



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there.” (2 Kgs 4:9-10)

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading — Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

Gospel — “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” (Mt 10:40)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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PREP:

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday:
8:30 AM

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

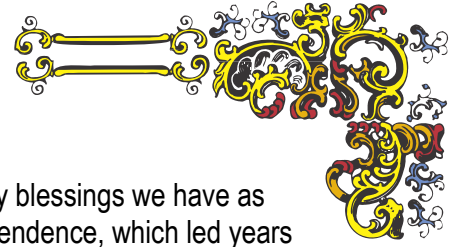
Benediction: 6:30 PM

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

(other times by appointment)

A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate July 4th, Independence Day, we give thanks for the many blessings we have as Americans, and especially the noble thoughts put forth in the Declaration of Independence, which led years later to the forming of our Constitution and its Bill of Rights. The thought that all men and women are created equal BY GOD and endowed BY GOD with certain rights, is a noble thought, and more than that, it is a rather unique acknowledgment in the history of civilization. Rights given by God cannot be taken away by a king or queen or a congress or a parliament or by any man. We should also remember that having God given rights also means certain God given duties, for there are no rights without duties, and this is the basis of legitimate law. So, this July 4th, think for a moment about this gift we have as Americans, and think about the sacrifices it took to forge a nation based upon such lofty and noble ideals and remember to pray that we may be once more and always, a people who respect the law of God and form our society in accordance with it.

Peace- Father Adam



Summer Bible Study



Dates: 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!

Young Adult Social

Join us on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, for our first Young Adult Social! All parishioners and friends of parishioners ages 21-35 are welcome to attend.

The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 followed by a cookout on the rectory patio, and a bonfire.

Enjoy food, drink, and fellowship with us. For more information e: tdavis@allentowndiocese.org



A Prayer for Our Country

(From the Prayer composed by Archbishop Carroll for the First Inauguration of President Washington)

O Lord, we commend to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

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.



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 7/1 4:30 PM Gale Seiler (Keith & Iris Blöse)
- Sun 7/2 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Edward Tanczos
 (Mary and Family)
- Mon 7/3 8:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
- Tues 7/4 8:30 AM Members of the St Nicholas
 Society
- Wed 7/5 8:30 AM Stanley Zwolenik
 (Dave & Ann Orsulak)
- Thu 7/6 8:30 AM Charlie Wagner (Family)
- Fri 7/7 No Mass
- Sat 7/8 4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Erschen
 (Edward & Stephanie Erschen)
- Sun 7/9 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Fred Kochmaruk Jr. and Martha
 Papay (Joanna Kochmaruk)

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	July 8-9	July 15-16
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Kate Holland
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Carl Litwin

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

6/18	Sunday Collection	\$3,222.00
	Peter's Pence	\$398.00
	School	\$32.00
	Donations	\$211.00
	Other	\$70.00
	<u>Preservation & Restoration</u>	<u>\$305.00</u>
	Total	\$4,238.00

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 July 2 to 8

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

July 4 Mass

Please note that Mass for **July 4** will be at **8:30 AM** - and there is no evening Mass that day.



Malvern Retreat Information

Come join us and give yourself 40 hours with the Lord.

Men's weekend: Aug 25, 26, 27.

Contact Tony Scarselletti, 610-393-4671

Women's weekend: Sept 15, 16, 17

Contact Michele Semler, 484-695-8407

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

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

JULY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 7/6	5:30pm	Meg Schell, Kate Kern, Laura Niderostek
Thurs. 7/13	9:30am	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro
Thurs. 7/20	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory
Fri. 7/28	9:30am	Maribeth Ward, Carl Niedzwiecki, Tony Scarselletti

St. Nicholas Parish Directory News

With your help, St. Nicholas Church community will be taking individual and family photographs of our members for our Church Directory through Universal Church Directories.

The dates for Photography are:

DAY	DATE	TIME
Monday	July 24	2-8:30 pm
Tuesday	July 25	2-8:30 pm
Wednesday	July 26	2-8:30 pm
Monday	Oct 16	2-8:30 pm
Tuesday	Oct 17	2-8:30 pm
Thursday	Nov 9	2-8:30 pm
Friday	Nov 10	2-8:30 pm
Saturday	Nov 11	10:30 am to 5 pm

Go to this link to schedule your date/time and register your contact information:

<https://ucdir.com/online-scheduling.php>

You can also find this link on the parish web site.

Use Church Code: PA1039

Use Church Password: photos

If you have any questions, email:

publicrelations@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Or call Meg Schell c: 610-533-0673

Caring Cardmaking ♥♥♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (caring cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 474-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.



St Nick's has a new Instagram account.

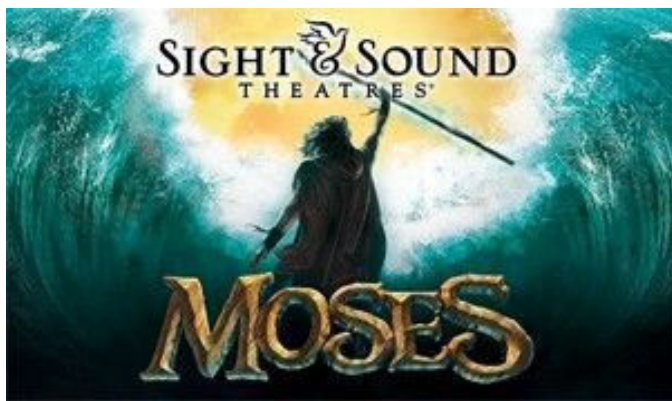
Follow our name: [stnicholaswalnutport](https://www.instagram.com/stnicholaswalnutport)

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.



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: 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

12 pm — 6 pm

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

