



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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July 9, 2023

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading — For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Gospel — Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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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

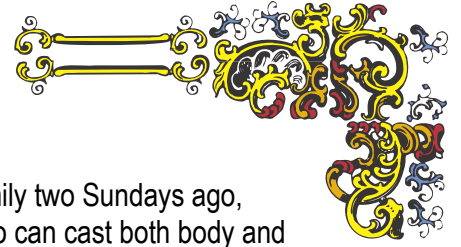
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

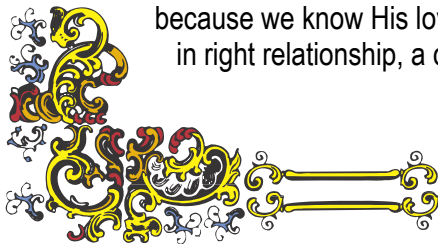
(other times by appointment)

A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

I had an interesting comment/question from the Gospel passage and homily two Sundays ago, the Gospel was Mt 10:26-33; in this passage the Lord says we are to fear him who can cast both body and soul in Gehenna, which is an image for hell. In the homily I mentioned that the Lord is telling us to fear God, for He alone has the power to do this. So the comment/question was that it was thought the Lord was referring to Satan in that passage. It is an interesting point and I think there are some who interpret it that way, but the majority of the Fathers of the Church see this as referring to fear of God. If we think about it, it makes more sense that it is fear of God that the Lord is referring to in this passage. Satan and his minions, can and do tempt us and they try to deceive us, but they have no power over us, not over our souls, unless we give it to them. Even in the case of demonic possession the soul is free. In the case of demonic subjugation, the soul is in Satan's power, but this requires the person to give in to this. So, should we fear Satan and his minions? The answer is no, so long as we are in the state of grace. Rather than fear, we should have a healthy respect, in some way like we have toward a dangerous animal, like a lion or a bear. Perhaps more apt would be how we treat a poisonous snake. We do not need to fear these creatures so much as respect their power, and be mindful of what can provoke them. The difference in this analogy is that these creatures, the lion and the bear and even the snake, do not really want to harm us, they attack out of fear or self preservation. Satan and all the demons do want to harm us. We should be mindful of this and of the great power they possess. We should never try to interact with them or dabble in occult things that can give them an entree into our lives or power over us. Avoiding this, like fleeing from temptation is not done out of fear but out of prudence. We should also know, unless we have allowed them to subjugate us, the demons can only do to us what God permits. What God permits can only be for some greater good for us. All things therefore, even the demons are subject to Him. And so we come to this point, He alone should we fear. But we are referring here to holy fear. After they sinned, Adam and Eve were afraid, so they tried to hide from God. This is not holy fear. Holy Fear does not keep us distant from God, but allows us to approach Him the right way, with a confident respect, with a proper and righteous love. Holy fear is a deep desire not to offend God because of love of Him. It leads us past a fear of punishment into a fear of offending the One we love more than anything or anyone because we know His love for us. Holy fear helps respond in love to the love of God and allows us to grow in right relationship, a deep friendship with Him.



Peace- Father Adam



Summer Bible Study

Join us for our final seminarian led Bible study on July 27th at 6:30-7:45pm. We will meet once again in the basement

meeting room of the rectory.

If you are not currently enrolled in the email distribution list, please reach out to Tyler (tdavis@scs.edu) for the discussion guide.

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let Deacon Mike in the parish office know.

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





Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 7/10 8:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
- Tues 7/11 6:30 PM John Claney (Family)
- Wed 7/12 8:30 AM Lorraine Oriente
(Dane & Ann Orsulak)
- Thu 7/13 8:30 AM Joan Edwards
(Theresa Taddeo)
- Fri 7/14 No Mass
- Sat 7/15 4:30 PM Janet and Lewis Kern
(Kate Holland)
- Sun 7/16 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM John Gallagher
(Carl & Kay Niedzwiecki)

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

6/25	Sunday Collection	\$3,073.00
	E-Giving	\$245.00
	Donations	\$272.00
	Other	\$9.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$403.00
	Total	\$4,002.00

Thank You!

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	July 15-16	July 22-23
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin	John McRoberts

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 9 to 15

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Fred Papay Jr. and Martha Papay (Joanne Kochmaruk)

Thomas Papay Sr. (Joanne Kochmaruk)

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Thomas Papay Sr. (Joanne Kochmaruk)

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



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!

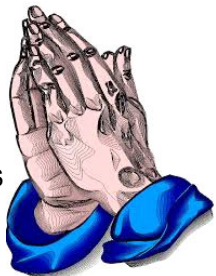
Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

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!



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.

Observances for the week of July 9, 2023

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Thursday: St. Henry
Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Saturday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Knights of Columbus



St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join.

Call the Parish Office for more information. **To make your registration** easier, you can join the K of C online at kofc.org/JoinUs.

K of C General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM,
Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

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

Pocono 400 Race Weekend July 21-24 Volunteers Needed...any day!!

We get \$100 / person / day!

Signup and information sheets are on the table in the portico.

Questions? Call the parish office 610-767-3107



Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

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.

Lunch & Learn Catechesis

Dates: July 9th, July 30th

Time: 11:45am-12:45pm

Location: Parish Hall

Thanks to all who attended, participated in, and brought food to our first summer Lunch & Learn! Our next topic will be on "The Language of 'Covenant' in the Old Testament". Join us on Sunday, July 9th from 11:45-12:45 in the Parish Social Hall. Please consider coming and bringing a shareable dish!



Boy Scouts

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



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

JULY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
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	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

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.

