



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

**Second Reading** — I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

**Gospel** — And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.” (Mt 13:3)

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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610-826-2354

**PREP:**  
Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

**BVMSN Credit Union:**  
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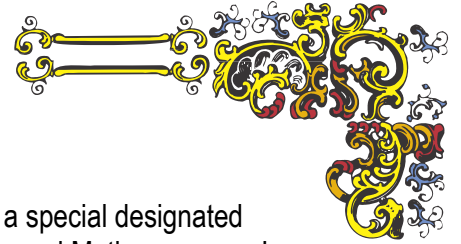
## Mass Schedule:

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,

Did you know that in our spiritual tradition each month of the year has a special designated devotion? We may be most familiar with May being the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother or even June being dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but we may not be familiar as to what the other months of the year are dedicated. So here are the rest! January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph. The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Spirit. July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord. The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The month of November is dedicated to the poor souls in purgatory. December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

As you can see many of the months are dedicated to Our Blessed Mother under some of the various titles given to her. This should be no surprise to us for as we know, Mary, the Mother of God and our mother, is also the model of the Church. All that she is, the Church is in some way called to be.

Many of these devotions became associated with a particular month because of a feast day that is (or was) celebrated during that month.

Making the passage of time by being aware of the Church calendar, including the devotions of each month, is a great way to remind ourselves that our life is a pilgrimage of faith. We are not simply marking time, nor are our lives to be seen as controlled by random chance or lived without direction. We are going somewhere and we are going with a purpose. It is up to us, by cooperating with the Father's plan or not, whether the course of our life here is taking us to the heaven He has prepared or the hell He permits us to have. But either way, we are going to a very specific destination. By living a more deliberate life based on the Church's liturgical and spiritual calendar, we are reminded and helped to set course accordingly.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord. The Blood that coursed through the veins of Christ was a part of that Sacred Humanity made possible by the maternity of Mary, whose parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne are honored this month. (July 26). Our Lord's blood poured out on the Cross purchased our salvation, washed clean the robes of the martyrs, and gave birth to the Church as it flowed from his wounded side. The Precious Blood of Christ — now pulsing through his Mystical Body — continues its salvific work, preserving and purifying, repairing and providing nourishment for regeneration and renewal of its members. This month we contemplate all that our Savior gave us by the pouring out of His Precious Blood.

Peace- Father Adam



## **Summer Bible Study— Date Change!**

Our final seminarian-led Bible study will be **moved to Thursday, August 3rd** from 6:30pm-7:45pm in the rectory meeting room. Our focus will be on the Psalms and a general overview of the composition of the Bible.

## **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.

## **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 7/15 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)
- Mon 7/17 8:30 AM Father's Day Intentions
- Tues 7/18 6:30 PM John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher)
- Wed 7/19 8:30 AM Mary Anne Verky (Family)
- Thu 7/20 8:30 AM Thomas Rowan (Family)
- Fri 7/21 No Mass
- Sat 7/22 4:30 PM Barbara Caserta (Bill Caserta)
- Sun 7/23 8:30 AM Joan Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)  
10:30 AM People of the Parish

## 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

7/2	Sunday Collection	\$5,365.00
	Donations	\$440.00
	School	\$307.00
	Other	\$179.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$858.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,149.00</b>

# Thank You!

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	<b>July 22-23</b>	<b>July 29-30</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Bill Caserta	Steve Bertalan
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Brian Keefe	Tony Fixl
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	John McRoberts	Carl Niedzweicki

### 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 16 to 22

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*  
**John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher)**  
**Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)**

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of*  
**Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)**

## 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](mailto: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.

JULY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 7/20	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory
Fri. 7/28	9:30am	Carl Niedzwiecki, Tony Scarselletti

## 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](http://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 Anthony (Tony) Scarselletti after Mass in the hall (8:30 or 10:30, alternating weekends) or contact me directly to arrange a place and time for pickup.  
[ascarsel@ptd.net](mailto: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



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits—seeking solitude—made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium.

Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary—Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!



## Lunch & Learn Catechesis

**Date:** July 30th

**Time:** 11:45am-12:45pm

**Location:** Parish Hall

Our final Lunch and Learn will cover "Ignatian Examine Prayer and Discernment of Spirits".

Join us on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-12:45 in the Parish Social Hall. Please consider coming and bringing a shareable dish!



## 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](mailto:wattiesw@ptd.net)

## JUNE 2023 Sweepstakes Winners!

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Thank you to everyone who took part in our June 2023 Sweepstakes sales.

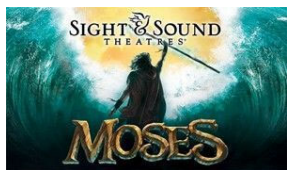
We sold 245 tickets and raised \$4070.00 for the Church.

Our winners include Helen Sywersky, Richard Leve, Joyce Hummel, Marcia Kochie, Kathy Donnangelo, Bohdi Watkins, Steve Stein, Deb Polca, Elizabeth Ozalas and Ed Anderson.

## 'Moses' Bus Trip Update

'Moses' Bus Trip registration is now closed. We are happy to report we filled one bus. For details, please check our website:

[www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Events.htm](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Events.htm)



## 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Allentown. The card is good for one year from the month you start. To order go to [www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/events](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/events) or email: [fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

