

Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets

Creamed Chip Beef

Ham

Toast

April 16, 2023
8am - 12:30pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A portion of the proceeds will benefit:
Special Olympics

Lector Ministry Schedule

	April 22-23	April 29-30
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Barbara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

Adult Catechesis Mondays

Our Adult Catechesis Series, as presented by Father Chris Alar, has ended. We thank all parishioners who participated in our small group discussion from January 09 to April 10, 2023, thereby gaining an improved understanding of Catholicism!

Parish Treasury Bags

We hope you are enjoying your "Parish Treasury Bag" of Catholic devotions and prayers. After you have gone through these "Catholic treasures", if you find any single item that you do not need, we kindly ask you to "re-gift it" by returning any unused items to the box marked "Re-Gift" in the vestibule. Ultimately, we will use any "re-gifted" items to assemble additional "Treasury Bags" for families of St. Nicholas Parish who may not have received one-per-family on Easter Sunday.

Bible Study Thursdays

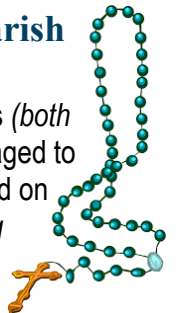


When Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth from Capernaum, He issues His Mission Statement: The Kingdom of God has come (*Luke 4:18-21 and Isaiah 61:1-2*). Jesus' message is that

God is right here, right now, with us in an entirely new and unexpected way (*The Kingdom of God is coming immediately, but in phases, not all at once*). Jesus' announcement is a call not only to repentance but also to believe in the Gospel (Trust in God's Plan). Please join us for our next Small Group Discussion (*Session 7 of 10*) on April 27, 2023 at 6:30PM for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*.

Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish is currently being formed. All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed and encouraged to join our Rosary Society. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month *beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30PM*. Please join us for Group Adoration/Benediction followed by our 1st Monthly Meeting in the Choir Room on Wednesday, May 03, 2023 at 6:30PM.



St Nicholas Designer Purse Bingo

Join us for the 2nd Annual St Nicholas Designer Purse Bingo to be held Sunday, April 30th at the Diamond Fire Company Bingo Hall, Walnutport.

The purse bingo is the Church's Major Spring Fundraiser.

Tickets are \$30 per person for 25 games (20 regular bingo & 5 specials)

TRICKY TRAY ● DOOR PRIZE ● BAKE SALE ●
BASKET RAFFLE ● 50/50 CASH DRAWING

KITCHEN OPEN

(Additional bingo boards for regular and specials will be available for purchase)

Ways you can help:

Consider a **monetary donation** of any amount to help offset the cost of the purses.

BAKE – we could use some delicious baked goods for our sale!

VOLUNTEER – we could use a few extra people to help with sales before the bingo. You will be able to play bingo if you would like.

TAKE A FLYER and post it wherever you are permitted. Perhaps you can post at your job. We do post them in the area, but any extra advertising always helps! Please pass the word on to your family, friends, and co-workers.

Like and Share the event from the St Nicholas Facebook Page.

COME AND PLAY BINGO – BRING A FRIEND!

Our profit depends on the number of people that attend.

Sign-up sheets for bakers or volunteers will be in the hall in the upcoming weeks. You can also Call Marianne at: 610-703-4943 or Email: fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Divine Mercy Concert

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown

All are invited to join us on the Feast of Divine Mercy for a beautiful hour of song, prayer, and mercy!

The Angelorum Choir will sing beginning at 2pm with reflections from Diary of Saint Faustina.

All will recite Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Confessions will also be available from 2:30pm-3:30pm.



Wawa 'Shorti' hoagie coupons are available through the Knights of Columbus

\$5.00 each, any Wawa, no expiration.

Build your hoagie at the kiosk. Before Finish Order, touch "Customize"; touch "Shorti"; finish your order. Present coupon at checkout.

See me after Mass in the hall (8:30 or 10:30, alternating weekends) or contact me directly to arrange a place and time for pickup.

Anthony (Tony) Scarselletti
ascarsel@ptd.net or 610-393-4671

Join Us for a Night at Iron Pigs Game

Friday, June 16, 2023

The game Starts 7:05 pm

Cost – \$12 includes

\$2 ballpark credit for food or merchandise.



Sign-up sheets after masses from April 1 to May 14. The last day to sign up is May 14. Attendees must provide their own transportation.

Contact Carl Litwin for tickets and more information:
610-767-2624
e-mail: clitwin1@gmail.com

Very Delicious Thank You!

Thank you to all who have supported the recent soup, hoagie, pierogi, and candy sales. Also, many thanks to ALL of the kitchen crew members and extra volunteers who worked SO hard to make it all possible. It's because of all of you that each sale was a success. Thank you very much! Marion Nihen



BINGO!

Sunday, April 23rd at the Holy Family Parish Center (508 W. Center Street, Nazareth).

\$20 entry. 15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at Noon; First Game at 12:45. **See you there!**

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!