



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:5-6)

Psalm — We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

Second Reading — Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

Gospel — Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. (Mt 10:1)

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)

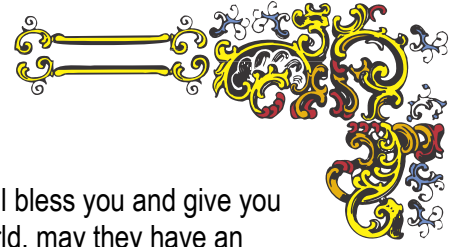
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

A very Happy Father's Day! My prayers for all our fathers that the Lord will bless you and give you many blessings! I especially pray for those fathers who have passed from this world, may they have an eternal reward with the Lord!

Please check out the Summer Bible Study and Sunday Lunch and Learn opportunities that our seminarian, Tyler, will be presenting. They are great opportunities to explore the Faith this summer!

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Do you have an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home? You may want to consider this if you do not. The image of Our Lord's Sacred Heart is a powerful reminder of His love for us, a love made manifest perfectly on the Cross and in the Holy Eucharist. We have access to the Heart of Our Lord on the Cross, where His Heart was opened by the soldier's lance. In the Holy Eucharist, the mystery of the Cross is made present for us. To reach the Heart of Christ, we must embrace His Cross, which we do definitively through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The image of the Sacred Heart is therefore a Eucharistic Image and an image of Our Lord's infinite love. These three things, Our Lord's Infinite love, the Mystery of His Cross, and the Holy Eucharist, are in actuality, one reality and are all represented by the image of His Sacred Heart. It has become a good and pious tradition to enshrine or enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in every home. Below is one example of a prayer of enthronement for families that you can use either to renew dedication to the Sacred Heart or to enthrone an image for the first time. If you would like me to come and bless your home and also enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart, please give a call and we can arrange a time to do so.

A Prayer of Enthronement of an Image of the Sacred Heart for Families

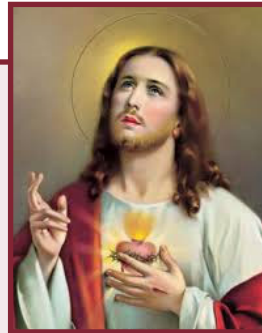
All pray together the Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart:

Most loving heart of Jesus, you gave Saint Margaret Mary the consoling promise that You would bless those homes in which an image of Your Sacred Heart is displayed and venerated. We asked You today to accept the consecration of our family to You. By this act we intend to solemnly proclaim Your kingship over all creation and acknowledge Your kingship over us. O Jesus, reign over our family and over each of its members. Reign over our minds, that we may always remain steadfast in the truth You have taught. Reign over our hearts, that we may always follow Your teachings. O Divine Heart, You alone are our loving Redeemer, for we have been purchased at a great price, Your own precious blood.

Uphold your promise Lord Jesus and grant us your blessings. Bless us in our labors, in our undertakings, in our health, in our interests. Bless us in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and adversity, now and always. Grant that peace may reign among us, and allow harmony, respect, mutual love and good example to direct our every action.

Preserve us from danger, grave illness, critical accidents, and above all, from serious sin. Write each of our names in Your Sacred Heart and grant that they always remain there, so that, after having been united with you on earth, we may one day be united with you in heaven to sing the glories and the triumphs of Your mercy. Amen.

(All pray together and Our Father and Hail Mary for all absent family members living and deceased, that they will receive the benefit of the enthronement.)



Peace- Father Adam

Summer Bible Study



Dates:

June 22, July 6, July 20

Time: 6:30pm-7:45pm

Location: Rectory
Downstairs Conference Room

Join our seminarian, Tyler as we dive into specific biblical topics of interest over the summer. In our first discussion, we will trace Marian themes through the Old and New Testaments. Please email Tyler (tdavis@scs.edu) if you are not currently enrolled in St. Nicholas' Bible Studies. He will send you suggested readings and reflection questions to help guide the discussions. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 6/17 4:30 PM John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher)
- Sun 6/18 8:30 AM Frank Pecsí (Gay Pecsí)
10:30 AM People of the Parish
- Mon 6/19 8:30 AM Sherwood Frankfield (Carl & Kay Niedzwiecki)
- Tues 6/20 6:30 PM Fr. Sedar and Dcn. Mike (Friend)
- Wed 6/21 8:30 AM Marianne Bianehini (Marybeth Ward)
- Thu 6/22 8:30 AM Lorraine Oriente (Theresa Taddeo)
- Fri 6/23 No Mass
- Sat 6/24 4:30 PM Charles Lakovits (Daughters Charlene and Nancy)
- Sun 6/25 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM People of the Parish

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	June 24-25	July 1-2
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Brian Keefe	Carl Litwin
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

Coming Events:

Summer Bible Study June 22, July 6, July 20— 6:30pm-7:45pm Rectory Downstairs Conference Room

Lunch & Learn Catechesis June 25th, July 9th, July 30th - 11:45-12:45 in the Parish Hall

St. Nicholas Church Picnic Sunday, August 27, 12 pm-6 pm at Walnutport Canal Pavilion.

