



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24)

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. (1 Pt 1:17-19)

Gospel — And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Lk 24:30-31)

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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,

I am happy to announce that this Tuesday, March 25, the choir from St. Stephen's parish will come to visit and sing for our 6:30PM Mass, which will be in Latin. Part of the mission of this choir is to share the gift and beauty of Gregorian Chant with the rest of the Diocese. Our gift in return is to offer some refreshments and fellowship with them after the Mass. I hope you will be able to come and enjoy this evening together.

Here are some excerpts from an article by Father Michael Rennie:

"Our faith isn't meant to be limited to what's functional. We don't only eat the Eucharist as a matter of spiritual survival, as if the whole experience of the Mass is transactional and none of the other poetic elements matter. The Eucharist is so much more—the beauty of it, how lovely it is, how precious it is. In response, we also make our sacrifice at the altar. True devotion is a relationship. It's connective and communal. It's empathetic, reaching out to God and neighbor.

Yes, of course, the primary purpose of the Eucharist is to be eaten. This is what Christ desires, that we consume Him and become more like Him in both His death and His life. But there's a reason the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a mysterious, overlapping set of beautiful symbols. The Eucharist is the mystery of our faith, a precious jewel, and it won't do to narrow the Blessed Sacrament down to the functional act of eating.

Perhaps we could say that there are two ways to eat—with the mouth and with the eyes. When you look at Christ in the Eucharistic Host, you consume beauty. Christ imparts something to you as a gift. Equally important, though, is that in the Eucharist, Christ is looking back at you.

In [the] poem, "The Archaic Torso of Apollo," Rilke describes a ruined marble statue on display at the art museum. He spends a long time studying it. Eventually, the statue begins to glow under his attention, "like a lamp, in which his gaze, not turned to low/ gleams." Beauty makes a sacred connection. So much so, Rilke says, that "there is no place/that does not see you." He has a transformative moment that will change his life. The statue carries its own creative beauty, living and active. This beauty breaks down the borders that separate the viewer and the viewed.

Do you see what this is? This is a description of unitive love.

Now, imagine how much more powerful the attention is that we give to the Eucharist during a holy hour or at the elevation of the Host during the Mass. How much more do the ashes of our interior fires burst to flame under the lightning of Our Lord's tender, protective look? It's like sparking a candle for the dead, a flicker of prayer so powerful it rolls stones from graves, and Beauty itself is carried from the darkness, the hew of a new dawn. In giving Christ our gaze, He looks back, and we are forever changed."

I wanted to offer these excerpts as I ask you to consider anew the invitation to come to Eucharistic Adoration. Through adoration of Sacred Presence, the Lord wills to change the world, one soul at a time!

Peace- Father Adam

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 St. Nicholas 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!



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.



Mass Intentions:

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| 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) |
| Mon 4/24 | 8:30 AM | Thomas Pignataro Jr. (Lisa & Thomas Pignataro) |
| Tues 4/25 | 6:30 PM | Roseann Confey (Family) |
| Wed 4/26 | 8:30 AM | Ruth Liebel (Family) |
| Thu 4/27 | 8:30 AM | Karen Muldowney (Turick Family) |
| Fri 4/28 | No Mass | |
| Sat 4/29 | 4:30 PM | Barbara Caserta (Bill Caserta) |
| Sun 4/30 | 8:30 AM | Lorraine (Taddeo) Oriente (Elaine Jenkins) |
| | 10:30 AM | People of the Parish |

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 - Thank You!

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| 4/9 | Sunday Collection | \$1,485.00 |
| | Easter | \$7,392.00 |
| | Easter Flowers | \$106.00 |
| | Holy Thursday | \$118.00 |
| | Good Friday | \$268.00 |
| | School | \$40.00 |
| | Rice Bowl | \$180.00 |
| | Easter Flowers | \$828.00 |
| | Total | \$9,589.00 |
| | E-giving April 1-10 | \$1,705.00 |

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 23 to 29

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Wednesday Adorers

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

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

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.

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



Plant and Sip

Tuesday, May 9th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

This event will be held outdoors. In case of rain, we will move into the hall. There is no rain date.

The cost is \$20.00 per container. You can bring more than one container. Indicate how many containers you are bringing on the sign-up sheets. This is limited to the first 30 people who sign up. We will **not** be taking sign-ups via email unless there are extenuating circumstances. **This filled in 2 weeks last year so hurry!** Sign up sheets will be out for the weekend of April 22nd. A waiting list will be created for those who do not make the list.

Everyone will be provided with soil and 6 plants per pot. We will provide wine, homemade sangria, and non-alcoholic drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite summer snack to share.

For questions or to cancel after signing up email: community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium

The Sacred Heart Parish Knights of Columbus #14464 announce their Annual Trip to Yankee Stadium scheduled for Thursday August 24. The game is against the Washington Nationals with a 1:05 pm start. Seats are in Section 234 on the Main level in Left Field. Easton Coach bus departs from Sacred Heart Church, Bath at 9:00am, with a direct return immediately following the game.

Cost per person: \$112.00 (includes bus and game ticket).

This trip tends to fill quickly, so make your reservations now by contacting Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or (610) 390-8429.



Lector Ministry Schedule

| | April 29-30 | May 6-7 |
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| Sat 4:30 PM | Bill Caserta | Michael Semler |
| Sun 8:30 AM | Barbara Schmidt | Tony Fixl |
| Sun 10:30 AM | Sue Hankee | John McRoberts |

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

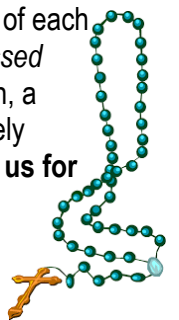
God is right here, right now, with us in an entirely new and unexpected way (*The Kingdom of God is coming immediately, but in phases, not all at once*). Jesus' announcement is a call not only to repentance but also to believe in the Gospel (Trust in God's Plan). Please join us for our next Small Group 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

A Parish Rosary Society for St. Nicholas is currently being formed. **All adult parishioners (both women and men) are welcome to join our Rosary Society.**

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month *beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 PM*. Following Benediction, a formational meeting will take place immediately thereafter in the Meeting Room. **Please join us for our 1st Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 03, 2023, at 6:30PM.**

Questions, Please email: evangelizaiton@stnicholaswalnutport.org



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

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

Taylor Swift Concert Ticket Raffle!!

Marian High School is selling raffle tickets to the Taylor Swift concert in Philadelphia!

The winner will receive 2 tickets for the Saturday, May 13, 2023 concert in Philadelphia. Section 120 Row 24

The cost of a raffle ticket is \$25.00
If interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the school at 570-467-3335 or Janis Dvorak at 570-929-2921.



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



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!**

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.