



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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May 21, 2023

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)

Second Reading — If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel — Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

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,

We turn our spiritual attention now to preparing for the great and holy feast of Pentecost! We read in the Acts of the Apostles how the early church joined together with the Apostles around Our Blessed Mother, fulfilling the command of the Lord to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Notice how the Lord says to do this, the Church obeyed, and the promise of the Spirit's coming was then fulfilled in a very powerful way. Each year the Church sees our liturgical celebration of Pentecost as an opportunity to continue to obey that command of the Lord and so be renewed in the gift of the Holy Spirit. If we pray, with confidence, with true hope and with unwavering faith, the Lord will not be deaf to our plea. We need the Holy Spirit to renew us, to renew our efforts to evangelize the world and to assist us in being faithful disciples and servants of Christ today. That **power** of the Holy Spirit, "dunamis" in Greek, from which we derive the English word dynamite, was explosive. It equipped the earliest disciples to continue the redemptive mission of Jesus, as members of His Body, the Church and it is the Spirit who will continue to equip us, to help us and the whole Church, "explode" out of our spiritual lethargy and be powerful witnesses to Jesus and His Cross. The Lord will send us this renewal in His Spirit, but we must ask, we must seek, we must knock on the door of heaven and do so with the utmost trust and confidence. Please pray this prayer below from now until Pentecost.

Prayer for the Church before Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior. Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of Thee, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

O Holy Spirit, Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech Thee, the intentions of this novena. May Thy will be done in me and through me. Mayest Thou be praised and glorified forevermore! Amen.

Peace- Father Adam



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

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!

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 5/20 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)
- Mon 5/22 8:30 AM John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
- Tues 5/23 6:30 PM Mother's Day Intention
- Wed 5/24 8:30 AM Joseph Anthony Freeling
(Friend)
- Thu 5/25 8:30 AM Karen Muldowney
(Trexler Family)
- Fri 5/26 No Mass
- Sat 5/27 4:30 PM Mrs Stephen Halko
(Stephanie & Edward Erschen)
- Sun 5/28 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Thomas Papay Jr.
(Joanne Kochmaruk)

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

5/7	Sunday Collection	\$3,938.00
	Donation	\$300.00
	Loose Cash	\$344.00
	School	\$250.00
	Mother's Day	\$637.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$815.00
	Total	\$6,284.00

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 May 21 to May 27

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

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. 5/25	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto

Bible Study Thursdays



We are rapidly approaching the end of our Bible Study. **Please join us for Session 9 of 10 on May 25, 2023 at 6:30PM.**

During this upcoming session, we will explore Psalm 22 in what sounds like

Jesus' 'cry of desolation' ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") concludes in confidence that not only will the psalmist be saved by the Lord, but that all on earth and under the earth will worship God on account of what the Lord will accomplish from the cross.

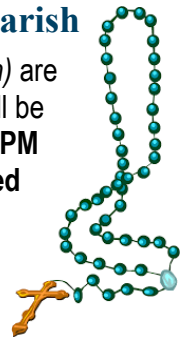
Email: evangelization@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on **Wednesday June 07, 2023 at 6:30PM**

beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please send an email to

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



Friday Prayer at St. Nicholas

Fridays, except for solemn feasts, are always days to remember & honor the Lord's suffering and death. **One such way is to come together at St. Nicholas Church every Friday at 3PM for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and praying the sorrowful mysteries of the Holy Rosary.**

Observances for the week of May 21, 2023

- Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Thursday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
- Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; Memorial Day Weekend

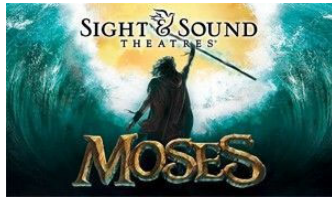
Lector Ministry Schedule

May 27-28	
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Sue Hankee

Sight and Sound Theatre Trip

The St. Nicholas Community Core Team is pleased to announce

Sight and Sound Theatres presentation of "Moses"
Lancaster, PA



Friday, August 18, 2023 -3:00 pm Show

Tickets:

- ◆ **Just Show** (Self transportation)
\$80 per adult; \$39 ages 3-12
- ◆ **Show and Bus** (Bus is not Handicap accessible)
\$112 per adult; \$71 per child (3-12)

Watch the bulletin and the Web Site for more information about the trip and how to make reservations coming soon!

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.

This Weekend

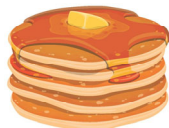


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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

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



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



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.

Gift Card Bingo

Marian High School Volleyball Team will be having a Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, May 21st.



It will be held at the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Building, 902 Mill Road, Lehighton.

Doors open at 12 noon and the games start at 1 pm.

The cost is \$20.00/includes 20 games!

There will be basket raffles, a 50/50, bake sale items, and hot food available for purchase.

For more information contact Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037 or Janis Svorak at 570-929-2921.

Boy Scouts

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