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.

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 June 18 to 24

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society Wednesday Adorers

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, preemie & 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!

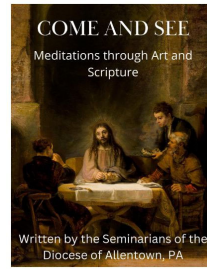
If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

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!

Boy Scouts

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



Book of Meditations on Art through Scripture

by Diocesan Seminarians

Using their favorite themes in Scripture and prayer, seminarians from the Diocese of Allentown searched their favorite images, picked Scriptures to

pray with, and wrote their own questions for reflection in this book available for sale.

Proceeds from this book will go to support these seminarians as they head towards Ordination, and to encourage us to pray for them.

This is a powerful way to pray with art, along with grow in hope for the future of the Church as you pray through meditations written by soon to be priests!

To Order Go to: https://www.beholdvisiodivina.com/store/p151/Come_and_See%3A_Meditations_through_Art_and_Scripture%3A_Pre-Order.html

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.

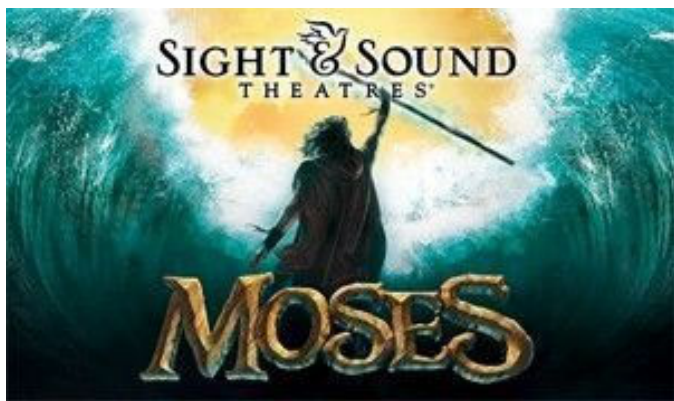
Counting Our Blessings

6/4	Sunday Collection	\$5,000.00
	Donation	\$840.00
	School	\$326.00
	Fr. McElduff Scholarship	\$500.00
	Insurance	\$378.00
	Father's Day	\$151.00
	Other	\$75.00
	<u>Preservation & Restoration</u>	<u>\$790.00</u>
	Total	\$8,060.00

Thank You!

JUNE		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 6/22	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Fri. 3/30	9:30am	Terry Rice, Carl Niedzwiecki, Tony Scarselletti

Sight and Sound Theatre Trip



The St. Nicholas Community Core Team is pleased to announce a trip to **Sight and Sound Theatres** presentation of “**Moses**”

Lancaster, PA

Friday, August 18, 2023 — 3:00 pm Show
Deadline to Order Tickets — July 2, 2023

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) #

LUNCH 12 noon Lunch at **Shady Maple Smorgasbord**

- ◆ \$18.00 per person (11-59 yo)
- ◆ 10% off Sr. Discount (60-89) 50% off (90+)
- ◆ 50% off ages 4-10

You can choose not to eat at the Smorgasbord. There is a snack bar and gift shop in the basement of Shady Maple or pack your own lunch. Those who drive themselves may choose to join us for lunch. #

For Questions Contact:

Donna DeCesaris Call/Text 610-533-4739
email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Go to the Events Page of the St. Nicholas Website to order your tickets online.

Lunch & Learn Catechesis

Dates: June 25th, July 9th, July 30th

Time: 11:45am-12:45pm

Location: Parish Hall

Following the 10:30am Mass, Tyler will be giving catechetical talks with question and answer sessions. The first talk (June 25th) is on our baptismal gift of prophesy. All are welcome join! Please consider bringing something shareable for lunch. A sign up sheet will be posted in advance to help coordinate this pot luck.



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



We’re bringing back an Ole Fashioned St. Nicholas Church Picnic! Save the date.

Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 12 pm — 6 pm at Walnutport Canal Pavilion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, fun games, Duck race, cake walk, corn hole, and lots more! There will be a nominal charge for food—advance tickets will be sold. Kids under 18 are free.

The picnic will be open to Assumption, Sacred Heart in Palmerton, and all St John Neumann families. Looking for Food donations for grill items and we need Volunteers to set up/break down + grill masters. Watch for more information. Contact Bob Watkins cell: 484-515-5242 or email: wattiesw@ptd.net

Planting Monthly Madness!

Enjoy live plants year-round? Join us for Monthly Madness! Purchase a Dan Schantz card for \$25.00 each (12 garden items redeemable monthly), allowing you to pick up a monthly special + Bonus Coupons from Dan Schantz Greenhouse on 29th Street in Allentown. The card is good for one year from the month you start. To order go to www.stnicholaswalnutport.org ‘events’ or email: fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org.

