



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Very Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla

### Parish Office and Religious Education:

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

### St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)

610-826-2354

### PREP:

Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

### BVMSN Credit Union:

484-272-2858

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
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### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

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

**Second Reading** — For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

**Gospel** — "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

## 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)

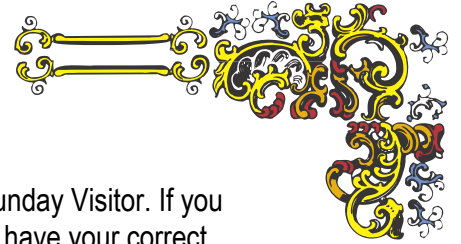
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

By now you should have received your new parish envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor. If you have not received them, please contact the parish office so we can make sure we have your correct information.

The one important difference you will notice is that we now have a monthly envelope labeled Building Fund, which is replacing the weekly red bordered Preservation Fund envelopes. This fund is designated for preserving our buildings and grounds through ongoing improvement and maintenance projects. The reason for having this as a monthly envelope instead of weekly is simply to save money on the cost of our envelopes. Adding another weekly envelope would put us into a higher tier pricing range for providing our envelopes, which is something we wanted to avoid. I hope you will recognize the importance of continuing to give to this parish fund and recognize the value of the good that continues to be done with it. As I mentioned not long ago, some of our next projects are the exterior facade of the church and signage, the replacement of the roof of the large storage building, a.k.a. the hangar, as well as the parking lot paving. As always, your generous support of your parish is much appreciated and never taken for granted. Buildings are not our mission, but they allow us to carry out that mission and so they are important to properly maintain and keep up. God bless you for all you do that makes St. Nicholas a great parish.



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!



## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

An intimate 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](mailto:carolswavely@ptd.net). The retreat will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Observances for the week of April 30, 2023

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer
- Friday: Cinco de Mayo
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



# Mass Intentions:

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
Mon 5/1	8:30 AM	Lorraine Oriente (Maribeth Ward)
Tues 5/2	6:30 PM	Members of St Nicholas Memorial Society
Wed 5/3	8:30 AM	Maureen George (Family)
Thu 5/4	8:30 AM	Helen Murry (Friend)
Fri 5/5	No Mass	
Sat 5/6	4:30 PM	Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
Sun 5/7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Ethel Lakovits (Daughters, Charlene and Nancy)

## 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

4/16	Sunday Collection	\$3,122.00
	Easter	\$165.00
	School	\$10.00
	Redner's	\$102.96
	Preservation & Restoration	\$193.00
	<u>E-Giving</u>	<u>\$665.00</u>
	Total	\$4,257.96

# 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 30 to May 6

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Wednesday Adorers*  
**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.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:bud328@msn.com) or (610) 390-8429.



## Lector Ministry Schedule

May 6-7	
Sat 4:30 PM	Michael Semler
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	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 contact the evangelization committee to join us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

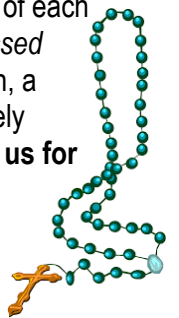
Email: [evangelizaiton@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:evangelizaiton@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, May 03, 2023, at 6:30PM.**

Questions, Please email: [evangelizaiton@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto: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 or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

## St Nicholas Designer Purse Bingo

Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St Nicholas Designer Purse Bingo to be held Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ascarsel@ptd.net) or 610-393-4671

thank  
you!

### Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our Knights of Columbus breakfast on April 16. We served over 200 people and we hope you found it enjoyable and of good value! Our last breakfast before next school year will be **MAY 21**.

Anthony Scarselletti, KofC council #16656

## 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:  
phone: 610-767-2624 e-mail: [clitwin1@gmail.com](mailto:clitwin1@gmail.com)



**Holy Family Players present Suessical Jr!**

May 5 ~ 7 PM, May 6 ~ 3 PM & 7 PM,  
May 7 ~ 3PM. \$12 General Admission -  
Handicap Accessible.

Performance at the Holy Family Gymnasium located at 512 W. Center Street, Nazareth.

For information email: [hfdcvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:hfdcvicepresident@gmail.com) or to purchase tickets go to: [https://buy.ticketstothe-city.com/venue.php?org\\_id=715](https://buy.ticketstothe-city.com/venue.php?org_id=715)

## Marian Catholic High School Information Sessions

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. 4:30pm-6:00pm  
Come tour the school and get information on how to make a Marian education possible.