



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalms — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading — For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel — "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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610-826-2354

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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 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 7PM (Ascension)

Thursday: 7AM (Ascension)

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction: 6:30 PM

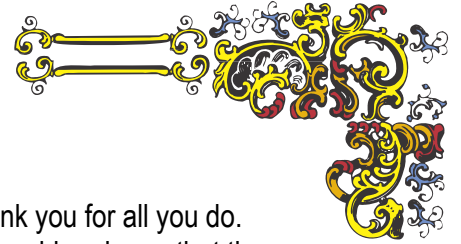
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

(other times by appointment)

A Message from our Pastor:

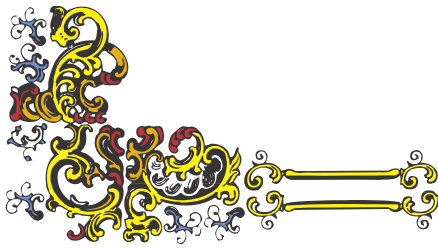


Dear Parishioners,

A very Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers! We pray for you and thank you for all you do. We remember in a special way all of our mothers who are not with us here in this world and pray that they are enjoying an the blessings of being with the Angels and Saints in the glory of heaven.

May is the month traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Today, I think it is beneficial to consider our personal devotion to Mary. To accept her as our spiritual mother and to be renewed in that acceptance, that is to reaffirm our devotion to her and recommit ourselves to her, seeking her care and protection. This need not be a complicated endeavor. During this month simply talk to Our Blessed Mother, ask to be taken anew under the mantle of her care and protection. It is very helpful to use an object of devotion, a statue or icon or even simply a medal with Our Lady's image, to focus our attention as we speak with her. Then each day offer a prayer to her. If you just beginning a daily prayer to Mary, consider especially the rosary or even just one decade of the rosary each day. Other prayers can also be very helpful to us, such as the litany of Loretto or the Angelus. While in the Easter season we replace the Angelus with the Regina Coeli. The miraculous medal novena is another devotion that can have a great place in our life of prayer. These simple prayers, offered with willing and loving heart, will help to allow Our Blessed Mother to draw us closer to her and to accept her daily help in more closely following her Son, our Lord. Our Lord has given His Mother to us as an indispensable aid to growing in grace and following Him. Trust her and renew that connection to her this month.

Peace- Father Adam



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!



Womens Easter Retreat

All women are invited to join us for an evening of Mass, Adoration, talks, and reflection during the Easter season.

The "Women's Easter Retreat" will be Wednesday, May 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall in Frackville.

To register for this free event sponsored by the Bishop's Commission for Women, go to <https://bit.ly/3AoD8IB> or contact Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-866-0581 ext. 2035.

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.



Congratulations and God Bless our First Communicants

Tucker Biechy † Franceska Amato † Henry Geueke
† Alexa Becker † Ryker Bigelow † Lincoln Nenscel †
Lilly Nenscel † Clayton Nederostek



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 5/13 4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Gerkovich (Stephanie & Edward Erschen)
- Sun 5/14 8:30 AM Mothers' Day Intentions
10:30 AM People of the Parish
- Mon 5/15 8:30 AM James Stanger (Friend)
- Tues 5/16 6:30 PM Mary Babich (Elaine Jenkins)
- Wed 5/17 8:30 AM Thomas Rowan (Family)
- Thu 5/18 8:30 AM Lorraine Oriente (Theresa) Taddeo
- Fri 5/19 No Mass
- Sat 5/20 4:30 PM John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher)
- Sun 5/21 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Marie Fleck (Kay & Carl Niedzwiecki)

Counting Our Blessings

4/30	Sunday Collection	\$2,831.00
	School	\$60.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$164.00
	Total	\$3,055.00

Thank You!



Masses for the Holy Day of Our Lord's Ascension

Wednesday, May 17 at 7PM
Thursday, May 18 at 7AM

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)



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 14 to May 20

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

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

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!



Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thur. 5/18	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory
Thur. 5/25	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Bible Study Thursdays



There are only two more sessions (5/25 and 6/08) remaining in our "Jesus" Bible Study

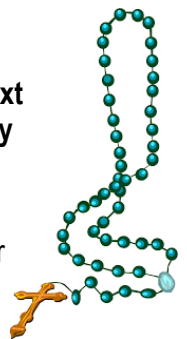
Please join us for our next Small Group Discussion (Session 9 of 10) on May 25, 2023 at 6:30PM.

Email: evangelizaiton@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

Beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the 1st monthly meeting of the Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish was held on May 03, 2023. **All adult parishioners (both women and men) are welcomed and encouraged to join our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 6:30PM.**

Please send an email to evangelization@stnicholaswalnutport.org for more information about how to join the Rosary Society and/or a Confraternity.



Boy Scouts

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

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	May 20-21	May 27-28
Sat 4:30 PM	Bill Caserta	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

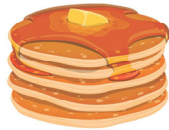


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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

Sunday May 21, 2023
8am - 12:30pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A portion of the proceeds will benefit:
St. Nicholas Building Fund & Habitat for Humanity

THANK YOU!

The Fundraising Committee of St Nicholas Catholic Church would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our Parishioners, Volunteers, and Sponsors for all your support in the form of prayers, time, and monetary donations to help make our 2nd Annual Purse Bingo a huge success! This event is held at Diamond Fire Hall and this year we had a high-record attendance – 284! This fundraising event raised over \$15,000 for the Church. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered. We plan to run this Bingo Fundraiser next year so we'd love to see you!



**thank you
very much**

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

- Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Monday: St. Isidore
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day



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

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.



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.

