



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading — You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel — Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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,

Please join me in offering prayers for this year's First Communion Class. They are receiving their first Communion this Sunday at our 10:30 Mass. What a special moment in their life and we are so happy for them and their families. It is a beautiful time to celebrate a First Communion. We are still in the Easter or Paschal Season, a time to celebrate the Lord's victory over sin and death and a victory that we share in at every Holy Mass and Holy Communion. It is also the month of May, the month dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother. It is Mary, the Mother of all Believers, who continues to pray for each of us and leads us to the altar to receive her Son.

As we celebrate this event in our parish it is a reminder to all of us to prepare well ourselves to receive the Lord. The best preparation is going to confession regularly. After that continuing to examine our hearts often, daily is best, and asking forgiveness for any sins we may have committed. Of course, should one have committed a sin of grave matter, it is imperative to go to confession as soon as possible. Then it is good to make an act of faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To say, "I believe in You, present in this Most Blessed Sacrament." Coming to Eucharistic Adoration, where we can adore the Lord and worship Him, spending some time with Him, also leads us to a greater love in receiving Him in Holy Communion. Finally, as we celebrate our children receiving the Lord for the first time, we might consider the manner in which we approach the altar to receive Him. Are approaching with love and devotion? Are we attentive to Him whom we are about to receive? If we are choosing to receive in the hand, are we able to do so reverently, with both hands extended, one over the other, and then taking the Sacred Host gently with the hand that was underneath the other and carefully placing the Sacred Host in one's mouth. While the Church permits the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand, we are reminded that in choosing this option we are accepting the responsibility of doing so with great care. As we contemplate the gift of the Holy Eucharist, I would encourage you to consider trying to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and while kneeling at the Altar Rail. All you need do is approach the altar as usual and then move over to the rail, I or our deacon will then come over to you. I encourage you to try it, I think you will find it a beautiful experience that is a most fitting expression of our love, devotion and belief in our Lord's true presence. As the saying goes, try it and you might like it!

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!



Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Scholarship Support

This school year is winding down. Perhaps you'd like to contribute toward the Father McElduff scholarship. If so, place your donation in an envelope, mark it scholarship, & place in the collection basket. Thanks so much!

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:

- 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)
- Mon 5/8 8:30 AM Steven Poliquin
(Theresa Taddeo)
- Tues 5/9 6:30 PM Parish Core Teams
- Wed 5/10 8:30 AM Peggy Stant (Friend)
- Thu 5/11 8:30 AM Jackie Maxwell (Family)
- Fri 5/12 No Mass
- Sat 5/13 4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Constantine
Gerrkovich
(Stephanie & Edward Erschen)
- Sun 5/14 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Intentions
10:30 AM People of the Parish

Counting Our Blessings

4/23	Sunday Collection	\$2,983.00
	Other	\$37.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$440.00
	Total	\$3,460.00

Thank You!

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.

Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Duane J. and Carolyn M. Holdren.

(Donated by Keith & Kathleen Holdren)



Lector Ministry Schedule

	May 13-14	May 20-21
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts	Brianna Pereira

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 May 7 to May 13

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



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.

Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!

If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.



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.

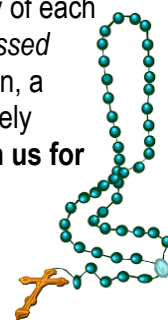
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Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

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: evangelization@stnicholaswalnutport.org



Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17



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

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.



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.

Boy Scouts

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



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

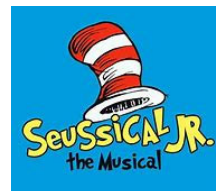
Cost – \$12 includes

\$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: phone: 610-767-2624 e-mail: clitwin1@gmail.com



Holy Family Players present Seussical 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: hfdvicepresident@gmail.com or to purchase tickets go to: https://buy.ticketstothe-city.com/venue.php?org_id=715

Marian Catholic High School Information Sessions

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

Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 5/4	5:30pm	Meg Schell, Kate Kern, Laura Niderostek
Fri. 5/12	9:30am	Tony Scarselletti, Diane Turner, Carl Niedzweicki